

Tournament Information and Rules

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LONE STAR KAYAK SERIES TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **FISH LENGTHS:** Each contestant can weigh two (2) Redfish within the slot of 20 - 28". Any fish measuring over 28" must be immediately released into the water in which it came from. Contestants must measure the fish to visually verify the fish is within 20 - 28". Contestants shall have ninety (90) seconds to let the fish relax to measure the fish. If a fish is too large after ninety (90) seconds it must be released.

2. **ALTERING OF FISH:** Frozen or mutilated fish will not be allowed. Fish shall be considered frozen if it cannot be bent. Fish will be considered mutilated if it looks beat up, eaten by crabs or altered in any way. Ice may be used only to cool down the water temperature in the live well. If a fish dies, it may be put on ice but must be of legal length beforehand. Do not place oversized fish on ice to intentionally shrink it, as this will be deemed as altering the fish. The Tournament shall have the right to retain any fish for further inspection, and all decisions shall be determined final by the Certified Tournament Weigh Master.

3. **PERMITTED FISHING METHODS:** The Lone Star Kayak Series is a single person event. There shall be no partnering or pooling of fish. You may however launch with and fish shoulder to shoulder with other contestants. Launch and fish time is 6:00 am. Anglers are prohibited to fish and/or launch their kayak six (6) hours prior to any Lone Star Kayak Series (this includes launching your kayak for the purposes of traveling, positioning, or scouting). All fish must be caught during the day of the event and during the allotted times. Participants are not allowed to fish within one hundred (100) yards of another kayak unless waived in or invited. If wading, you must remain within one hundred (100) yards of your kayak. Non-participants are not allowed to fish with event contestants.

4. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** All fish must be caught by rod and reel using artificial lures only. Chumming and/or the use of live or dead bait is strictly prohibited. Kayak, canoe, hybrid kayak, paddle or peddle craft only...no motors. If a contestant is over fifty-five (55) years of age or has a physical disability that prevents them from paddling or pedaling, the use of a trolling motor may be used. If an angler falls in this category, they will need to get written approval from the Tournament Directors prior to each event. All kayaks must be physically launched. You may not ferry your kayak (the use of a motorized vehicle or boat to transport your kayak on water or land once launched.)

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5. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Kayaks must be launched at a public launch accessible to the general public. You may not launch from private property (including your personal water front property), or any other place that requires "special permission". Tournament boundaries are all of Texas (including all of Sabine Lake). As long as you can fish with a Texas fishing license and are not required to have a Louisiana fishing license, then you are allowed to fish that area. All Bayous/rivers/ponds in Texas are permitted. This is an inshore tournament only, you may not fish the surf, jetty's or any beach front. Contestants may not fish areas designated as private or "off limits" by federal, state and/or local law. Off limit areas include all **FEDERALLY PROTECTED AREAS**. If you drag, float, or are around a weir, dam or barrier to gain access to an off limit area, you will be disqualified. You may drag over public land in a marsh lake area to access the same public area. Please note that launching at Harborwalk Yacht Club & Marina will be permitted the day of the tournament.

6. **SAFETY & REGULATIONS:** Safe boating shall be observed at all times. During competition each contestant is required to comply with all Texas Parks & Wildlife and US Coast Guard regulations. In addition, participants must wear a PFD at all times while competing in the event.

7. **WEIGH-IN:** Weigh in location will be @ Harborwalk Yacht Club & Marina, 1445 Harborwalk Boulevard Hitchcock, TX 77563. Weigh-In is between 2:30pm & 4:30pm. String them & bring them format, this is not a Catch Photo Release (CPR) tournament. Anglers may weigh in live or dead fish. There is a ½ pound bonus to your total weight if you bring in a live fish. It does not matter if you bring in one or two fish, you will get the ½ pound bonus added to your stringer weight. In order for the fish to be considered alive, the fish needs to show some sign of life at the Weigh-In scale. For example, wave a fin, flare their gills or do something to show us he is alive. We are doing the live fish weigh-in for "conservation" but understand that not every fish is going to end up making it in fully alive to be released back. If the angler is making the attempt and the fish has a pulse, it will be considered "alive" for the ½ pound bonus.

8. **POLYGRAPH:** Each contestant who fishes a Lone Star Kayak Series event agrees to potentially submit to a polygraph examination at a time and location determined by the Tournament Directors following the end of the competition in each event and abides by its conclusion. Failure to pass the polygraph will result in disqualification.

9. **PROTESTS:** All protests must be submitted in writing along with a \$100 cash deposit, within thirty (30) minutes of check-in time to the Tournament Director. The protester also agrees that if there is a question of verifying the charge of a protest that he or she also may be subject

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to take a polygraph and agree to testify in a court of law if necessary. If the Tournament Director, or polygraph, upholds the protest, the cash deposit shall be returned to the contestant submitting the protest.

10. SCORING: In the event of a tie, the first person to weigh in shall be declared the winner. If a tie occurs for Angler of the Year, the winner will be the angler with the greatest total weight for the season.

11. RIGHT OF REFUSAL: The Lone Star Kayak Series reserves the right to refuse entry to a participant for any reason. If you have paid your entry & are denied entry to the event, you will be given a full refund. Entry cut off will be Friday @ Noon the week of the tournament. Minors under the age of eighteen (18) may fish the LSKS with written permission from either a parent or legal guardian. If minor is under the age of sixteen (16) they must be accompanied by an adult.

12. INCLEMENT WEATHER: If the weather looks to be inclement, it is the contestant's responsibility to check the Lone Star Kayak Series website, Facebook or call the Tournament Directors to see if the event is on. If you do not see or hear a message, the event has not been cancelled. If event is cancelled messages will be posted by 12am.

By participating in any Lone Star Kayak Series (LSKS) event, anglers assume all risk of loss, damage, injury and/or property and hereby waive any and all claims in connection against the LSKS, Tournament Director(s), employees, agents, sponsors and other participants.

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