

12th ANNUAL PIPELINERS ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON FISHOUT

2023 OFFICIAL RULES

1. All entrants must read and sign waiver stating they understand and follow all rules and stipulations of the tournament.
2. All fishing areas must be available to the general public.
3. All Texas Parks & Wildlife laws apply.
4. Any entrant cited for a TPWD infraction will be automatically disqualified.
5. All fish must be taken by rod and reel only.
6. All live, dead, or artificial bait is allowed.
7. No land-based fishing will be allowed. Wade fishing only allowed if area fishing was accessed by boat.
8. No fishing outside of the jetties or past the end of the jetties.
9. All fish weighed in must have been caught by team members. No borrowed fish.
10. No holding or blocking off any fishing areas by other individuals not participating in tournament.
11. 1 pole per angler allowed in the water at a time.
12. **THIS IS A POKER TOURNAMENT: Each team can enter only 1 category. Team chip must be placed into category of choice at time of weigh in and cannot be changed. Make sure you place your chip in your chosen category. No category changes!!!**
13. In the event of a tie by weight, length first and if still tied then girth will be used to determine the tie break. The same follows for the Stringer Category.
14. If still a tie, a coin toss will determine winner.
15. Chips must be placed in chosen categories **no earlier than 2 p.m. and no later than 4 p.m.** at Designated Weigh-In Area by a team member. Team member must be in line for weigh in before 4 p.m., no exceptions.
16. Tournament will proceed rain or shine.
17. No scales or means of measuring will be available from weigh master or tournament members prior to official weigh in. You must choose which fish you are entering into the tournament prior to weighing in. **The fish you put on the scale is the fish you enter!**
18. Guide service permitted only in the Guided division. Guide may not be one of your anglers.
19. Fish not meeting TPWD rules in measurements will be disqualified and cannot be replaced with another fish.
20. All protests must be submitted in writing prior to the end of the official weigh-in. If fish size/weight is being protested, fish must be left with weighmaster until decision is made. This must be done before the last fish is officially weighed in and recorded. Protests will be given to the Tournament Chairman – Jill Harsh. Pen and paper will be available at the weigh in.
21. Weigh Master has final ruling on all fish related matters.

CATEGORIES FOR GUIDED AND UNGUIDED

Heaviest Stringer: 1 Trout 17"-23", 1 Redfish, 1 Black Drum. No Oversized fish will be entered.

Heaviest Trout: Within the limit 17-23" regardless of which area you are fishing. No oversized trout.

Heaviest Redfish: Within slot limit 20"-28" No oversized redfish

COMBINED GUIDED AND UNGUIDED

Heaviest Black Drum: Within slot limit 14" to 30". No oversized Black Drum.

Most Spots: Redfish caught with the most tail spots. Size does not apply unless # of spots are a tie. If same size, coin toss will determine winner.