

**THE PIPELINERS ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON EDUCATIONAL FUND**

**15th ANNUAL FISHOUT**

**2026 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 is only allowed if area fishing was accessed by boat. If wade fishing, team members must always remain within eyesight of each other and vessel.
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. Sharing fish between teams, or fish that appear to be mutilated or altered, will result in team's disqualification from tournament and all future PAH EF Fishout events.
11. No holding or blocking off any fishing areas by other individuals not participating in tournament.
12. 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, the first team to weigh in will be used to determine the winner. The same goes for the Stringer Category.
14. 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. A team member must be in line for weigh in before 4 p.m., no exceptions.
15. Tournament will proceed rain or shine.
16. No scales or means of measurement 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!**
17. Guide service permitted only in the Guided division. Guide may not be one of your anglers.
18. Fish not meeting TPWD rules in measurements will be disqualified and cannot be replaced with another fish.
19. 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.
20. Weigh Master has final ruling on all fish related matters.

**CATEGORIES**

**FOR GUIDED AND UNGUIDED**

**Heaviest Stringer:** 2 Trout 15"- 20", 2 Redfish, 20"- 28". No Oversized fish will be entered.

**Heaviest Trout:** Within slot limit 15" - 20". 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:** Slot Redfish (20-28") with most spots. Must have more than 2 spots to be eligible for entry. If tie with number of spots, time will determine tie breaker.