

Flagler County Sportfishing Club

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YEAR LONG TOURNAMENT RULES

January 1st thru December 31st

The purpose of the Year Long Tournament is to allow club members the opportunity to be acknowledged, during the year, for their fishing skills. Not only does this give them the chance to win a shirt, jacket, etc but it also allows them to gain the respect of all other club members for their dedication to this sport.

1. Annual Tournament Awards.

A. 22 Species will be eligible and are listed on the Standings sheet as follows:

Amberjack, Black Drum, Blue Fish, Cobia, Dolphin, Flounder, Grouper, King Mackerel,, Pompano (American), Porgy(includes all with exception of Sheepshead), Redfish, Sea Bass, Sheepshead, Mangrove Snapper, Snapper (all others), Snook, Spanish Mackerel, Trigger, Trout, Tuna (which includes Bonito), Wahoo, and Whiting. Year Long Tournament Sheets are calculated at the end of each month so placements are constantly changing

B. Only one award per member will be allowed excluding the Angler of the Year and Club Record Awards.

C. The first 6 places, by weight, will be recorded on the standings sheet. Points would be assigned to each of the 6 positions, within each species, as follows; 1st place positions would receive 10 points, 2nd place positions would receive 6 points, 3rd place would receive 5 points, 4th place would receive 4 points, 5th place would receive 3 points and 6th place would receive 2 points . These points would then be totaled to determine the winner in each species. This means that you can be listed with first place points totals in several species but at the end of the year you can only take the award in one species. The other species will be awarded to the angler with the highest point total in any of the 22 species that is not receiving a jacket, we will follow this procedure until the appropriate number of jackets are awarded, point total ties will be broken by the earliest fish caught .No jackets will be awarded for a species where no fish have been caught in that species for the year.

D. An example of the wording on the jackets could be as follows:

(Angler Name), 1st Place Trout & 1st Place Red Fish (Year) same jacket The other anglers Jacket would read (Anglers Name) 2nd Place Red Fish (Year) or (Angler Name), 2nd Place Trout, (Year) But each angler will only get one jacket

2. Angler of the Year Award.

A. As of December 31 each year, the Annual Tournament Sheet would be used to determine this award. Points would be assigned to each of the 6 positions, within each species, as follows; 1st place positions would receive 10 points, 2nd place positions would receive 6 points, 3rd place would receive 5 points, 4th place would receive 4 points, 5th place would receive 3 points and 6th place would receive 2 points . These points would then be totaled to determine the winner. A person could also be listed in the first place position of several species and there by receive 10 points for each of those positions even though that person only received the Annual Tournament Award in one of those species.

B. The top point holder would receive an Angler of the Year Trophy and receive his or her membership free for the next fiscal year.

3. Club Record Award.

A. Once each year the club would publish in the newsletter the holders of every club record by species recognized within the Annual Club Tournament rules.

B. A plaque would be presented to the new holder of a club record. We would not present plaques to the

existing club record holdings but just publish their names. This shouldn't amount to very many plaques in any given year except for any new species being recognized.

4. Where Fish can be caught.

A. Fish may be caught in the 5 following Counties only, Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Volusia and Brevard.

5. Weighing In Fish.

A. All fish must be weighed in at one of the club's official weigh in locations within Flagler County and Volusia County or at one of the club tournaments or club events where we have an official scale. In all cases, the angler must complete the Official Weigh in Form and have it witnessed by someone at that weigh in location or a club official at a tournament. Any fish caught by a club member in a non-club tournament within the designated five counties can be entered in the Year Long Tournament, under the following circumstances: (a) fish is weighed on one of our certified scales; or (b) tournament provides a weigh slip for a confiscated fish recorded on an IGFA approved scale.

B. The club has four (4) official weigh-in stations at the present:

Palm Coast Golf Resort Marina, 200 Clubhouse Drive Palm Coast, FL 32137 386-446-6370	Flagler Bridge Bait & Tackle 808 Moody Lane Flagler Beach, FL 32136 386-675-5222
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Big Al's Bait & Tackle 323 N. 2 nd Street Flagler Beach FL 32136 386-439-6637	Highbridge Bait & Tackle 35 Highbridge Rd. Ormond Beach, FL 32173 386-677-2248
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All stations have an ample supply of the official weigh-in forms which must be witnessed and signed by someone at one of these locations. Fish must be weighed and the species verified before the form is filled out and signed.

The official weigh-in form must be filled out in its entirety and legibly so that the Weigh Master can decipher it without problems. First you must fill out the species of fish weight by pounds and ounces. Next the full angler's name. Date and Time (AM or PM) are very important as the fish caught the earliest breaks a tie if weight is the same. Finally someone at the official weigh station must witness and sign the form. Once form has been completed the top copy is left at the weigh station and the second copy is for your records. It is the anglers responsibility to fill out the weigh-in form. At club tournaments and outings, anglers must notify the Weigh Master that they would like to enter a fish in the year long tournament.

At the end of each month the club's Weigh Master will go to all official weigh stations and retrieve all weigh-in forms from that month. He or she will proceed to sort forms by fish, weight, and time caught. We have a Year Long Tournament sheet which is distributed at each monthly meeting showing the previous month's standings. Make sure you keep your sheet with you when fishing. Only weigh in larger fish than those already recorded on the sheet.

6. Official I.G.F.A. Rules.

All members must abide by the official rules established by the I.G.F.A. (by reference www.igfa.org).