

# **FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB**

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## **YEAR LONG TOURNAMENT RULES**

January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>

(Revised as of 1/01/2018)

The purpose of the Year Long Tournament is to allow club members the opportunity to be acknowledged for their fishing skills and the respect of the club members for their accomplishments. It also determines the Lady Angler of the Year and Male Angler of the Year. The two winners will receive their choice of a "Columbia" style shirt, Club Jacket, or Club Sponsor Gift Card; Lady Angler of the Year or Male Angler of the Year trophy along with their Club membership for the next fiscal year.

### Year Long Tournament Rules:

- A. Awards: "Columbia" style Shirt, or Club Jacket, or Club Sponsor Gift Card.
- B. 23 species of fish will be eligible and are listed on the standings sheet as follows: Amberjack, Black Drum, Bluefish, Cobia, Dolphin, Flounder, Grouper, King Mackerel, Mangrove Snapper, Pompano, Porgy (includes all with exception of Sheepshead), Redfish, Red Snapper, Sea Bass, Sheepshead, Snapper (other), Snook, Spanish Mackerel, Triggerfish, Trout, Tuna (which includes Bonita), Wahoo, and Whiting.
- C. Flagler Sportfishing Club Official Fish Entry Forms are calculated monthly and updated on the website. Standings may change with each Webmaster entry depending on the fish catch.
- D. Only one-year long award per member will be allowed. Lady & Male Anglers of the Year are excluded from winning one of the Species awards. That Species award will move to the next Angler on the results sheet who has not won another Species. The only exception are the Club Record awards.
- E. The heaviest six fish for each species will be recorded in the Weigh Master's Report. First place goes to the angler with most points per species. Points will be assigned to each of the six positions within each species based on weight as follows: 1st place receives 10 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place 6 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place 5 points; 4<sup>th</sup> place 4 points 5<sup>th</sup> place 3 points; and 6<sup>th</sup> place 2 points. These points will be totaled to determine the winners.
- F. In the event of a tie in weight, the place is given to the angler/fish weighed in first. No member may win more than one award/category/species. This means you can be listed in first place in multiple categories, but at the end of the year you can only receive one award. Weigh Master will start at the Top of the Species List, 23 in all, and determine the angler with the most points in each category. If an angler has already won in a category the Weigh Master leaves the second (or more) species open and continues to the next species. When all the first-place winners have been determined the Weigh Master will go back and fill in the open slots with next highest point winner "that has not already won a species" until a winner is determined in each category. After all the awards have been allocated in this manner, additional awards will be made to any angler who has caught the heaviest fish in a species category but has not yet received an award. These awards will be allocated in the same sequence as the points winners were determined. This may result in two anglers winning awards for the same species. If there are no entries for a species or that species only has entries from anglers who have already won another category, no award will be given for that species.
- G. In case of a tie in points within a species, the angler with the highest placed fish within that species will be declared the species winner.

1. If a member accepts a jacket or shirt, he/she may have the wording on the jacket or shirt as follows: (Angler's Name), 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Species) (Year). If a member wins more than one species the member can have all species won listed on the jacket or shirt but only can receive one award. Member has the option to embroider their name only or nothing at all on the shirt or jacket.
  - A. Final results and angler placement is the sole discretion of the Weigh Master in all categories. Any dispute may be brought before the Board of Directors for resolution. It is the angler/member's sole responsibility to submit any dispute to the board within 30 days after the final results are published, and must be in attendance at that board meeting. The Weigh Master, or President, if Weigh Master is not there, will need to address the dispute at the board meeting.
  - B. The Year Long Tournament runs from January 1 thru December 31 of each calendar year. Members must be in good membership standing at the time the fish is caught and as of December 31 of the tournament year to have fish included in the Tournament.

2. Lady Angler of the Year award:

- A. The December 31<sup>st</sup> Weigh Masters Report will be used to determine this award. The Lady Angler of the Year may be won without having the largest fish in any category.
- B. Using the points in 1.E. above, the top "Points" holder in the Ladies Yearlong Results will be recognized as the Lady Angler of the Year.
- C. If there is a tie in points the Lady Angler with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place fish (species) shall be declared the winner. If the score is tied there, the tiebreaker will become the number of second place finishes and will continue to move down a place until the tie is broken.
- D. Winning Lady Angler of the Year will also receive a trophy, club jacket, shirt or club sponsor gift card along with her membership free for the next fiscal year.

3. Male Angler of the Year:

- A. The December 31<sup>st</sup> Weigh Masters Report will be used to determine this award. The Male Angler of the Year may be won without having the largest fish in any category.
- B. Using the points in 1.E. above, the top "Points" holder in the Men's Yearlong Results will be recognized as the Male Angler of the Year.
- C. If there is a tie in points the Male Angler with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place fish (species) shall be declared the winner. If the score is tied there, the tiebreaker will become the number of second place finishes and will continue to move down a place until the tie is broken.
- D. Winning Male Angler of the Year will also receive a trophy, club jacket, shirt or gift card along with his membership free for the next fiscal year.

4. Club Record Award:

- A. Club records can be found on the website along with the current Ladies & Men's Year Long Tournament standings.
- B. A plaque/trophy will be presented to any holder of a new club record for the calendar year at the same scheduled meeting when the Year Long Ladies & Men's Angler Tournament awards are presented.

5. Where fish can be caught:

- A. Fish may be caught in the following five counties: Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Volusia, and Brevard.

**6. Weighing in fish and Stations:**

- A. All fish must be weighed in at one of the club’s official weigh in locations, by the Weigh Master or at one of the club tournaments or club events where we have an official scale. All anglers must complete the official weigh in form and have it witnessed by someone at that weigh in location. 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) the fish is weighed on one of our certified scales and witnessed; or (b) the tournament provides a weigh slip, or published results for a confiscated fish recorded on an IGFA approved scale. Any fish weighed at a club tournament will automatically count towards the Year Long Lady & Male Angler of the Year Tournament results. The tournament records will serve as the angler’s weigh slip.
- B. The club has five official weigh-in stations as of 01/01/2018:

Palm Coast Marina 200 Clubhouse Drive Palm Coast, FL 32137 386-446-6370	Flagler Beach Tackle (Flagler Pier) 215 S. Highway A1A Flagler Beach, FL 32136 386-439-2278	Big Al’s Bait & Tackle 323 N. Second Street Flagler beach, FL 32136 386-439-6637
	Captain’s Bait & BBQ 5862 N. Oceanshore Blvd Palm Coast, FL 32137 386-447-7310	Edgewater Bait 108 E. Park Ave Edgewater, FL 32132 (386) 428-7711

*All stations have an ample supply of the official weigh in slips.*

- C. Angler Responsibilities: Every weigh slip must be filled out in its’ entirety. No Date...No Catch. Weigh slips must be legible, please print clearly. All weigh slips must be signed by a witness and the angler. It is the member’s responsibility to keep their yellow copy. In the event of a lost weigh slip or dispute this is your only proof of catch. No slip – no fish!!!

**7. Governing Organization: All fish must be caught in accordance with all State and Federal laws. In the event a member catches a potential state or world record please be aware of all I.G.F.A. rules.**