



2023 LKT Tournament Rules Offshore Division



1. All participants in the 2023 Ladies Kingfish Tournament must comply with the Tournament Rules set forth by the Committee. Participants assume full responsibility for checking and knowing rules. IGFA rules apply in addition to the Tournament rules stated in this document and at registration.
2. All Anglers on the boat and Captains, Boat Operators, Deckhands, and Guests must be formally registered with the Tournament.
3. All participants must register the boat they will be fishing on by name. **THIS IS A BOAT TOURNAMENT.** If you must switch boats due to mechanical problems, the LKT Committee must be notified.
4. Women anglers only. Anglers are not allowed to handle another angler's rod while fishing, this includes casting. Men may participate, but only as Captains, Boat Operators, Deckhands or Guests.
5. Men may not fish at any time during the Tournament. Captains, Boat Operators, Deckhands or Guests may bait the hook, release the fish or clear the lines, but may not hold the rod at anytime EXCEPT as noted in Offshore Rules #6 and #7.
6. Chumming – While boat is anchored or drifting for chumming, no more than 2 rods per angler are allowed. If necessary for safety reasons, the deckhand may move a rod from the holder to the angler in the chair. At this point only the angler may touch the rod and reel.
7. Trolling – With a trolling hook-up, the deckhand may move a rod from the holder to the angler in the chair for safety reasons. At this point only the angler may touch the rod and reel.
8. All fish must be caught by rod and reel. **No surf fishing. No fishing from piers, docks or jetties.**
9. **IDENTIFY FISH BEFORE REACHING WEIGH-IN DOCK.** All fish must be in fresh, edible condition. **ANGLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPER IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR CATCH PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE DOCK. IMPROPER IDENTIFICATION OF CATCH WILL RESULT IN ANGLER DISQUALIFICATION.** Color rubber bands will be supplied at registration to assist with proper identification of each anglers fish (i.e.: 1st angler – red, 2nd angler – blue, etc.) Anglers are responsible for transferring fish from their boat onto the dock and to the weigh station. VHF Channel 68 will be monitored for docking purposes.
10. Fishing time begins no earlier than 6:30 a.m. All offshore boats must stop fishing by 5:30 p.m.
11. Weigh-In time begins at 4:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m., at SouthPoint Marina, Port Isabel. All fish brought in by land must be at the weigh station NO LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. All boats must be inside the swing bridge or visible making the turn in the SouthPoint Channel NO LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. Clock at dock will be official time. Dock chief decision is the final decision. No fish will be weighed in for boats/anglers arriving late.
12. Qualifying fish are Kingfish, Dorado, Bonito and Blackfin Tuna. No other fish will be weighed.
13. Bag limits are one fish per species per angler. *Please practice conservation when possible.*
14. Large fish may be hung tail up before weighing in. What falls out stays out. Random fish may be cut open.
15. Tournament weigh-card must be initialed by angler or legal guardian when the fish are weighed in and prior to leaving the weigh station tent. Fish will only be weighed in one time. Angler initials indicate agreement with the information on the weigh-card.
16. Winning fish for each species are determined by heaviest weight. Ties are decided by length, then by weigh-in time. Grand Champion will include Kingfish, Dorado, Bonito and Blackfin Tuna. To be eligible for Grand Champion all four species must be weighed. In the event no one brings in all four, the heaviest of three species will determine Grand Champion, etc.
17. Removal/disposal of all fish caught is the responsibility of the angler. Charity collectors will be on site.
18. Grievances must be filed in writing to the South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce office at 321 Padre Blvd., between 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., August 12, 2023. **Only persons registered in the tournament can file a grievance. Person filing grievance must pay \$200 when submitting grievance. If polygraph test is fail or inconclusive the \$200 will be refunded. If polygraph is pass, the \$200 will be held and applied to cost of polygraph.** Person filing grievance must be available between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023 for questioning by Tournament Polygrapher.
19. Anglers, Captains, Boat Operators, Deckhands and Guests agree to submit to a polygraph test if requested by the Tournament Directors. Tests administered between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, August 13, 2023. Refusal to take test upon request will result in disqualification from the tournament. Polygraph results of fail or inconclusive will result in disqualification from the Tournament, and future LKT Tournaments.
20. It is the duty of all persons entered in the Tournament to be familiar with State and Federal fishing regulations.
21. Anyone attempting to defraud the Tournament will be disqualified for life.
22. Special notice: Officials from Texas Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Coast Guard and Homeland Security may be present during weigh-in on August 12, 2023, or at other times throughout the tournament.
23. Contact number during the tournament weigh-in August 12, 2023, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. is 956-243-1920.