



**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FLORA-BAMA FISHING RODEO  
OFFICIAL RULES**

1. THE FLORA-BAMA FISHING RODEO IS A MULTI-SPECIES, RECREATIONAL AND COMPETITIVE FISHING TOURNAMENT. THE OFFICIAL DATES ARE MAY 31<sup>st</sup>- JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2019, AND THE OFFICIAL WEIGH STATION OF THE FLORA-BAMA FISHING RODEO IS AT THE FLORA-BAMA OLE RIVER GRILL DOWNSTAIRS AREA.
2. THE OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF THE FLORA-BAMA FISHING RODEO (FBFR) IS:
  - a. CAPTAIN'S PARTY – 6 PM - 9 PM THURSDAY, May 30<sup>th</sup> AT FLORA-BAMA OLE RIVER GRILL
  - b. FISHING RODEO – 12 AM FRIDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup> , 2019 TO 7 PM SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019.
  - c. AWARDS CEREMONY – 3 PM SUNDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> AT THE FLORA-BAMA YACHT CLUB STAGE
3. OFFICIAL STARTING TIME OF THE FBFR IS 12:00AM CDT, FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018 AND CLOSING TIME IS 7:00PM CDT, SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018. FISH MUST BE ENTERED AT THE OFFICIAL WEIGH STATIONS AT THE TIME PRESCRIBED.
4. THE OFFICIAL BOUNDARIES TO FISH IN THE FBFR ARE FROM THE TX/LA BORDER TO CAPE SAN BLAS, FL.
5. ALL TICKETS MUST BE PROPERLY COMPLETED WITH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF TICKET PURCHASE. ONLY REGISTERED ANGLERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES. REGISTRATION TICKETS/PRINT OUTS MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE WEIGH STATION WHEN ENTERING A FISH FOR PRIZE COMPETITION DURING THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE FBFR WEIGH STATION. TICKETS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE OR REFUNDABLE. ANGLERS MUST REGISTER BEFORE 12 AM ON FRIDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup> , 2019 IN ORDER TO FISH THE FLORA-BAMA FISHING RODEO.
6. THERE ARE TWO DIVISIONS IN THE FLORA-BAMA FISHING RODEO, THE KIDS' DIVISION (ANGLERS 12 YEARS AND YOUNGER) AND THE ADULTS' DIVISION (ANGLERS OF ALL AGES MAY PURCHASE AN ADULT TICKET). THE KIDS' DIVISION TICKETS ARE \$25 PER ANGLER AND ADULTS ARE \$50 PER ANGLER. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT [FLORABAMAFISHINGRODEO.COM](http://FLORABAMAFISHINGRODEO.COM), OR IN THE FLORA-BAMA GIFT SHOP. A KID MAY PURCHASE AN ADULTS DIVISION TICKET ONLY OR PURCHASE A KIDS' & ADULTS' DIVISION TICKET TO COMPETE IN BOTH DIVISIONS.
7. THE OFFICIAL WEIGH STATION HOURS OF THE FBFR ARE:  
**FRIDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup> , 2019 12 PM-7 PM AND SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019 12 PM-7 PM**
8. ANY CAPTAINS PERMITTING A PERSON ON HIS / HER BOAT TO VIOLATE ANY RULE OF THE FBFR MAY CAUSE ALL PARTICIPANTS ABOARD HIS / HER BOAT TO BE DISQUALIFIED. EVERY PERSON ON EACH VESSEL FISHING THE FBFR MUST HAVE HIS/HER OWN TICKET UNLESS THE ANGLER IS A RECOGNIZED CAPTAIN OR DECKHAND NOT COMPETING FOR FBFR PRIZES.
9. A COPY OF THE RULES SHALL BE KEPT ON AND AVAILABLE TO ALL ANGLERS FISHING THE FBFR. VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. A FBFR DIRECTOR MAY DISQUALIFY ANY PARTICIPATE AT ANY TIME.
10. ANGLERS MAY ONLY WEIGH IN FISH ORIGINALLY CAUGHT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 AM ON FRIDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup> , 2019 TO 7 PM SATURDAY, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> , 2019.
11. ANGLERS MAY NOT USE A GIG OR CAST NET TO CATCH A FISH.
12. ALL FISH MUST BE CAUGHT WITH A ROD & REEL OR A POLE AND LINE.
13. ANGLERS MAY BRING FISH TO THE WEIGH STATION VIA BOAT OR VEHICLE. ANGLERS IN THE KING MACKEREL CHAMPIONSHIP MUST BRING THEIR KING IN TO BE WEIGHED VIA BOAT.
14. ANGLERS CAN ONLY WEIGH IN FISH THAT ARE ONE OF THE CATEGORIES DESIGNATED BY THE FLORA-BAMA FISHING RODEO.

15. ALL VESSELS MUST BE IN EYESIGHT OF THE DOCKMASTER WHEN THE WEIGH STATION CLOSES TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WEIGH A FISH AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE WEIGH STATION. A BOAT'S ELIGIBILITY IS COMPLETELY UP TO THE DOCKMASTER ONCE THE WEIGH STATION IS CLOSED.
16. ALL FBFR WINNERS WILL BE DETERMINED BY LARGEST FISH ENTERED ACCORDING TO WEIGHT, EXCEPT LIONFISH, WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED BY TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH BROUGHT TO THE WEIGH STATION. AN ANGLER WILL BE PERMITTED TO HOLD AND WIN ONLY ONE PLACE PER CATEGORY AT ANY ONE TIME, BUT MAY PLACE IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY SIMULTANEOUSLY.
17. THERE ARE 12 CATEGORIES FOR THE KIDS' DIVISION, WHICH INCLUDE:

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| 1. BLUE CRAB            |                     |
| 2. CROAKER              | 7. SPANISH MACKEREL |
| 3. GAFF TOPSAIL CATFISH | 8. SPECKLED TROUT   |
| 4. KING MACKEREL        | 9. STINGRAY         |
| 5. LADY FISH            | 10. REDFISH         |
| 6. PIN FISH             | 11. RED SNAPPER     |
|                         | 12. WHITE TROUT     |

18. A PRIZE PACKAGE FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH KIDS' DIVISION CATEGORY.
19. A JUNIOR MASTER ANGLER AWARD WILL BE AWARDED TO THE KIDS' DIVISION ANGLER WITH THE MOST POINTS. (SCALE: 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3PTS, 2<sup>ND</sup> - 2PTS, 3<sup>RD</sup> - 1PT.)

\*IN CASE OF A TIE FOR JUNIOR MASTER ANGLER, THE ANGLER WHO WEIGHED IN A FISH FIRST WILL BE AWARDED THE PRIZE.

20. THERE ARE 28 CATEGORIES FOR THE ADULTS' DIVISION, WHICH INCLUDE:

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| 1. ALMACO JACK                        | 16. BLACKFIN TUNA                                    |
| 2. BLACK DRUM                         | 17. BLUE RUNNER                                      |
| 3. BLACKFISH                          | 18. BONITO   |
| 4. BLUEFISH                           | 19. COBIA  |
| 5. FLOUNDER                           | 20. KING MACKEREL (20 lbs. minimum weight)           |
| 6. GAFF TOPSAIL CATFISH               | 21. RED SNAPPER                                      |
| 7. JACK CREVALLE                      | 22. SCAMP  |
| 8. LADYFISH                           | 23. SPEARFISHING                                     |
| 9. MAHI MAHI (10 lbs. minimum weight) | -Red Snapper, Grouper, Flounder (1.aggregate weight) |
| 10. REDFISH (AL SLOT)                 | -Lionfish (1.quantity 2.smallest 3.largest)          |
| 11. SHEEPSHEAD                        | 24. SWORDFISH  |
| 12. SPANISH MACKEREL                  | 25. VERMILLION SNAPPER                               |
| 13. SPECKLED TROUT                    | 26. WAHOO (20 lbs. minimum weight)                   |
| 14. STINGRAY                          | 27. WHITE SNAPPER                                    |
| 15. BARACUDA                          | 28. YELLOWFIN TUNA (50 lbs. minimum weight)          |

21. A PRIZE PACKAGE WILL BE AWARDED TO 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE IN EACH ADULT DIVISION CATEGORY (UNLESS LISTED OTHERWISE).
22. ALL BLUE CRABS ARE JUDGED ON WEIGHT AND MUST BE CAUGHT BY ROD & REEL, HANDLINE OR CRAB BASKET. CRAB TRAPS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
23. THE LIONFISH IS A SPEARFISHING CATEGORY; WINNER IS DETERMINED BY ANGLER WHO BRINGS IN THE MOST LIONFISH TO THE FBFR WEIGH STATION DURING WEIGH STATION HOURS. ONLY A 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE PRIZE PACKAGE WILL BE AWARDED IN THIS CATEGORY.
24. IN THE SPEARFISHING CATEGORY, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR LARGEST AGGREGATE WEIGHT OF A PARTICIPATING BOAT'S LARGEST RED SNAPPER, GROUPER, AND FLOUNDER CAUGHT DURING THE FBFR. SPEARED FISH CANNOT BE ENTERED IN OTHER CATEGORIES. A BOAT MAY ONLY USE ONE RED SNAPPER, ONE GROUPER, AND ONE FLOUNDER TO APPLY TO THEIR TOTAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT.

25. IN ORDER TO WEIGH A RED DRUM IN THE FBFR, THE FISH MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE TO THE ALABAMA SLOT REGULATION, 16 INCHES TO 26 INCHES IN TOTAL LENGTH. ANGLERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO WEIGH IN A RED DRUM OUTSIDE THE ALABAMA SLOT.
26. ALL FISH WILL BE WEIGHED USING FLORA-BAMA FISHING RODEO OFFICIAL SCALES.
27. ALL FISH ENTERED INTO COMPETITION MUST BE CAUGHT BY THE ANGLER REGISTERING THE FISH AND IT MUST BE CAUGHT WITH A ROD AND REEL OR A POLE AND LINE (EXCEPT SPEARFISHING CATEGORY). NO ANGLER SHALL BE ASSISTED IN ANY WAY TO LAND HIS OR HER FISH EXCEPT FOR HELP IN NETTING OR GAFFING HIS / HER CATCH. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
28. THE TOP LADY ANGLER AWARD WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FEMALE ANGLER WITH THE MOST POINTS IN THE ADULTS' DIVISION. (SCALE: 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3PTS, 2<sup>ND</sup> - 2PTS, 3<sup>RD</sup> - 1PT.)  
\*IN CASE OF A TIE FOR TOP LADY ANGLER, THE ANGLER WHO WEIGHED IN A FISH FIRST WILL BE AWARDED THE PRIZE.
29. A MASTER ANGLER AWARD WILL BE AWARDED TO THE ANGLER WITH THE MOST POINTS IN THE ADULTS' DIVISION. (SCALE: 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3PTS, 2<sup>ND</sup> - 2PTS, 3<sup>RD</sup> - 1PT.)  
\*IN CASE OF A TIE FOR MASTER ANGLER, THE ANGLER WHO WEIGHED IN A FISH FIRST WILL BE AWARDED THE PRIZE.
30. ALL ANGLERS MUST ABIDE BY STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.
31. THE FBFR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO HOLD ALL FISH WEIGHED INTO THE FBFR. THOSE FISH NOT HELD BY THE FBFR MUST BE REASONABLY DISPOSED OF BY THE ANGLER.
32. ALL WINNERS ARE SUBJECT TO POLYGRAPH, AND ALL FISH ENTERED ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY A MARINE BIOLOGIST ON SITE. ALL ANGLERS WHO REFUSE TO TAKE OR FAIL A POLYGRAPH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
33. COMPETITIVE ANGLER DIVISIONS IN THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FLORA-BAMA FISHING RODEO WILL INCLUDE:

**FLORA-BAMA TRASH CAN SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP:** \$20 PER ADULT ANGLER / \$10 PER JUNIOR ANGLER AWARD FOR EACH TOP ADULT ANGLER & JUNIOR ANGLER.  
SEE FLORA-BAMA TRASH CAN SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL RULES WHEN POSTED.

**FLORA-BAMA RED SNAPPER JACKPOT:** \$100 PER TEAM.  
90% ENTRIES PAID OUT TO 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - 50% / 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - 30% / 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - 20%.  
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT [FLORABAMAFISHINGRODEO.COM](http://FLORABAMAFISHINGRODEO.COM).  
SEE FLORA-BAMA RED SNAPPER JACKPOT OFFICIAL RULES.

**FLORA-BAMA SPECKLED TROUT CHAMPIONSHIP:** CATEGORIES: \$25, \$50 AND \$100 BUY-IN OPTIONS PER PERSON.  
KAYAKS ARE WELCOME.  
90% ENTRIES PAID OUT TO 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - 50% / 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - 30% / 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - 20%.  
SEE FLORA-BAMA SPECKLED TROUT CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL RULES.

**FLORA-BAMA KING MACKEREL CHAMPIONSHIP:** \$250.00 PER TEAM.  
90% ENTRIES PAID OUT TO 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - 50% / 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - 30% / 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - 20%.  
SEE FLORA-BAMA KING MACKEREL CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL RULES.

**FLORA-BAMA OFFSHORE SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP:** \$1,000.00 PER TEAM.  
90% ENTRIES PAID OUT TO 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - 50% / 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - 30% / 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - 20%.  
SEE FLORA-BAMA OFFSHORE SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL RULES.

34. RODEO DIRECTORS MAY CHANGE THESE RULES AT ANY TIME, SO CHECK FOR UPDATES.
35. RODEO DIRECTORS HOLD THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANY ANGLER, BOAT OR TEAM BASED ON EVIDENCE OF CHEATING, POOR SPORTSMANSHIP, OR ANY OTHER REASON A RODEO DIRECTOR MAY SEE FIT.
36. ALL PRIZES NOT CLAIMED AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019 OR FROM THE FLORA-BAMA MARINA BY 5 PM ON JUNE 9, 2019 WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF THE FBFR.

37. THE FBFR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCHEDULE FOR SEVERE WEATHER ONLY. NO REFUND OF TICKETS WILL BE MADE DUE TO WEATHER. ONE DAY OF FISHING CONSTITUTES A TOURNAMENT.
38. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER 12 AM CDT ON FRIDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
39. PROTESTS OF ANY NATURE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITTEN STATEMENT FORM AND PERSONALLY TURNED IN TO THE FBFR PRESIDENT BY 9:00 PM SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019.
40. ANY MATTER NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THESE RULES MAY BE DECIDED BY AND AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE FBFR PRESIDENT. ALL DECISIONS SHALL BE FINAL. ALL RULE INTERPRETATIONS SHALL COME FROM THE FBFR PRESIDENT. (TICKET OUTLETS CANNOT GIVE RULE INTERPRETATIONS).
41. THE FBFR SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TO PERSONAL OR PHYSICAL PROPERTY WHILE FISHING OUR TOURNAMENT.
42. THE FBFR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOS WITHIN THESE RULES, AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND OR SUBSTITUTE PRIZES DUE TO EVENTS BEYOND THE FBFR'S CONTROL.