

# **ROY MARTIN YOUNG ANGLERS TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **PREAMBLE:**

Every sport has its code of ethics. The sport of fishing is no exception; therefore, all participants shall display honorable, ethical, sportsmanlike conduct in regard to the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament rules and their own competitive fishing.

1. A copy of the rules shall be kept aboard each BOAT and available to each participant. Each participant shall read and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with these rules. Any participant who violates any rules of the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament, whether intentional or not, could possibly disqualify himself/herself and all other participants aboard his/her boat. A disqualification shall prevent a participant from collecting prizes for fish registered.
2. The Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament is open to all children fifteen (15) years of age or under as determined by the date of the scheduled Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament. The captain or owner of each participating boat shall see to it that every child participating is registered.
3. Any Captains permitting a person on his/her boat to violate any rule of the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament may cause all participants aboard his/her boat to be disqualified.
4. The Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament is a Captain's Choice Tournament. Captains allow the participants to fish at their discretion and accept full responsibility for their crew and vessel whether on land or water.
5. All tickets must be properly completed with the required information at the time of ticket purchase. Only registered participants are eligible for prizes. Registration tickets must be presented at the weigh station when entering a fish for prize competition on Saturday, July 15 2017, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Tickets are not transferable or refundable.
6. All fish entered must be caught within the territorial waters of the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament. The territorial waters of the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament are the same as the A.D.S.F.R. and include all open and public waters enclosed within the following boundaries: NORTH: In the Gulf Coast including all bays and inlets; EAST: Longitude 85; SOUTH: Latitude 25; WEST: Longitude 91.
7. The Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament will begin at 5:00 a.m., Saturday, July 15, 2017, and end at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, July 15, 2017.
8. The official weigh station is the A.D.S.F.R. Site. Dauphin Island, Alabama, and will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.
9. All Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament winners will be determined by the largest fish entered in each category according to weight, subject to limitations as outlined in Rule 15. In case of a tie in any category, the first fish weighed in that remains on the final board will be declared the winner.
10. All fish entered shall be weighed using platform or hanging scales, per the judge's discretion. Those fish requiring to be weighed by hanging scales will be lifted and weighed by the head with the exception of Shark.
11. 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.
12. All fish shall be kept in as good a condition as possible, preferably on ice, so the judge can make an accurate judgement as to its freshness. Any fish deemed to be spoiled or rotten may be disqualified. Any fish that has been shot, cut, mutilated, bang struck, frozen or showing signs of unsportsmanlike handling may be disqualified.
13. No fish will be accepted for registration that has been gutted or chemically treated prior to weighing. The official judge or his representative may at his discretion gut any fish presented.
14. All fish entered into competition must be caught by the participant registering the fish and it must be caught with a manual (no electric reels) rod and reel or pole and line. No participant shall be assisted in any way to land his or her fish except for help in netting or galling his/her catch. No exceptions are made. Flounder may NOT be giggered.
15. The following species and their minimum lengths (if applicable) are

categories in the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament. The official judge will not accept for entry any fish in the below categories that does not meet the minimum length requirements as specified.

16. The ADSFR reserves the right to amend these lengths and/or remove any fish from competition, without notice, at any time in order to comply with federal and/or state requirements.

<u>Fish</u>	<u>Min. Length</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Min. Length</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Min. Length</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Min. Length</u>
Barracuda	24"	Catfish	N/A	Jack Crevalle	24"	Sea Robin	N/A
Black Drum	24"	Cobia (Ling)	40"	(Cavalla)		Sheepshead	14"
Blackfish	18"	Croaker	N/A	King Mackerel	30"	Spadefish	N/A
(Tripletail)		Dolphin	30"	Ladyfish	14"	Spanish Mackerel	18"
Bluefish	14"	Flounder	14"	Oysterfish	N/A	Speckled Trout	14"
Blue Runner	12"	Gafftopsail	16"	Pigfish	N/A	Vermillion Snapper	12"
(Hard Tail)		Ground Mullet	N/A	Pinfish	N/A	White Trout	12"
Bonito	20"	Grouper	22"	Red Drum	16"-26"	Whiting	N/A
		(Black, Gag or Red)		Red Snapper	16"		

17. All participants must abide by all federal and state regulations.

18. The Master Angler Award will be determined by the combination of points in the first, second and third place overall standings. See details in Master Angler Award prize information.

19. All fish entered, except those entered in the "Most Unusual Fish" category may be retained by the angler. The ADSFR reserves the right to hold all board fish for display purposes until official closing time of the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament at which time the fish must be claimed or forfeited. All fish registered are subject to scientific evaluation by conservation personnel on site.

20. All prizes not claimed at the Awards Ceremony on July 9, 2016 or at the Jaycee office in Mobile, Alabama, by August 3, 2016 will become property of the ADSFR.

21. The ADSFR President and Committee reserve the right to reschedule the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament due to weather. No refund of tickets will be made due to rescheduling.

22. Protests of any nature must be submitted in written statement form and personally turned in to the ADSFR President or Rules Committee Chairman no later than 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 2016 at the official weigh station.

23. Any matter not specifically covered by these rules may be decided by and at the sole discretion of the ADSFR President and Rules Committee. All decisions shall be final.

24. Those fish not held by the ADSFR must be reasonably disposed of by the angler.

25. At the close of the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament, those anglers who are in line at the weigh station, or identified by an ADSFR official as being docked as the weigh station closes, will be allowed to have their catch weighed and entered.

26. Ticket outlets are ticket sales representatives of the ADSFR and in no way act as an agent for or on behalf of the ADSFR.

27. All rules interpretations shall come from ADSFR President or Rules Committee Chairman. (Ticket outlets cannot give rule interpretations).

28. Information and/or rules in the ADSFR website are for informational purposes only. The Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament brochure shall serve as the official rules.

**29. Disclaimer: The ADSFR is not responsible for typos within the awards package and rules, and reserves the right to amend or substitute prizes due to events beyond the ADSFR's control.**