

2010 Destin Fishing Rodeo Rules

Anglers must declare division of entry at the time of weigh-in. Anglers cannot win multiple awards for single fish (excluding bonus and jackpot awards).

1. **SCOPE:** These rules govern the Annual Destin-Gulf Coast Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo to be held October 1 through October 31.

2. **GENERAL:**
 - 2.1. Contestants shall abide by the Rodeo rules. All rules are interpreted by the Rodeo Rules Committee and/or Board of Directors. The decisions of the official Rodeo Rules Committee and/or Board of Directors shall be final
 - 2.2. Rules may be modified, interpreted or changed without notice to meet unusual or emergency conditions by action of the Rodeo Rules Committee and/or Board of Directors.
 - 2.3. Any winning angler or captain is subject to a polygraph test to verify authenticity of catch. The Rules Committee and/or Board of Directors will determine cause for the test.
 - 2.4. Anyone who fails a polygraph test or is determined cheating (by the Rules Committee and/or Board of Directors) will be disqualified from participating in the rest of this year's Rodeo and the following two years Rodeo's. All catches in the current Rodeo will be disqualified.
 - 2.5. Scales are considered accurate to the point of failure. Failed scales will be substituted with State certified, calibrated scales. No fish will be re-hung or re-weighed.
 - 2.6. Pier, Bridge, Jetty and Surf entries must be caught within the area between Pensacola Pass to St. Andrews Bay.
 - 2.7. All Boats must enter the Gulf through Destin's East Pass. Non-motorized vessels, see rule 3.3.
 - 2.8. Boats and/or competitors entered after the beginning of the Rodeo in any division are not eligible for competition until the day following registration.
 - 2.9. All fish must be caught on rod and reel, using hook and line.
 - 2.10. Fish can only be weighed in the division the boat the fish was caught on was registered.
 - 2.11. Boats may not leave Destin East Pass prior to 12:01 a.m. and must return to weigh-in by 7:00 p.m. daily. A daily bag limit will apply. Overnight fishing prohibited except in the Extended Voyage Division.
 - 2.12. Prize winning fish shall be the largest by weight. In the event of a tie, the first fish recorded shall be the winner. Minimum weight of one pound is required for eligibility.
 - 2.13. All fish are to be drawn (from anal vent through the breastplate to the throat with all entrails removed) and washed for inspection prior to being recognized by the weighmaster. Whole fish brought to the Rodeo weighmaster will be sent to the back of the line. Fish in contention for world or state records will be weighed prior to being drawn for Rodeo

entry at the request of the angler. Exception will be made for fish that will be released if they do not qualify for the leaderboard.

- 2.14. Boat captain and angler must be present, sign official entry form and verify the weight of each fish officially entered in the Destin Fishing Rodeo at the time of weigh-in. The Angler's SSN will be required prior to being awarded a cash prize. By signing the official entry form, the captain also attests the angler whose name appears on the entry form did catch the fish being weighed. The captain's signature further attests to the division being entered. No changes in division will be allowed after the entry form is signed.
- 2.15. Any boat or individual in arrears to the Destin Fishing Rodeo after December 31st of the year the debt is incurred will be ineligible for all subsequent Rodeos until the debt is satisfied.
- 2.16. An angler may weigh in as many fish as desired, however, only the largest fish of each species in the contestants possession on the day of the catch will be eligible as an entry.
- 2.17. The following persons are not eligible for awards (except, the King Mackerel Jackpot Awards, Charter Boat Wife's Award or the Charter Boat Children's Awards) if they have participated as such within the current calendar year: (a) Captains, crew members (See Definition 6.15), owners, part owners or any persons directly or indirectly related to revenue generation while underway on charter/commercial boats and their immediate family members. (See Definition 6.4); (b) Regular or part-time share fishermen (See Definition 6.2); (d) commercial fishermen; (e) commercial fishing pier owners and operators, their employees and their immediate family members (See Definition 6.4) may not enter a fish in pier, bridge, jetty and surf division; (f) Rodeo officials (See Definition 6.3); (g) an exception will be made for immediate family members if the entry is caught from a private boat, pier, bridge, jetty or surf.

3. DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION. -

- 3.1. Specific awards and prizes for the Divisions of Competition are listed in the Awards Schedule/Prize List.
- 3.2. **EXTENDED VOYAGE DIVISION.** In order to qualify in the EXTENDED VOYAGE Division, boat must be away from the dock in excess of 19 hours. Boats must notify Rodeo Headquarters prior to departure by calling 850-837-6734. Fish must be weighed on the day of the vessel's return to port. Extended Voyage entries eligible only in the Extended Voyage Division. Two licensed captains are required aboard fare carrying vessels at all times and both captains must sign entry forms at the dock. Dates of Extended Voyages and both captains names must be declared prior to departure. Fish caught on Extended Voyages ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RODEO RECORDS.
- 3.3. **NON MOTORIZED VESSELS –** All non-motorized vessels should be launched from shore. No assistance from another vessel is allowed.
- 3.4. **BILLFISH CATCH & RELEASE DIVISION:** This is a BOAT award. It is the responsibility of the Captain to present Photo documentation of the catch to the Rodeo office within 48 hours of the catch. Photo must

include the 2010 Rodeo Flag or sticker or a digital date-stamp to qualify as an official entry. Digital photos may be e-mailed to fishing@destinfishingrodeo.org

- 3.5. TRASH CAN SLAM DIVISION: The Ladyfish, Jack Crevalle, and Sailcat must be presented for eligibility in the Trash Can Slam. Fish may be presented separately. An angler may enter more than one fish of each (or any) specie in the division in attempt to beat the previous weight. The heaviest aggregate weight of the three species at the end of the tournament will win the division. 1st & 2nd place will be awarded. A \$25 entry fee (paid prior to the first entry by each angler) is required to participate.
- 3.6. SHARK SATURDAYS: The largest legal specie of shark brought to the weigh scales on every Saturday in October will be awarded a \$250 Cash Prize. No Nurse, Lemon or federally protected shark will be allowed and all state and federal laws and rules must be adhered to.
- 3.7. LADIES AND JUNIOR AWARDS: In division where Junior and Ladies awards are specified, Junior and Ladies may only weigh in those specific categories. Juniors and Ladies may enter other species in the open categories.

AWARDING OF PRIZES:

- A prize not claimed within thirty (30) days after the date of the award shall revert to the Rodeo.
- A contestant shall not be eligible to hold more than one place in a division. A contestant may, however, hold more than one place with different specie in a division that features multi-specie.
- The Rodeo will award 3 Charter Captain's Awards (One Charter Boat, One Party Boat and One 25 and under Charter Boat) and 1 Private Boat Captain's Award. Winning captains will be determined at the end of the tournament using a simple formula: 1st Places = 20 points, 2nd Places = 10 points, Weekly Awards = 7 points, Daily Awards = 1 point. Charter Boat Children's Awards and Charter Boat Wife's Award will not be included in the points system.
- Prizes may only be picked up by the person who won the prize. A signed letter from the prize winner indicating permission for a named other person to retrieve their prize may be faxed to the Rodeo at 850-654-1165 or scanned and e-mailed, no later than Friday November 5, 2010 to fishing@destinfishingrodeo.org .

DEFINITIONS:

- a. **Share fisherman:** A person who has sold his catch or shared his catch with the Captain and/or owner of the boat In return for a fare or a fee within the current calendar year.
- b. **Rodeo officials:** Paid employees and the Official Rodeo Judges judging that day

- c. **Immediate Family:** Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Son, Daughter, and Spouse.
- d. **Weekly Competition Periods:** October 1-7; October 8-15; October 16-23; October 24-31. All dates are inclusive.
- e. **Fare-carrying Boats:** A boat owned and operated as a charter fishing business in Destin as determined by the Rules Committee.
- f. **Private Boat:** Vessel that has not carried passengers for hire as determined by the Rules Committee..
- g. **Open Awards Classification:** Awards eligible to all boats registered in the Fare-carrying and Private divisions.
- h. **Registered Entry:** A registered entry is an entry that is recorded with an official Rodeo Judge and eligible to be recorded on the leader board at the weigh station.
- i. **Crewmember:** Any person who receives or has received any type of compensation (money, salary, wages, tips, trade-out fishing trips, fish or food) from any owner, captain, other crewmember or customer at any time within the 12 months preceding the date of weigh-in for work performed.
- j. **Legitimate Entry for Captain Awards:** The heaviest fish in each category from a boat, per trip, that takes a position on the leader board. In the event of a tie, the earliest weigh-in prevails.
- k. **DESTIN CHARTER BOAT WIFE'S AWARD:** Ladies legally married to captains or mates of charter boats registered in the Destin Fishing Rodeo may compete for one overall award: Largest fish overall of any Rodeo recognized specie (excluding sharks and rays).
- l. **DESTIN CHARTER BOAT CHILDREN'S AWARD;** Children (Son, daughter, step-son or step-daughter) 12 years and under, and ages 13-18, of Captain or crewmembers of fare-carrying boats entered in the Rodeo are eligible in this division.
- m. **Junior Angler:** any angler who has not reached their 15th birthday on the day of the competition.