**General Tournament Rules**

1. WEATHER: The decision to fish is solely the captain’s choice. All anglers fish at their own discretion and risk. If the tournament rules committee determines it is unsafe to fish, all prizes will still be awarded by raffle tickets at the Bash (you must be present to win). NO ENTRY REFUNDS! If the weather is bad at the captain’s meeting, Tony (the Tournament Director) may decide to cancel the Offshore Division and/or the Inshore Division. In the event of a Division being cancelled for weather, the Divisions prizes will be raffled off to that Divisions captains/anglers after completion of the weigh in (you must be present to win).

2. All boats must be registered and prepaid to fish the Bash tournament by the start of the captain’s meeting on Friday 26 Sep.

3. Tournament hours of fishing are 7 a.m., with scales open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you are in line by 4 p.m., your fish WILL be counted.

4. All state and federal recreational fishing rules governing weight, size, bag limits and licensing must be observed. Only legal sized fish will be weighed.

5. One member of each fishing team must be a member of Florida Sportsman Forum prior to September 26, 2014.

6. Weigh-in will be held at the Bash area of Beach Marine in Jacksonville Beach, Fl.

7. Florida Sportsman Magazine, its sponsors, vendors or members of the committee; are NOT responsible for any incidents/accidents that may occur during this event.

8. All protests must be submitted verbally and in writing with the Tournament Director within 30 minutes after the last fish is weighed in each category along with a $100 deposit. If the protest is up-held, the $100 deposit will be returned to protester. Otherwise, the $100 becomes the property of the tournament. Protests resolutions are based on the Tournament Committee which will be final.

9. By registering for this event you agree that you have read and understand these rules.

**Specific Offshore Division Tournament Rules**

1. All fish must be caught on rod and reel (no electric reels). Kites, downriggers, planers, and wire lines are permitted. No line test restrictions. Live, dead, and artificial baits are permitted. No limits to the number of lines each boat can fish.

2. Fish where you want as long as it is in the state of Florida. And obviously, the fish must be caught tourney day.

3. Tournament scales open at 1 p.m. you must be in line by 4 p.m. No mutilated fish will be weighed. Anglers entering fish must return to the weigh station in the boat they fished from. No fish or anglers can be transferred between boats. All fish weighed in must be accompanied to the scale by an angler from the boat it was caught from and be weighed in the presence of the Official Tournament Weigh Master. In the event of a tie (identical weights), the first boat that weighed in will win the award.

4. Only one (1) fish per category per registered angler can be entered. Offshore species are grouper, dolphin, kingfish and wahoo. There is a possible Snapper category if we find that a season is opened in time. First and Second place will be awarded to the heaviest two fish weighed in each category, Third place will be determined by a Random Drawing. A Random Weight will be drawn on Tournament Day for each species. In the event of more than one fish matching the Random Weight, the earliest weighed will win. If no one matches the Random Weight, the closet will win.

No more than one prize will be awarded per person in the Offshore Division. The angler can also win a single prize in the Inshore Division if they registered and paid the fee for that Division.

**Specific Inshore Division Tournament Rules**

1. Inshore species are redfish, trout, flounder, whiting and black drum. First and Second place will be awarded to the heaviest two fish weighed in each category, Third place will be determined by a Random Drawing. A Random Weight will be drawn on Tournament Day for each species. In the event of more than one fish matching the Random Weight, the earliest weighed will win. If no one matches the Random Weight, the closet will win.

No more than one prize awarded per person in the Inshore Division. The angler can also win a single prize in the Offshore Division if they registered and paid the fee for that Division.

Fishing for a Slam of any three of the four allowed species- redfish, trout, flounder and whiting. You must weigh three separate species for a Slam. Black Drum are excluded from the Slam prize.

In the event of a tie (identical weights), the first angler that weighed in will win the award.

Natural baits or artificial lures are allowed. Gaffing, gigging, spearing, or snagging fish is prohibited.

2. Wading, kayaking, shore, pier, and powerboat fishing are all allowed. This is open to everyone!

3. Lines in at 7 a.m. sharp. There is no check-out on the morning of Saturday, September 27th. Feel free to get on the water early, but do not fish until 7 a.m. If a picture is taken of you fishing before 7 a.m., your fish will not count.

4. If you do not intend on consuming your fish, please, by all means, release them alive at Beach Marine after they are weighed.

5. In the unlikely event of a tie, the first fish (or slam) weighed will win.

6. One registered angler can only win one prize. (This does not apply toward separate raffle prizes). This tournament is about Florida Sportsman members and fishermen having fun, fishing, and listening to good music, and to benefit the Tison Family.

7. And we had to bring this back! The largest LIVE (because who would want to kill such a beautiful creature) toadfish brought to the scales will win free -------Sun Deli subs ---------for a year!