

## 2020 Acadiana YHEC Freshwater Fishing Tournament Rules

1. All Participants must obey all Louisiana boating Safety Standards and Fish Regulations
2. All participants must obey all Marshfield Landing Rules and LDWF Laws.
3. All fish registered must comply with state restrictive guidelines. If the fish is registered/weighed and determined by the board to be in violation of restrictive guidelines, the fish will be disqualified.
4. Any person displaying poor unethical sportsmanship at any time during the tournament may be disqualified by an assigned Committee of Tournament Officials.
5. Fishing begins at daylight Saturday , March 26, 2022 ends Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 12:00 pm
6. All participant must be registered no later than 9:00 am.
7. All youth anglers must be accompanied by at least one participating adult
8. The fishing areas for the tournament shall consist of all public waterways in and adjacent to the Lake Dauterive and Lake Fausse Point.
9. Boats will begin to leave boat launch in a single file at daylight. Boats may begin departure at daylight, after you are checked in by Tournament Officials. Please do so in an orderly and ethical manner.
10. No Tournament and/or Cash Contest fees will be accepted after your boat leaves forevent
11. 50/50 Cash contest: Fees apply to all participants regardless of age and must be entered before boat departs for event.
12. "Catch and Release" is not enforced during this tournament. The fish do not have to be alive for weigh in. Although, if you do not plan on cleaning and eating them, please keep them alive and healthy and return to the waters at the end of the Tournament. All ice chest and live wells will be checked before boats leave the boat launch
13. All participants must return to Marshfield Landing by 1:00 pm for weigh in. Participants returning after 1:00 pm will not qualify for awards
14. Weights of fish will be determined in pounds and ounces. In event of a tie, 1st fish entered will receive award. No measurements will be used.
15. Tackle-rod & reel, Cane poles, hand lines, artificial lures, live or dead bait may be used to catch fish. Fish taken by devices other than rod & reel, hand lines, and hand poles are not eligible for competition. No nets allowed except landing nets.
16. Species Categories include: Large Mouth Bass, Sac-a-lait, Bream (including Blue Gill, Warmouth (AKA "Goggle-Eye"), and Red Ear (AKA "Chinquapin")
17. Uncategorized Species includes but not limited to: Striped Bass (AKA "Bar Fish") Garfish, Freshwater Drum (AKA "Gaspergoo"), Bowfish (AKA "Shoepick")
18. Uncategorized Species are not eligible for the Stringer awards
19. Heaviest Fish in one category is eligible to be weighed in other categories. Example: the largest bass may enter into the 5 fish stringer and 3 Fish Stringer competition
20. NO one fish may be claimed by two fishermen in different age/gender categories.
21. Please select the fish you want weighed and entered before approaching scales.
22. Choose carefully, once fish are weighed there will be no swap-outs to increase total weight.
23. All fish weighed will be logged, marked and returned to owner.
24. Any discrepancies must be addressed before leaving weigh in with fish. Fish will not be re-weighed after leaving scale area
25. Each fisherman must hook and land his/her own fish with official tackle with landing net and gaff permitted.
26. Boat Awards will be awarded to Boat Captain
27. Concessions will be offered at the boat launch. Menu to include, a barbecue burger, a bag of chips and a soda for \$5.00 each.
28. Anyone disqualified for breaking any of the tournament rules or being part of any party trying to break any tournament rules will be barred from the tournament and are disqualified for all prizes and awards.
29. THE DECISION OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SHALL BE FINAL.
30. All persons registered in this tournament with the understanding that they have intentions of participating as fishermen. No refund will be made on registrations.
31. ALL AWARDS NOT CLAIMED AT THE TOURNAMENT must be picked up by March 31, 2022 or be forfeited. Call Alex Verret at 337-577-5534 to claim prizes
32. All of the above rules are based on the honor system. Any complaints must be in written form, signed, and directed to the tournament committee within 15 minutes of the last fish weighed.
33. Tournament scheduled rain or shine, if severe weather conditions prevail, the tournament committee shall decide within 24 hours of the tournament if it will take place or be postponed to another date.

**It is expressly understood that all participants in the Acadiana YHEC Freshwater tournament enter at their own risk, and that the Acadiana Youth Hunter Education Club, Inc., Sponsors of the Acadiana YHEC "Take Your Family Fishing" Freshwater Tournament, and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of said tournament shall be exempt from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participants which may occur during or in connection with the tournament. All participants, by their attendance, at the tournament agree to indemnify**