

**RULES FOR
THE PARKER FOUNDATION/LAMAR STATE COLLEGE PORT ARTHUR
FISHING TOURNAMENT**

1. The Captain's meeting will be at The Carl Parker Center at Lamar State College Port Arthur at 5:00 p.m. April 11, 2025. At least one team member must be present to attend. Food will not be served; however, beverages will be served.
2. Entry Fee is \$750.00 per team. A Big Red Pot paid at the Captain's Meeting is optional. Teams must be registered and paid by April 3, 2025. There will be a limit of 125 teams for this tournament.
3. Tournament is open to all anglers, including those who have a guide license.
4. Each team must consist of two anglers maximum. Anglers may fish alone as a team.
5. In the event a member of a team is not able to fish, alternate anglers can be used but the Tournament Director must be notified of the substitution.
6. The Director is allowed to refuse entry to anyone or any team without reason. If you have been disqualified and banned from fishing any tournament, you are ineligible to fish this tournament. Any questions, please call the Tournament Director for approval.
7. Team members must fish from the same boat. Wade fishing is not allowed.
8. All participants must wear a Coast Guard approved PFS while the big motor is engaged.
9. Anglers are limited to Sabine, Calcasieu and Galveston Bay systems. No private waters are permissible to fish.
10. All state and federal Texas Parks and Wildlife Regulations apply, as well as, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, if fishing in Louisiana.
11. Trailering is allowed.
12. No kayaks, airboats or surface drive engines are allowed.
13. Launch times and fishing times will be announced on the website and at the Captain's meeting.
14. In the event of bad weather, the Tournament Director may alter fishing times or move to the following day.

15. Teams may launch prior to fishing times; however, they must stay within 100' of the launch before blast off.
16. Teams may not approach within 75 yards of another boat that is anchored or power poled down without permission from the other boat.
17. All fish must be caught using a rod and reel and using artificial bait only, no live or dead bait is allowed.
18. Anglers are allowed to have only one line in the water at a time.
19. Hole sitting is not allowed during the tournament.
20. No foul hooked fish are allowed.
21. Tournament is a three redfish stringer, maximum of 28"/minimum 20". No fish over 27" are allowed in possession in Louisiana waters.
22. Weighs-ins will be located at Lamar State College Port Arthur, "The Carl Parker Center". The weigh-in will start at 3:00 p.m. All teams must be checked in by 3:30 p.m. There will be a one pound penalty for every minute that you are late. Teams that are 10 minutes late will not be allowed to weigh in.
23. In the event of a breakdown, the team must contact the Tournament Director. The team may be towed by another boat or receive a ride from another team but fish must be kept separate.
24. Anglers may not receive fish information from non-entrants during the tournament hours. Additionally, teams may not solicit information or receive information from people that are not entrants in the tournament, starting midnight April 7. Anyone who receives information during this time will be disqualified from the tournament.
25. Entrants may communicate fishing information with other teams that are fishing in the tournament.
26. A team may not possess more than four fish at any one time.
27. All fish will be measured on the slated check it stick. Perfect pincher will be slid to ½" less than legal slot size. The fish will be measured with the belly side toward the station, with the nose facing to the left. No flipping of fish. If any part of the tail is outside of the Texas slot limits, the fish will be disqualified. Teams may request one re-measure per fish.

28. No altered or mutilated fish will be accepted. If a questionable fish is landed, this team should send a picture to the Tournament Director for his decision. Frozen or mutilated fish will not be accepted. Fish shall be in edible condition. Dead fish may be kept separate from others with only water and/or ice as a substitute. The fish may be retained for further inspection by Tournament Director or Weigh Master. There will be a half pound penalty for every dead fish submitted. All other fish will be returned to the fisherman.
29. In the event of a tie, first weigh-in will be used as a tie breaker. First team to be checked in will be the official time of the tie breaker.
30. Protest shall be in writing and submitted to the Tournament Director with \$150.00 cash by 3:30 p.m. If a protest is filed and found to be legitimate, the money will be returned to the team that filed. Otherwise, the money will be kept by the tournament.
31. Unsportsmanlike behavior is grounds for a team disqualification regardless of cause. Anglers may not consume alcohol while on the water or prior to polygraph. The Tournament Director reserves the right to request polygraph after completion of weigh-in and prior to handing out any prize money. Any team or individual that refuses the polygraph is disqualified from the tournament and no money will be reimbursed to the team. The team must be present if called in for a polygraph. Any decision by the Director or Weigh Master is final. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. In the event of a dispute, tournament liability is limited to the return of entry fee paid for the event.
32. Participants, by registering for the tournament, acknowledge that they have read the rules and waive any liability of The Parker Foundation or Lamar State College Port Arthur.