

# BACKCOUNTRY FLY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

## *TOURNAMENT RULES*

This is a fly only Snook and Redfish tournament.

Licensed guides may fish as anglers, anglers may guide the boat.

Only the angler may touch the rod, reel or line while line is outside the boat. Exception: when boating or releasing the fish, guide may then touch line but no more than length of the rod from the hook. The line from only one rod may be in the water at any time.

All fish must be boated, photographed and released alive.

Measuring devices will be provided at sign in. There is no minimum length of fish this is a total inches tournament.

A picture of the fish must be taken with a Digital Camera, with a picture that has the ability to be enlarged. The Picture must clearly show the tournament provided measuring device laid parallel to the fish. The nose of the fish touching the end of the device. The photo should leave no question as to the exact length of the fish. Fishing range is unlimited. All boats must leave from and return to tournament headquarters each day by water. No trailering. Only one boat to be used each day.

Boats may leave the tournament dock at 7:00 am. Fishing may begin immediately. Lines out at 3:00pm. A fish hooked prior to 3:00pm may be caught after 3:00pm. Scoresheets shall be at the scorer table by 5:00pm.

There will be no fishing after tournament hours until the angler has checked in.

Daily catch forms must be returned to scorekeeper by the angler.

IGFA rules apply to all fly tackle and leaders except where otherwise stated within these rules. All other laws must also be followed. No fishing in no motor zones, where an outboard is not allowed on the vessel. All Everglades National Park laws and State of Florida laws must be followed where they apply.

Overall landing net length may not exceed 8 feet.

Only traditional flies with a single hook are allowed.

Maximum tippet strength is 20# as per manufacturer's rating. Any brand of leader material may be used. IGFA rules apply to leader and tippet length.

No chumming. No tipping the fly with scent or bait. There shall be no bait or tackle other than fly onboard the vessel during the tournament.

All protests must be submitted in written form to the tournament rules committee by 5:00 pm on the day of fishing that the proposed infraction occurred.

No cell phones or radios are to be used to gain fishing information during fishing hours.

The tournament director reserves the right to refuse tournament entry to any prospective entrant with or without cause at his or her sole discretion.

## POINTS & SCORING

This is a big fish tournament. The largest two fish of each species will be scored. Two fish per species is permitted to be measured in each day. After the second day of fishing the largest two fish of each species will count per angler. The total number of inches of these fish will be the final score.

1 Inch = 1 Point (Both Species)

Both species must be caught to qualify for the Grand Champion Award.

Ties shall be broken by Time. Time defined as: The recorded time of the last fish caught first.

In the event that no angler catches both species the Grand Champion Award will be awarded to the angler with most overall inches. A tie breaker in this situation would be time.

## AWARDS

Grand Champion

Guide to Grand Champion

Runner-up Grand Champion

Guide to Runner-up

Largest Snook

Guide to Largest Snook

Largest Redfish

Guide to Largest Redfish

Series Grand Champion  
"King of the Backcountry"  
Awarded in Fall Tournament