

Galveston Redfish Series (GRS) Tournament Series 2022 Rules

Location, Launch Time & Weigh-in time as follows:

2022 - Event Date	Location	Event	Leave Launch Time CST*	Weigh In Time CST	Side Pot Boat & Kayak	TOY Event
March 5th	Harborwalk Marina Hitchcock, Tx	Pre-Season Open Event	6:15 AM	9 AM till 3 PM	N.A.	N.A.
April 2nd	Harborwalk Marina Hitchcock, Tx	GRS Event No. 1	6:42 AM	2 PM till 4 PM	Heaviest Redfish	Series TOY Event
May 7th	Jackie's Brickhouse Kemah, Tx	GRS Event No. 2	6:07 AM	2 PM till 4 PM	Heaviest Redfish	Series TOY Event
June 11th	Capt. Mark's Freeport, Tx	GRS Event No. 3	5:54 AM	1:30 PM till 4 PM	Heaviest Redfish	Series TOY Event
July 9th	Jackie's Brickhouse Kemah, Tx	GRS Event No. 4	6:01 AM	1:30 PM till 4 PM	Heaviest Redfish	Series TOY Event
August 6th	Capt. Mark's Freeport, Tx	GRS Event No. 5	6:17 AM	1:30 PM till 4 PM	Heaviest Redfish	Series TOY Event
Sept. 10th	TBD	Tournament of Champions	6:36 AM	1:30 PM till 4 PM	Heaviest Redfish	N.A.

*Launch times are subject to change and any change will be posted after Captain's Mtg if it changes for each event on Facebook

1. The March 5th Pre-Season event - is an open event, no annual membership required. Entry fee is \$150 per individual. This is an individual, not team, tournament. The format is redfish of the hour. Check in time is used and to break ties. Entrant may weigh in only one TX Slot Size Redfish per hour. Individual may return to fishing after weigh in. The heaviest redfish of the hour will be paid out 5 places for each hour, with six 1-hour periods. Five place payouts per hour are: \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$150. Overall heaviest redfish pays \$1,000. 1/2 Lb. penalty per dead fish. Artificial only.
2. The GRS Series will consist of 3 Team Divisions: 1) Boat, 2) Kayak and 3) Youth. A Team consist of a max of 2 anglers. Guides are permitted to enter. Entry Fee per Team for each Division is: Boat \$300, Kayak \$150, Youth \$150.
3. The 5 GRS Series Events and Tournament of Champions are all Team events. A Team is 2 anglers max. or may fish alone as a Team. Format is 2 Redfish stringer, both TX Slot Size Redfish. A 1/2 Lb. penalty will be assessed for each dead fish in stringer. Boat & Kayak Division optional team side pot is heaviest redfish. The 1/2 Lb. penalty will carry to the side pot's heaviest redfish if it is dead. The Team shall select the heaviest redfish from the 2 redfish stringer for the side pot.
4. The 5 GRS series require an annual membership fee of \$50 per entrant for each Division. The GRS Series count toward TOY award in each Division. Team closest to 1,000 points, 200 points max per event, will be the winner.
5. All GRS series and Tournament of Champions event will have an optional team side pot of heaviest redfish. Side Pot is separate for each Division and will pay 3 places each and 100% payback. Side Pot is \$50 per team.
6. The Boat and Kayak Divisions are eligible for the BeABlake \$10,000 Team bonus. A Team must fish 4 of the 5 GRS Series Events to be eligible.
7. The GRS Tournament of Champions will be an invitational only event from top Teams from each Division that competed in the GRS Series. Tournament of Champions will not have divisions. There will only be 1 Champion Team.
8. The Youth Division is for development of youth anglers primarily. A youth angler is individual 17 years or younger. The youth angler shall fish with an adult angler in the Youth Division as a team. Two youths may fish as a team in the same boat as a Youth team only, provided they have an adult non-fishing boat driver. The Adult boat driver may help to net the fish, cast, tie hooks remove the hook, but not set the hook or reel in the fish. The Adult boat driver shall be named at time of registration and approve a parental release form. Only one Youth angler, not two Youths, may fish with an adult guardian in the Kayak Division. A youth angler is allowed in the Boat Division with an Adult angler if one so choses.
9. A Team may only enter one division per event. Each Team may provide the name of one alternate angler by the by the second GRS Series Event if they plan to use an alternate in the Series. The Alternate can fish for the Captain or the Partner, and only for one team. A Team must identify which individual the alternate will be fishing for during registration for the event. The Alternate may be an alternate for more than one event including for the Tournament of Champions on Sept. 10th. Alternates must pay annual membership to fish.
10. Texas Parks & Wildlife's regulations apply. Federal, State & Local laws shall be always obeyed by contestants.

11. All teams shall launch from TX publicly accessible launches or TX public waters only. A Team may launch from a private slip if and only if the Captain or Partner's boat used for the tournament is the owner of the slip. All teams shall stay within 75 yds of the launch area or private slip until launch time. No lines in the water till launch time.
12. All fish must be caught during tournament hours only.
13. All fish must be caught by rod & reel on artificial lures only. Gulp is considered artificial. Artificial scents & sprays are allowed. No live or dead bait allowed.
14. An angler may only use 1 rod and reel at a time. An angler may have only 1 line in the water at a time.
15. No hole sitting is allowed prior to or during tournament hours. Drones are not allowed by the anglers during tournament hours nor 3rd person allowed in the boat while fishing except boat driver as defined in Youth Division.
16. Anglers may have as many legal fish onboard the boat or kayak at any given time throughout the tournament day as allowed by TX. law. No sharing or pooling of fish is allowed except from within the Team.
17. Anglers shall fish from one boat or 2 kayaks max. per team. A max. of 2 contestants per boat. Team members may not split up into multiple boats to fish. No ferrying of kayaks by boat is allowed. Kayak Teams shall launch and dock together. Kayak teams shall not exceed 300 yards apart while fishing. All teams may trailer their boat or kayak.
18. Waders or boaters must remain 75 yards away from another wader or anchored boat / kayak during tournament hours unless waved in. Use courtesy with all waders, boats and kayaks. Waders shall not be more than 300 yards from their Boat or Kayak. No fishing within 300 yards of a ferry landing. No wade fishing from the beach.
19. Kayaks may only be powered by paddle or peddle power. No gas, battery powered motors or sail powered allowed.
20. Any boat that becomes disabled during the tournament may be towed back to the nearest launch or the weigh-in. Anglers may transfer their team's fish to another boat or vehicle to be transported to weigh-in, however a team's fish must be kept separate. Anglers may not consume alcohol while on the water.
21. An angler may only use ice to cool the water. Ice may be used only to cool down the water temperature in the livewell. If a legal fish dies before entering the livewell, it must be retained. This is the only time a fish can be put on ice. If you are caught icing a fish to shrink it, you will be banned from participating in any GRS event in the future.
22. **Measuring and Weigh In** - All fish will be measured on a standard slanted "Check it Stick". The Check it Stick's Perfect Pincher will be slid to 27" mark to ensure the redfish is 28" or less. The Perfect Pincher will be slid to 19.5" to confirm the redfish is 20" or more for shorter fish. The fish will be measured belly to belly and will not be flipped. The board's height at the 28" mark, belly side is 5 inches. Team is encouraged to check their stick against the GRS measuring stick.
23. A Team may request a one-time second measure of a fish while at bump station. The fish will be set aside for a minimum of 1 minute prior to the remeasure.
24. Should a Team have any fish measured at the bump station and determined not to be within TX slot size, the entire team's stringer and side pot fish will be disallowed for the event. Team will receive the minimum TOY points.
25. A 1/2 Lb. penalty will be accessed to each redfish in the stringer that is determined to be dead at the bump station.
26. A team may only enter the weigh in station / bump station one time per event. No substitution of fish is allowed. A minimum of one Team member must be in the Check in line with their fish by weigh in closing time to be considered.
27. Fish will be inspected for alterations in size, length, and weight. No manmade altered fish tail will be accepted.
28. Weighmaster's decision on matters dealing with weigh-in or measurement are final. The Tournament Director's decisions are final in regards to the tournament. Weighmaster has the right to retain any fish for further inspection.
29. In the event of a tie, the team first or earliest to weigh-in shall be the winner for the event, including side pots.
30. **Side Pot** - Each event will have a heaviest redfish team side pot per division. The Heaviest Redfish shall be from the tournament stringer. Team to select their heaviest fish. 1/2 LB dead fish penalty will be accessed to a dead side pot fish. Optional side pot is \$50 / Team, per Event for Boat and Kayak Divisions only, and will pay 100% to 3 places per Division.
31. **Boundaries** – Team may fish anywhere that is legal with a TX Fishing License in TX public waters, including TX/LA reciprocal waters except as noted in the rules. One may only fish mid channel toward the TX jetty where the reciprocal agreement ends with a line drawn from La. Point to Tx. Point. Teams must fish in public waters accessible to public fishermen. No fishing in private ponds, behind posted areas, over wires / barriers, or a Wildlife preserve that is posted no fishing or closed. Fishing in a boat or kayak offshore is allowed. Casting into bayous on the LA shoreline is illegal.
32. No pier, dock fishing or fishing from land is allowed. No fishing within 500 yds of the event's tournament weigh in fish release area during tournament hours.

33. No outside communication (radios, cell phones, social media) allowed that relates to fishing or any exchange of fishing information during tournament hours until angler returns to the boat ramp, unless there is an emergency. No outside communication with other teams during tournament hours unless there is an emergency.
34. Non-participants or a 3rd person are not allowed in participants boats except as the boat driver in Youth Division.
35. All winners will be subject to a polygraph test onsite or at a later date at the request of the Tournament Directors before collecting their prize. Tournament Director reserves the right to not payout winnings until polygraph(s) are completed even if it is into the following week. Tournament Directors reserve the right to select the individual for polygraph.
36. Protests must be submitted to one of the tournament directors in writing with a deposit of \$300 cash no later than 5 minutes following the weigh-in of the last fish. All decisions will be made by the Weigh Master and/or Tournament Director(s) are final. If the protest is upheld, the cash deposit will be returned.
37. **Severe Weather** - If severe weather is forecasted, it is the angler's responsibility to check the GRS Facebook page or call a Tournament Director to see if the event is on or has a delayed start. Such messages will be posted by Friday evening at 10 PM. This will be discussed at the Captain's meeting on Thursday evening prior to the event.
38. Safe weather fishing conditions are at the Captain's discretion or Boat Driver for Youth. Each Team fishes at their own risk when it comes to the weather. Anglers accept full responsibility for the safety of their own crew and boat or kayak.
39. **Captain's Meeting** – will be held on Thursday evenings at a location to be mentioned on the GRS Facebook page. Meetings are optional to attend, but encouraged and will be streamed live on Facebook due to any covid issues and minimize travel for long distance teams. Meetings will start at 7 PM.
40. If an angler or team has been Disqualified, (DQ'd), by (for) purposely trying to violate tournament rules or refuses to take a polygraph test in any event, individual or team will not be allowed to fish in any GRS event for up to five (5) years.
41. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to disqualify an individual or team due to disruptive or rude behavior from the event or future events. Tournament Director(s) reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone without cause.
42. **Payouts** - for the Events per Division, except for Preseason Event, will be based on the number of entries per division. Payouts will be posted on social media later on Friday evening after on line registration closes for the event.
43. On Line Registration and payment to include processing fee will close on Friday prior to the event at 5 PM. Registration can be done Online at <http://www.GalvestonRedfishSeries.com/> or in person at Captain's meeting or in person to a Tournament Director on Friday via Square D or cash. Payment will be accepted Online via Venmo or Debit/Credit Card. Cash will be accepted at the Captain's meeting or in person to a Tournament Director by 8 PM on Friday evening. No personal checks. Fees will be included in electronic payments.
44. **Tournament Directors:** Hunter Welch (903) 922-3563 | Mark Rhone (979) 864-0247 | Rance Starr (409) 761-0889. Email is: Info@GalvestonRedfishSeries.com For questions or more information please call a Tournament Director.
45. **BeABlake Bonus Award** - This Award is in honor of Blake Rhone Subinsky, presented by the Title Sponsor, Savage Trucking Co. will give \$10,000 to one team. Only the Boat and Kayak Divisions Team are eligible. This is for the 5 GRS Point Series Events starting April 2nd. A team must fish 4 of the 5 GRS point series events to be eligible. In the Boat division, 20 tickets will be given to the winning team and 1 ticket less to each team that placed and weighed in fish thru 20 places. The Kayak division will do the same for the first 3 places. All tickets will be held by GRS until the drawing at Aug. 6th event. Team Captain or Partner shall be present to win and to define its team distribution.
46. **GRS Team of the Year (TOY)** - The TOY award will go the top TOY Points Team from each of the 3 Divisions. The Team closest to 1,000 points, with 200 points max per event, will be the winner for the 2022 event season. TOY Points are only earned in the 5 GRS Series events. The heaviest weight of the sum of weights for all the 5 series is used break a tie. If a Team moves within the Divisions, TOY points do not carry forward, but start over for Team.
47. The Team Captain will retain points throughout the series provided the team is kept intact. New partner or alternate is a new team. In the event a team breaks up, the new Team starts over from TOY Points view point. In the event of a tie in points for TOY, the team with the most overall weight for the entire series will be deemed winner.
48. The winning team in each event and division will receive 200 points and each team after will receive 1 less point. If no fish are weighed in then a team will receive 5 points less than the last place team that weighed in fish. The TOY Team will be named on the GRS Perpetual Trophy for each Division. Prizes will be announced later.