

HOOK & LINE DIVISION

1. Every participant must be registered prior to fishing.
2. No participant shall begin fishing prior to 12:01 a.m. Wednesday July 4, 2018.
3. All participants must catch their fish with rod and reel or pole and line. Only Gar may be killed before boating (Flounder may be gilled).
4. All entries must have been caught from public fishing areas. THE DOW BARGE CANAL IS STRICTLY OFF LIMITS!
5. All entered fish must be caught in Texas Coastal waters or adjacent federal waters (excluding Gar which may be caught in upland rivers.)
6. All fish entered must be caught legally according to all Texas Parks and Wildlife and Federal fishing rules and regulations.
7. Fish will be checked for freshness. Spoiled, mutilated, deformed, frozen or gutted fish will be disqualified by a certified weigh master. No fish will be weighed in with any foreign material attached. Fish may be gutted and examined and undigested fish, however introduced, will be removed.
8. The official weighing station will be located at the Freeport Municipal Park. Hours for weigh-in will be Wednesday, July 4th and Thursday, July 5th from 8:00 am-8:00 pm, Friday, July 6th and Saturday, July 7th from 8:00 am-10:00pm and Sunday, July 2nd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
9. USCG Licensed Charter Captains, Guides, all professional or commercial fishermen or if you carry passengers for hire, you are eligible to fish only in the Captain's category.
10. Family entries include husband, wife and all children 16 years and under. When children are registered under a family entry they may only compete in the juvenile categories. Juveniles may compete only in juvenile categories unless he or she is registered as an individual.
11. Juveniles under age 8 are required to document their legal catch by live video of any gars or large fish and present it at weighing station if requested.
12. Juveniles (16 years and under) can only fish in the division they are registered in. They may not compete in both juvenile and individual in the same year.
13. All winners agree to take a polygraph examination before receiving any money. For juveniles who win, the parent/guardian who was with the juvenile will be required to take the polygraph examination. Winners will have ten (10) days to complete this polygraph or forfeit their winnings.
14. In case of a tie, the first fish entered will be the winner.
15. If a person under 18 years of age wins cash prize, their legal guardian over 18 must accept that prize for them.
16. Winners are responsible for picking up their prizes within TEN (10) DAYS after the close of the tournament. After ten (10) days all unclaimed prizes become the property of the Freeport Host Lions Club. Winners must also examine prizes for irregularities and inconsistencies. There will be no exchanges or replacements of prizes after ten (10) days.
17. The Freeport Host Lions Club reserves the right to exclude anyone from this tournament.
18. The Tournament may be rescheduled due to inclement weather by the Tournament Directors.
19. The Freeport Host Lions Club and workers of the tournament may not be held responsible for any injuries to persons or damage to personal property.
20. Protest will only be accepted in writing during weigh-in hours. Protests will be presented to Tournament Directors only.
21. Decisions of the Freeport Host Lions Club tournament Directors will be final.
22. All fish that are submitted for weigh-in will be considered property of the Freeport Host Lions Club. But due to health reasons, the fisherman may be asked to remove and properly dispose the fish from the park premises.
23. The Freeport Host Lions Club is not responsible for the payment of any cost that is associated with award prizes.

OFFICIAL FIESTA RULES