



Mobile Bay Kayak Fishing Association's 2nd Annual 5 Rivers Fall Kayak Fishing Tournament Rules

Redfish-Trout-Flounder-Bass Challenge

- 1. Participation and Eligibility.** Participation is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Minors are eligible to participate with a parent or legal guardian signature on the release form. A completed entry form, waiver, and entry fee must be received no later than the published entry date. All participants represent that they are physically and mentally competent and fit and able to participate. By entering, all participants agree to assume all risks of personal injury, death, and damage to or loss of property and further agree to indemnify and hold MBKFA, its officers, members, agents, and sponsors harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and causes of action resulting directly or indirectly from participation.
- 2. Pre-Registration And Captains Meeting.** The registration fee for this event is set at \$30 for members of the MBKFA and \$50 for nonmembers. Each contestant must pre-register by Oct. 8, 2008 to avoid paying a late fee of \$10. Registration will be open through the Captains Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 2008 at 5:30am. Tournament fees will be accepted via PayPal and by mail. The postmark on entry fees must be stamped by Oct. 8, 2008. Any late postmark will result in a late fee of \$10. Attendance to the Captains Meeting is MANDATORY for all contestants. If a contestant is unable to attend the Captains Meeting they must pre-arrange eligibility with an officer/director of the Mobile Bay Kayak Fishing Assn prior to being allowed to participate. The location of the Captains Meeting will be the 5 Rivers Visitor Center in Spanish Fort, AL.
- 3. Safety.** Safe boating must be observed at all times. During competition each contestant is required to comply with US Coast Guard and Alabama State Regulations including the possession of a PFD and sounding device. If you find yourself in an emergency situation please call 911 or channel 16 on a VHF radio. We discourage anglers from launching a vessel prior to sunrise. If you plan to launch your vessel before sunrise or low visibility situations, you will be required to have a white light producing device capable of producing a visual signal to avoid collision with other vessels as defined by USCG regulations, however no line shall be in the water until 6:09 AM.
- 4. Weigh In.** The weigh in station will be operational between the hours of 10am to 5pm on Saturday, Nov 1st, 2008. Any anglers in line at the weigh-in station at 5 Rivers in Spanish Fort, AL at the 5pm cutoff time on Nov 1st, 2008 will be allowed to weigh in their catch. If an angler arrives after the 5:00 pm

deadline, the catch will not qualify. There will be no exceptions to the rule. Official time will be kept by the Tournament Director at the weigh-in station. Anglers are strongly urged not to wait until the last minute to submit their catch for weigh-in.

All competitors must check in with legal fish (Alabama Fish and Game Regulations) to be eligible for fishing prizes. All fish submitted for weigh-in must be fresh and caught that tournament day. The weigh masters will make decisions on accepting fish for weigh-in, their decision is final. Any attempt to enter fraudulent catch, tamper with catch, or to hamper or threaten any official of the tournament will result in immediate disqualification and shall receive a lifetime ban from MBKFA tournaments. Only authorized persons will be allowed in the stations. Fish will be weighed in the order in which they are checked in. You may wish to provide ice and a cooler to keep your fish fresh. All weighed fish will be notched to indicate the fish has been processed at the weigh in station. The largest fish will be determined by weight. In the event of a tie, the first fish entered will be considered the winner, and the other will be dropped to the next position.

5. Communications. The use of mobile communications (cell, FM, VHF) is allowed and encouraged. A common frequency will be assigned for the use of the tournament staff and participants to enhance safety and will be announced at the Captain's Meeting. Due to the lack of radio devices, the primary mode of mobile communications will be cell phones. The command post will be located at 5 Rivers, located on Battleship Parkway, across from Meaher State Park. Command Post telephone numbers may be issued at the Captain's Meeting.

6. Sportsmanship. All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. Any use of drugs, participation in criminal activities, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon our efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and/or compliance with tournament rules are grounds for immediate disqualification and return of any prizes awarded.

7. Permitted Fishing Methods. All fish must be caught via hook and line. The selection of baits is up to the discretion of the participant. All fish must be caught from the kayak, canoe or other paddlecraft. No wade fishing or shore fishing is permitted unless the kayak is tethered to the angler. For the purpose of eligibility of this tournament no angler is allowed to launch a vessel prior to 5:30am on Nov 1st, 2008 with fishing lines in the water authorized at 6:00am.

8. No Motors. The use of a boat or motorized water vehicle to transport your boat on the water is prohibited. All craft must be powered by human-effort-no motorization or engines are allowed. Canoes and paddle vessels other than kayaks are permitted. Consideration will be given to special needs, disabled, or handicap participants who apply for a waiver prior to the event.

9. Fishing Locations. The fishing area will be Anglers choice within an East to West boundary. The Eastern boundary is the Florida State Line with the Western boundary being the Mississippi State Line. The Northern boundary is open to the Alabama state line.

10. Other. During competition contestants may not obtain or receive assistance including but not limited to following a non-competitor's boat, the placing of markers by a non-competitor, being towed or riding motorized vessels, or receiving electronic, voice, or data communications from non-competitors. All USCG and Alabama Fish and Game regulations are in effect at all times.

11. Scoring. Fish must be compliant with the Alabama Fish and Game Commission regulations to count. In the event of a tie the entry checked in earliest will be declared the winner. The tournament director is responsible for the final call in all matters. All fish must be caught using hook and line method.

12. Tandems/Sharing. It is permissible for more than 1 entrant to share the same paddle vessel. However each paddler/angler must be a registered participant.

13. **Protest.** All protest must be made in writing and delivered to a tournament official within 30 minutes of the check-in time. The tournament director is the final authority in all considerations.

14. **Release of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue.** A waiver, release of liability, and covenant not to sue are part of the entry form. It is required that all contestants take responsibility for themselves while participating in event activities.

15. **Rule Changes.** Rules interpretation is exclusively left to the Tournament Director. The decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.

16. **Prize Structure.** For the 2nd Annual 5 Rivers Fall Kayak Fishing Tournament on Nov 1st, 2008 the following categories are available for prizes. Redfish- Speckled Trout-Flounder-Bass tournament prizes, we will be awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class. There will also be a prize for the Redfish with the Most Spots. Grand Prize will consist of the largest aggregate weight of the Redfish, Speckled Trout and Flounder (For the purpose of this tournament, the Grand Slam). The Grand Slam winner is not eligible to win any other prizes in Redfish, Speck or Flounder. They are eligible to win additional prizes in Bass and Most Spots on a Red.

Important Note: We are not limiting any angler to one prize. Each angler is able to win a prize in each category. There is a limit of one prize per category for each angler. As an example, an angler may win 1st place Flounder and 3rd place Redfish. The same angler may not win 1st and 2nd place Flounder, or any other multiple places in a category. Any Category prize not awarded will be raffled off to participants who have qualifying tickets awarded during the tournament. If the Grand Slam winner places 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any category, he/she wins the Grand Slam prize only.

17. **Calcuttas.** During the 2nd Annual 5 Rivers Fall Kayak Fishing Tournament on Nov 1st, 2008, the MBKFA will be hosting two calcuttas for participants. Categories are for Redfish and Speckled Trout. Each participant of the Tournament may enter separately for an additional \$10.00 per category. To enter the Calcuttas, the angler must be a registered tournament participant. The MBKFA Calcuttas are designed to help the angler win money and help out the charity of the Tournament. In this aspect, the angler will receive 1/2 of the Calcutta pot and the Baldwin County/Mobile County Sheriffs Flotilla will receive the other 1/2. As an example, if the total calcutta entry fee for participants is \$100, the angler who wins and is registered in the calcutta will receive \$50.00 and the charity will receive \$50.00. The Calcutta prizes are separate from all other prize categories. Winning a Calcutta does not exclude an angler from winning another category. Anglers must be entered in a Calcutta category to win the cash prize. Example: If an angler wins the Speckled Trout category with a 3.85 lb trout he/she wins that category. If that angler is not entered in the Calcutta, they are not eligible to win that cash prize. The cash prize will go to the angler with the highest weight who paid the additional \$10.00 to enter a Calcutta.

Tournament Prize Categories:

Redfish- 1st place-2nd place-3rd place

Spotted Sea Trout- 1st place-2nd place-3rd place

Flounder- 1st Place-2nd place-3rd place

Bass- 1st Place-2nd place-3rd place

Additional Categories

Redfish with Most Spots

Calcuttas for Redfish and Speckled Trout