

2024 NCBBA Red Drum Tournament Rules

1. The Official entry form (Angler Score Tracking Sheet) must be presented when submitting a fish to a tournament official.
2. Fish must be measured & verified by the on-duty Tournament Official to qualify for entry.
3. All fish caught on 10/24 must be registered before 11:59 P.M. on 10/24. All fish caught on 10/25 must be registered by 11:59 P.M. on 10/25. All fish caught on 10/26 must be registered by 12:00 P.M. on 10/26. Angler must be registered when the fish is caught. No fish can be entered after 12:00 P.M. on 10/26. Exception: If fish is hooked prior to 12:00 P.M. the Angler may land the fish provided judge was called before 12:00 P.M.
4. All Anglers will display their fishing gear for examination to any Tournament Official on request. **Anglers are limited to 2 rods per licensed angler, that may be actively fished.** Do not use unattended rods to take up beach area.
5. Keep the beaches clean – no bait scrap or carcass to be thrown in the ocean.
6. No nets or gaff may be used by Anglers. No use of boats or other flotation devices may be used for placing baits. No assistance allowed in casting or landing of fish. This is a catch and release tournament except Bluefish and Mulletts.
7. Surf fishing only, feet must be on the sand. No sound-side fishing. Anglers must only fish in designated beach driving areas. The judge must be able to drive to you in order to score the fish.
8. All measurements will be determined by TAIL LENGTH. In the case of a tie, the first measured fish wins.
9. Anglers must have an area working cell phone.
10. **All Anglers must have a current NPS Off Road Vehicle (ORV) permit to drive on NPS beaches.** Permits must be purchased online and affixed to vehicle windshield.
11. **All Anglers must have a valid NC Saltwater Fishing License, available at most tackle shops or can be purchased online.**
12. For the team event the team with the most number of Red Drum registered will be the winning team. Should there be a tie in quantity, the team that reaches the winning number of Red Drum earliest, by session and time, will be the winner.
13. Teams must be finalized on the day of check-in. Teams cannot be modified (meaning anglers can't change teams once fishing starts).
14. One fish counts in one Category except Most Drum Caught, Team, and Judge Categories.
15. The winner of the Judge Category will be the two-session Judge catching the longest Red Drum. Should there be a tie the first one caught will be the winner. The winning Judge's fish will also qualify for the regular tournament categories. NCBBA Board of Directors are not eligible for this category.
16. Prize winners will be subject to current IRS rules regarding value of prizes and may be required to complete a W9.
17. The Co-Chairmen, Head Judge or NCBBA may cancel the complete tournament or any portion of the tournament if circumstances such as bad weather arise. If the complete tournament is cancelled before it begins, a total refund of the entry fee will be made. Once the tournament begins, no refunds will be made.
18. The Co-Chairmen or Head Judge reserves the right to disqualify any fish of suspicious nature that is entered
19. Any Angler who displays inappropriate or unsportsmanlike conduct is subject to disqualification from the tournament. If the disqualified Angler is part of a team only the violating Angler will be disqualified. If this causes the team to drop below three anglers, the team no longer qualifies as a team but can still win individual prizes.
20. All Anglers must abide by NPS beach access rules including posted restriction areas (for example closures for turtle nests), as well as ramp access hours. Violators may be disqualified from the tournament.
Changes in rules & prizes may occur between this printing and the tournament. All entries will be advised of any changes at registration. Co-Chairmen, Head Judge and Asst. Head Judge excluded from prizes.