

JUNIOR DIVISION

Matagorda Slam and Regulations

Rules and Regulations

The rules stated below are for The Matagorda Slam Tournament. All decisions made by the tournament director and/or tournament officials will be final in all matters. The tournament director and/or the tournament officials can make a change when the safety of a contestant is in question or by a unanimous decision by the tournament committee. Any changes to the rules will be posted on the website WWW.MATAGORDASLAM.COM and communicated to the tournament members in the pre-tournament meeting before the tournaments. Warnings, penalties and disqualifications will be determined by the tournament officials. A signature on one set of rules and regulations is applicable for any and all MATAGORDA SLAM event and may be used as an acknowledgment for such.

RULES

Each participant ("angler") must read and acknowledge the following rules and indicate so by signing an entry form. This is an individual effort tournament (no teams).

This is a trailered event; anglers captains may launch from any marina of their choice. You may not launch the boat before safelight (30 minutes before sunrise) this means your prop cannot touch the water before safelight!

JUNIOR ANGLERS' MAY FISH ON THE SAME BOAT AS THE ADULT DIVISION ANGLERS. JUNIOR ANGLERS CANNOT USE ADULT ANGLERS FISH FOR THEIR TOURNAMENT STRINGER OR VISE VERSA!!

1) Applicable Laws: Federal, State and Local laws shall be obeyed by anglers at all times. Anglers choosing to fish outside of Texas waters shall adhere to the local and state laws of the venue in which the contestant is fishing, including purchasing and possessing a valid fishing license for that state effective for the dates of competition. Violation of any federal, state and/or local laws shall result in the disqualification of the individual from the MATAGORDA SLAM event.

2) Tournament Eligibility: Anyone is eligible to fish this event that is from the age of 7 to 17 and attending grade school, you must also meet the requirements of the State and the rules here in.

3) Illegal Drugs: The use of illegal drugs during tournament hours is prohibited and will result in disqualification. Illegal drugs may not be in the possession of any angler or on board a participating boat during the hours of tournament competition.

4) Sportsmanship: MATAGORDA SLAM participants are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and ethics. Unsportsmanlike and unethical conduct

will result in disqualification (at the tournament committee's discretion). Please refer to the Texas Boating Safety Rules.

5) Permitted Tournament Fishing Waters: Anglers may fish in any inshore public water accessible by boat. "Inshore" for this series is defined as the navigable, tide consumable coastal waters, bays, rivers, and wetlands. • - No fishing is allowed within 300 yards of tournament site. • - No fishing is allowed within 500 yards of any ferry landing. • - Contestants shall not fish in any area which has been "closed" by a governmental agency. • - Wade fishing is allowed, but ANGLERS must remain within 300 yards of the boat. • - Participants are not allowed to fish within 150 feet (50 yards) of another anchored boat or wade fisherman unless they are invited in by them. An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by an anchor, a weight, push pole, Power Pole, or other "anchoring" mechanism with the trolling motor in the up position. If an angler invites another angler into the inviting angler's 50-yard area, any tournament participant is also allowed within the waived area. Range finder and picture of boat behind range finder best way to bring this sort of protest to light. • - The boat anchored in an area first has the right to 150 feet radius of the area. • - If the boat does not have a trolling motor the definition of anchored still applies.

6) Permitted Fishing Methods: All tournament fish shall be taken by rod, reel, and bait of your choice. All anglers must hook and reel in all fish brought to the scales. Anglers may fish from a boat, pier, shoreline, kayak, canoe, etc. anywhere that is in the standards of legal waterways set by TP&W and may not fish from any private waters of any kind. Anglers shall not "harass" fish, to include such antics as "burning" or corralling of schools with a boat. Prior to and during the tournament, anglers shall not "cork" or otherwise mark fish or schools of fish for identification for the purposes of locating fish during tournament hours. Wade fishing is allowed. Individuals who wade-fish must remain within a 300-yard radius of the angler's boat. However, anglers may not leave the boat to net a fish hooked. All anglers must be in the boat before the combustion engine is started.

7) Checkpoints: This is a trailered event, anglers may launch from any marina or boat ramp of their choice. The launch time will be 30 minutes before sunrise (safelight). You can confirm this by searching the internet for the tournament days sunrise time. Official launch times will be announced at the captains meeting the night before event. Once an angler has checked in to the weigh station, they will not be allowed to return to fish during the day's competition and their day of fishing shall cease. Check-in times will be between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Anglers who are not at the official checkpoint area at the appointed time will be penalized at the rate of one-half (1/2) pound, per minute, which will be deducted from the angler's total day's weight. Any angler more than fifteen (15) minutes late will be disqualified from that day's weight entry. Teams who are not able to check in due to equipment failure or other unforeseen circumstances are responsible for contacting the tournament director before the official check-in is over in order to determine an acceptable solution.

8) Polygraphs: By signature on the official tournament entry form, each angler agrees to submit to a polygraph test and be bound by its interpreted results and conclusions. The first place angler's captain/guardian, and any other angler's captain/guardian as chosen by the Series' directors, shall be subject to a polygraph examination and will not receive any award until the test has been administered and determined to be non- deceptive. Polygraph tests may be issued at the discretion of the tournament director/committee for any reason, and

each captain/guardian hereby acknowledges and consents to the examination. The results and interpretations of the polygraph are final and each captain/guardian hereby knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waives any review of said test result, including any judicial process seeking to overturn, amend or otherwise negate the finding of the test administrator.

9) Insurance and Liability: Each boat entered in the MATAGORDA SLAM shall have insurance coverage on your boat throughout the entirety of the tournament. It is the responsibility of the boat owner to carry liability insurance covering the vessel. The MATAGORDA SLAM will not issue liability coverage for its events. A current copy of the team's insurance policy and each member's signed DECLARATION, WAIVER, RELEASE, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT shall be given to HSJAA before a team may compete in any MATAGORDA SLAM event. All tournament participants are required to sign a waiver absolving all tournament officials, officers, participants, sponsors and co-sponsors from any responsibility for damage or personal injury sustained as a result of the contestant's participation in the tournament or its related activities, and the contestant's signature on this form shall constitute an alternate release in the instance the member fails to sign the official DECLARATION, WAIVER, RELEASE, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT.

10) Pre-Tournament "Captain's" Meeting:

There is no captains meeting for the Junior Division. Online registration only! Must be completed by midnight April 28th.

11) Communication: No communication via multi-media methods, social networking, cell phone, e-tablet, laptop, radio, pager or any other device will be allowed from outside sources or tournament participants during tournament hours that will give an angler any advantage from data or information regarding fishing the event. If an angler has an emergency, a mechanical problem, or needs immediate assistance, anglers may contact local authorities, emergency services, the Coast Guard or the tournament director. Anglers must notify the tournament director immediately if these circumstances exist.

12) Entry Fees, Tournament Registration and Identification: The entry fee is \$30 per angler. All entry fees are non-refundable and are in consideration for holding a team's spot to participate in the tournament.

13) Safety: Safe boating will be observed at all times. Each angler is required to properly wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal floatation device anytime the combustion engine is engaged. Tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or to cancel will be left totally to the discretion of the tournament director/committee. A 4-hour period shall constitute a day of fishing. It is the competitor's responsibility to communicate with the Tournament Director if cancellation of the event is suspected. Cancellations will be communicated via VHF radios on a channel decided at the Pre-Tournament Meeting. If conditions are not safe on the tournament day,

the MATAGORDA SLAM reserves the right to reschedule the tournament on the following day (Sunday). If conditions are not favorable the following day (Sunday), an alternate date will be published on the MATAGORDA SLAM website, WWW.MATAGORDASLAM.COM.

14) TOURNAMENT STRINGER: This is a live weigh in format. Any fish brought in dead will result in a ¼ pound penalty per dead fish. Angler's tournament weight will consist of ONE red drum ("redfish"), measuring no less than 20 inches and no more than 28 inches, in length, each and ONE trout measuring 17 to 23 inches in length and ONE Flounder minimum of 15". No altered or mutilated fish will be accepted. All fish will be inspected for alterations in size, length and weight. Any altered fish shall result in the disqualification of the team weighing the altered fish and may result in disqualification of the event.

15) Scoring: Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the total weight of each team's catch during the tournament measured in pounds and 100th of a pound. Fish may not be brought to weigh-in on a stringer or in a basket. Fish shall be weighed with the equipment provided by the TOURNAMENT WEIGH TEAM.

16) Ties: If two or more ANGLERS have identical weight in the tournament, it will be considered a tie. In the event of a tie, the prizes from the consecutive places will be combined and split between the anglers. For example, if two anglers tie for fourth place, the prizes to fourth place AND fifth place will be combined, divided by two, then distributed to the anglers, equally.

17) Protest Procedure: All protests must be submitted in writing, along with a \$200.00 cash deposit. Protests must be submitted to the tournament director no later than 15 minutes following the weigh-in of the last fish. If the protest is upheld, the cash deposit will be returned to the person submitting the protest. The protester agrees that by filing a protest, he may be subject to a polygraph test. The captain/guardian may be polygraphed if there is a protest submitted. The PERSON WANTING TO PROTEST will be responsible for paying the polygraph fees. If the polygraph result in the ANGLER being disqualified from the tournament. It is the failing Guardians financial responsibility to reimburse the tournament for prizes paid to the team fishing the tournament. All decisions will be made by the tournament director and committee and are final

18) Permission to be filmed for Television: All participants agree to be filmed, photographed, taped, interviewed, quoted or otherwise revealed, without compensation, by the MATAGORDA SLAM or its assigns. This includes but is not limited to the official photographers, writers, hosts, or sponsors of this event under the conditions authorized by the MATAGORDA SLAM organizers. Each contestant, by his signature affixed below, hereby gives the MATAGORDA SLAM, and its assigns, the right to use (without compensation) the contestant's name, picture, likeness, quotes, and biographical information, whether audio or visual, before, during and after the period of an individual or team participation in an event.