

AWS 4TH ANNUAL SPECKLED TROUT & REDFISH RODEO

MAY 4TH, 2002

SEA WAY MARINA - HWY. 45 - LAFITTE, LA.

Open to the Public

Rules & Regulations

1. **Participants and Eligibility:** This will be an individual tournament open to the public. All minors (16 yrs. or younger) must have a written consent from their parents or guardian before being eligible to fish.
2. **Registration:** The entry fee will be \$25.00 per person. There will be an optional Calcutta of \$5.00 per person for the heaviest 5 fish stringer in each species. Pre-registration is encouraged. Mail registrations to below listed address. Registrations at the landing will be taken between 5:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. the morning of the tournament. The entry includes food, refreshments and music.
3. **Entry Fee Breakdown:** 40% of the entry will go to the AWS Scholarship Fund, 10% will go to rodeo expenses and 50% will be returned as prize money. The prize money will be split equally between each species.
4. **Optional Calcutta:** The optional Calcutta will be split 50/50. 50% for redfish and 50% for speckled trout. Individuals in the same boat may combine their fish for the Calcutta competition. The 5 largest fish per boat in each category will determine the Calcutta winner. There will only be one winner in each category. Participants are responsible for selecting the 5 fish they want to weigh.
5. **Safety:** All boats must meet Coast Guard Regulations. Any violation of Coast Guard Regulations will result in automatic disqualification. Life vest must be worn while motor is in operation.
6. **Sportsmanship:** Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and safety.
7. **Tackle and Equipment:** Rod & Reel and artificial or live bait may be used.
8. **Scoring:** Scoring will be determined by the largest fish in each category. Number of places paid in each category will be determined by the number of entries in the rodeo. Maximum length on the Redfish will be 27".

Up to 50 entrants: 3 places per category

51 to 75 entrants: 4 places per category

76 and over: 5 places per category

9. **Fish Regulations:** All fish weighed must meet Wildlife and Fisheries size regulations. Any fish weighed that does not meet regulations will be disqualified - All decisions by the weigh master are final.
10. **Protests:** Any protest must be submitted to the tournament committee no later than 15 minutes after close of the scales. The time the scales close will be determined by the weigh master.
11. **Tournament Hours:** **Tournament fishing time will be from 6:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. on May 4TH, 2002.** No fish may be caught prior to tournament fishing hours. Entrants will be required to check in prior to leaving the landing and check in upon returning to the landing. Any participant not checked in by 2:30 P.M. will be disqualified. There will be no grace period.

Detach here and mail to address below

I have read and understand the rules. In signing this application I hereby release and hold harmless the American Welding Society, its officers, agents, organizers and sponsors from all claims, injuries and or damages that I or my equipment may sustain by reason of participating in or in connection with this tournament. I also recognize that you have the right to refuse any entry and have final discretion concerning any decisions made in conjunction with this tournament.

Entry # _____

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ (Signature Required)

Calcutta participant: _____ **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Make Checks Payable To: **American Welding Society**
New Orleans Section

Mail To: **P.O. Box 6942**
Metairie, LA 70009-6942

As parent or guardian of the above named youth, under 16 years, I hereby consent to their entering this tournament and release the American Welding Society, its officers, agents, organizers and sponsors from any and all responsibility or liability for said youth.
Name: _____ Signature Required _____

Relationship: _____