

2017 CCA Babes on Baffin Tournament Rules

Anyone entering this Tournament is required to abide by these Tournament Rules. A three-member committee consisting of the Tournament Chair, Co-Chair and CCA Texas Representative will determine any disqualifications. Any protest must state the rule violated and be received by the Tournament Chair within 30 minutes following the 3:00 pm check-in deadline. All team participants, including team members, guides and boat drivers are responsible for knowing, understanding, and abiding by these Rules. Failure of any team participant to follow tournament rules or procedures will result in disqualification of the team in violation or non-compliance. Questions and comments concerning any rule may be directed to the Tournament Chair/Co-Chair. In all tournament matters, the decisions of the tournament committee are final. Prior to the tournament, email any questions to babesonbaffin@gmail.com.

- **Ladies Only**- This is a women's only fishing tournament. No fish caught by males will be eligible to be weighed in. Ladies must set the hook and reel in their own fish.
- **Team** – A team is limited to 4 women with guides/boat drivers who can be male. All team members must be listed on the registration form and have paid the applicable entry fee. A guide/boat driver who is not a team member does not pay the entry fee.
- **Release** – All persons on the boat including each team member, as well as any guides/boat drivers, must sign a Tournament Release prior to the Tournament Start Time. If the team member is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign a Release on behalf of the minor. Missing signatures are grounds for team disqualification.
- **Tournament Start Time** - Fishing begins at official sunrise on the day of the tournament. (Official time will be announced at the Captain's Meeting.)
- **Divisions** – The tournament field is comprised of two divisions Guided Division and Non-Guided Division. Any team that wishes to fish with a TPWD Licensed Fishing Guide either aboard their boat(s) or as a member of the team must enter in the Guided Division. All other teams (including those with male boat drivers who are not TPWD Licensed Fishing Guides) will be in the Non-Guided Division.
- **Assistance** – A team member may be assisted with baiting a hook, casting, and netting, but the individual member must “set the hook” and reel the fish to the boat or net herself.
- **Tackle** – The use of live, dead or artificial bait is allowed in both Guided and Non-Guided Divisions.
- **One Pole per Angler** – A team member can have more than one rod/reel on the boat, but she cannot fish with more than one pole at a time. Any cast must be fully retrieved and the bait/lure out of the water before fishing may occur with a separate rod/reel.

- **Boat Fishing Only** – A team may only fish from one boat. Wade fishing, which begins and ends at the boat, is permitted. No jetty, surf, dock, kayak or pier fishing is allowed. All team members must remain in sight of each other.
- **Boundaries** – Boundaries are the territorial waters of the State of Texas including the common boundary waters of Texas and Louisiana as defined by TPWD, and the extension of Texas borders seaward 200 miles. No fish taken outside tournament boundaries, from private impoundments or other waters not legally accessible to the general public will be eligible for entry.
- **Eligible Fish** - Eligible Fish are legal size Trout, Redfish, and Black Drum only. No over-sized or tagged fish will be judged. Winners are determined by weight only. In the event of a weight tie the earliest team to check in at weigh-in prevails. Mutilated or old fish will not be weighed in and the team will be disqualified. Weight calculation and judgments of the Tournament Weigh Master are final. Fish bags are not provided by the tournament.
 - **Redfish** – A legal Redfish (Red Drum) must be at least 20” and not greater than 28”. If you catch one smaller than 20” by law you are required to release it. You cannot weigh-in a Redfish over 28” as no tagged redfish will be accepted. Your team must decide which Redfish to weigh in prior to approaching the Tournament Weigh Master.
 - **Trout** – A legal Trout (Spotted Seatrout) must be at least 15” and less than 25”. If you catch one smaller than 15” by law you are required to release it. Your team must decide which Trout to weigh in prior to approaching the Weigh Master.
 - **Black Drum** – A legal Drum (Black Drum) must be at least 14” and not greater than 30”. If you catch one smaller than 14” by law you are required to release it. You cannot weigh-in a Drum over 30”. Your team must decide which Drum to weigh in prior to approaching the Tournament Weigh Master.
 - **Full Team Stringer** – A Full Team Stringer of Eligible Fish consists of one Trout, one Redfish, and one Black Drum. No more than these three fish can be presented to the Weigh Master as the Team Stringer. If a team has a second Redfish eligible for Most Spots, present that fish separately to the Weigh Master.
 - **Spotted Redfish** - A legal Redfish (Red Drum) must be at least 20” and not greater than 28”. If you catch one smaller than 20” by law you are required to release it. You cannot weigh-in a Redfish over 28” as no tagged redfish will be accepted. Your team must decide which Redfish to weigh in prior to approaching the Tournament Weigh Master. If a team has a second Redfish eligible for Most Spots, present that fish separately to the Weigh Master.

- **Live Weigh-in and Donation Bonus** – Each live and donated fish presented at weigh-in will receive a ½ pound bonus. This will be added to the cumulative Team Stringer weight, to the weight of any individual fish award, and to cash pot contenders. At weigh-in, Texas Parks and Wildlife will be on-site to take all donated fish to the Hatchery. Fish must be donated to receive the ½ pound bonus.

- **Weigh-in Deadline and Visual or Walk-Up Check-in** – Check-in and weigh-in begins no earlier than 1:00 pm. The penalty-free Check-in Deadline is 3:00 pm. A visual check-in is offered to prevent a long weigh-in line and promote the weigh-in and donation of live fish. This allows teams to remain in their boats with their catch kept in an aerated livewell or cooler until weigh-in. Therefore, during Friday's check-in, each team will be assigned a team number.
 - When arriving at the marina for weigh-in, each boat can visually check in with a Dock Master (who will be stationed on the dock at Marker 37 Marina) by visually displaying the team number card to the Dock Master. Each team should ensure it gets a confirmation acknowledgement from a Dock Master.
 - After check-in confirmation is received and their official score card with check in time is received from Dock Master, a team should then proceed to the weigh-in area with their fish.
 - If a team has not checked in with a Dock Master by 3:00 pm, the team will be penalized at the rate of ½ pound for each full minute late deducted from the cumulative Team Stringer weight and from the weight of any individual fish award and cash pot contenders.
 - Any team that has not checked in with a Dock Master by 3:15 pm will be automatically disqualified, no exceptions.
 - Each team must be respectful of other teams who are off loading their catch. Failure to move the boat from the weigh in area when requested by a tournament representative will result in disqualification.
 - A team that chooses to walk-up instead of using the visual boat check-in process should ensure they are checked in with a Dock Master before getting into the weigh-in line. All deadlines remain applicable for a walk-up check-in.
 - After the Weigh Master weighs all Eligible Fish, a team member or their guide/driver must immediately approve the figures on the team scorecard with her/his signature and turn in the scorecard to the official tournament recorder.

- **Fishing License** – All Texas Parks and Wildlife Rules and Regulations apply. You must have a valid/current fishing license with a saltwater stamp from Texas Parks and Wildlife to fish in this tournament. Citations for not observing TPWD rules and regulations disqualify the team from the Tournament.

- **Polygraph** - All entrants are subject to polygraph testing. Failure to take and/or pass the test will result in disqualification. Results of the polygraph are final. The individual taking the test may be a team member or the guide/boat driver. If the angler is a minor, a parent or legal guardian shall agree for the minor to submit to such polygraph testing.
- **Sportsmanship** – Any angler, who displays poor sportsmanship, violates any Tournament Rule (s), or any state or local game laws may be disqualified without refund or recourse. In addition, any act of an angler, verbal or physical, that reflects unfavorably upon CCA's effort to promote conservation, fishing, clean waters, courtesy, and safety may be reason for disqualification from this and all future CCA tournaments.
- **Natural Disaster** - In the event of a natural disaster or severe inclement weather, the Tournament may be postponed and rescheduled for a later date.
- **Refunds** - A full refund will be given for a full team cancellation or withdrawal if received by September 15, 2017. No refund will be given for the cancellation or withdrawal of an individual team member(s). No refunds will be given if the Tournament is postponed and rescheduled for another date.

Babes on Baffin Tournament Committee reserves the right to make announced changes to these rules up to the time of the Captains Meeting. Rules presented at the Captains Meeting will be the final and official rules for the 2017 CCA Babes on Baffin Fishing Tournament.