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# South Texas Bowfishing Bonanza

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1. Boat Rules**

- 1.1. Each Team must have proper boat registration papers and numbers.
- 1.2. Teams are only allowed the use of ONE boat at a time during tournament hours.
- 1.3. All Boats must be in compliance with all federal and state regulations pertaining to watercraft safety.
- 1.4. No substitutions of team members within 48 hours of the event. The team Captain is responsible to make sure that all team members are registered in the tournament.

### **2. Fishing Regulations**

- 2.1. Two, three or four persons per team, one team per boat.
- 2.2. Each person in the boat must be a registered contestant of the tournament and follow all tournament rules and regulations.
- 2.3. No passengers.
- 2.4. It is the contestant's sole responsibility to review the official rules before the tournament starts. Entry into the event represents acceptance of all tournament rules and regulations.
- 2.5. Scouting may be done anytime. No shooting allowed 24 hours prior to the start of the event.
- 2.6. No wading for safety reasons. Bows must remain in the boat.
- 2.7. Any violation of Texas State laws, DOT, or TPWD regulations will disqualify the participants from the tournament. Tournament directors reserve the right to verify license and registration.
- 2.8. All legal fish may be taken during the tournament. **(Except Perch)**
- 2.9. Fish may only be shot on ANY TEXAS PUBLIC WATERS during tournament hours (8 AM Saturday-8 AM Sunday)
- 2.10 Nueces River Prohibited from County Rd 534 North to Hwy 59

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2.11 No gar may be weighed in that come from an area that require a state certified tag (Trinity)

2.12. No Baiting or Chumming allowed

2.13 -Fish must be taken with a bow (compound, recurve, longbow or crossbow) **NO AIR/RIMFIRE RIFLES WITH FISH ARROWS.**

2.14. No explosives or other shocking devices allowed.

2.15. All arrows must have line attached to the arrow for retrieval.

2.16. Teams may have Gaffs no longer than 6 feet. (nets or gigs NOT allowed)

2.17. Trailering a boat is allowed to any public boat ramp on approved tournament bodies of water

2.18. Teams may drop off equipment, etc., provided that all team members leave the tournament site and all team members and their fish return for the weigh in. All team members must be present at time of weigh in.

2.19. Suspected transferring of fish between teams will result in DISQUALIFICATION of all teams involved. No fish may be transferred between boats for any reason.

2.20. No unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated. Teams must keep a respectable distance between boats. No crowding, no "owning a spot"

2.21. All participants will respect the rights and privacy of others around the water. Please be courteous and polite and avoid congested and populated areas.

### **3. Tournament Rules**

3.1. The winner of the tournament will be decided upon the total weight of the biggest 20 fish brought to the scales. **(1 GAR is allowed per 20 fish stringer)**

3.2. Teams can select their largest (2 largest GAR) to be weighed for the Big Gar Stringer Side Pot.

3.3. Teams weigh their fish at final weigh in Sunday at 8 AM.

3.4. It is the team Captain's responsibility to enter fish for all categories/pots.

3.5. All boats must make the official weigh in by 8 AM. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. No Grace period. Judges will be onsite to verify teams are in line before official ending time.

3.6. Decision of tournament officials will be FINAL.

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3.7. Failure to comply with tournament rules will result in disqualification, and the entry fee will be forfeited.

3.8. Anyone chosen to take a polygraph test must pass to be eligible for money or prizes.

3.9. All participants must check out of the tournament via email or text if they do not make the weigh in , prior to leaving the tournament for safety reasons.

3.10. Tournament hosts (Promised Land Outdoors or their board members) are not responsible for accidents or lost property.

3.11. No refunds of entry fees.

3.12. Fish disposal available for \$50/team or other legal means of disposal offsite is required.

3.13. All team members must stay together. No splitting up.

3.14. All winning teams may be given a polygraph by the weight masters if decided.

3.15. No substitution of fish at the scales

3.16 For Big 20 all fish must be presorted before you get to the scale

3.17 The numbers side pot must turn in all fish to be counted at 1 time

#### **4. Raffle, Prizes, Money and Reservations**

4.1. Additional prizes may be added to the winning categories, TBD by sponsors and registrations.

4.2. Early Bird registrations can be made now until May 14th at midnight. This reserves your place in registration and allows your team to be registered for the amount of \$300.00. After May 14 the fee is \$350. Register at [www.promisedlandoutdoors.org](http://www.promisedlandoutdoors.org)

4.3. The winner of the S.TX. Bowfishing Bonanza will be selected for the Team with the heaviest 20 fish including one alligator gar.

4.4. If the winner of the tournament buys their **CALCUTTA**. Calcutta pays 80/20 and we will pay out the top 2 teams. 1st & 2nd place Calcutta teams will split the 80% in 70/30 split.

4.5. Side Pot: Numbers will be determined on how many legal fish are brought into the weigh in for count.

4.6. Side Pot: Gar: include heaviest two gar (includes alligator, spotted, needlenose or hybrid).

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4.7. Ties: in case of a tie of the heaviest Big 20 it will be determined on whoever has the longest fish.

4.8. Ties: All side pots will be split 50/50

4.9. Added money from sponsors may be collected at any time.

4.10. Side pots for numbers and big gar will be \$50 per side pot.

## **5. Cash Awards and Prizes**

5.1. For you to win the Big 20 money you have to buy your team in the Calcutta minimum team will go for \$100.

5.2. If you agree to Calcutta, you are agreeing to buy yourself for \$100 if no one else bids on you.

5.3. There will also be belt buckles given to the 4 team members that win 1<sup>st</sup> in the Big 20.

5.4. For the second place team for Big 20 to win money they have to buy their team in Calcutta.

5.5. All winners of side pots will be paid out 100% of side pot money.

5.6. Side pot shooters do not have to buy their Calcutta for the Big 20 if they do not choose to.