

2023 Jacksonville Flounder Pounder Rules and Regulations

**This Tournament is a Fundraiser for the
Jacksonville School for Autism**

**This is a Fun Tournament and the Highest Level of
Sportsmanship is Expected From All Anglers.**

1. All captains and crewmembers are responsible for reading and following all rules and regulations set forth by the 2023 Jacksonville Flounder Pounder Tournament (herein after “Tournament”).

2. All winners are subject to a polygraph test.

3. The primary payout goes to the heaviest of the aggregate of up to three flounder.

4. A boat is eligible to win 1 prize in the general category and 1 Jr Angler and 1 Women’s prize only.

5. All fish must adhere to state and federal regulations to qualify for winnings in this Tournament.

6. The Tournament’s entry fee allows you to have up to four (4) adult anglers and two (2) JR anglers on your boat.

7. The one fishing day is Saturday, October 14. The Tournament will reserve the right to hold October 15 as an optional foul weather day.

8. There are no checkouts; fishing begins at safe light.

9. Fish must be caught during Tournament hours. No lines in the water until after safe light. Safe light time will be announced at the Captain’s meeting.

10. All boats must arrive at the weigh-in **no later than 4:00 p.m.** at Winward at Beach Marine.

11. Scales will open at 12:00 p.m. No weigh-ins allowed before 12:00p.m..

12. All fish weighed in will become the property of the Tournament.

13. All effort must be made to keep all fish alive; a 32oz penalty will be assessed for dead fish.

14. Any angler, if directed by the Tournament committee, must submit to a polygraph test. This decision is at the sole discretion of the Tournament committee. Should the test be failed, the Tournament committee reserves the right to forfeit all winnings awarded to the winner in question.

15. All protests made to the Tournament committee shall be accompanied by a \$200 cash deposit. All protests shall be made no later than one hour after the last fish has been weighed. The \$200 cash deposit will be returned if the Tournament committee upholds the protest. The \$200 cash deposit will

become the property of the Tournament if the protest is not upheld. All decisions of the Tournament committee shall be final.

16. The TWT (Tournament Within a Tournament), two fish TWT, and the high roller TWT all have a payout ratio of 1st – 50%, 2nd – 30% and 3rd – 20%. Participants in the Tournament are not required to enter the TWT. It is offered as another way for you to win money.

17. Prizes are awarded solely on the basis of fish weight. In the event of identical weights, the first fish weighed shall be declared the winner.

18. All fish must be caught on hook and line with rod & reel.

19. All fish must be weighed in from the boat in which they were caught. No overland transport to the weigh station will be allowed, and a crewmember must accompany fish to weigh-in.

20. By signing the entry form, the captain and crew, consent that the Tournament may use without payment or restrictions any photographs in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial, or promotional material.

21. Two or more boats seen congregating may be disqualified from the Tournament.

22. This Tournament does not have any boundaries.

23. A boat or any angler may not make landfall for any reason after safe light fishing begins on December 4. **Except to get out of your boat to catch bait.**

24. All fish will be received and inspected by the terms of the Weigh Master.

25. No cut or mutilated fish will be accepted. This includes any suspicious markings. The Weigh Master will have final say on the acceptance of any and all fish.

26. The Junior Angler must be 14 years of age or younger and **must REGISTER as a Jr Angler.** The Jr Angler must accompany the fish to the scales. Anyone 14-years-old or younger is automatically considered a Junior Angler.

27. A zip-tie will be provided for the Junior Angler's fish at the Capt Meeting.
The Junior Angler's fish must be tagged with the zip-tie before the weigh-in.

28. Women participating in the Women's Division **must REGISTER in the WOMEN'S DIVISION.** The WOMAN Angler must accompany the fish to the scales.

29. A zip-tie will be provided for the WOMAN'S DIVISION fish at the Capt Meeting.
The WOMAN'S DIVISION fish must be tagged with the zip-tie before the weigh-in.

30. The Tournament reserves the right to disqualify any angler, should any violation of state, federal or Tournament rules or laws occurs.

Most Important:

Have fun and remember this is all for the children at the Jacksonville School for Autism!