



By paying the team entry fee, each team (2 individuals per team on a boat) agrees to abide by the following rules:

All decisions made by the Derby Director and/or Derby Officials will be final in all matters. The Derby Director and/or the Derby Officials can make a change when the safety of a contestant is in question or by a unanimous decision by the Derby Committee. Any changes to the rules will be posted on the website www.bgccb.org and communicated to the Derby Members' at the Captain's Dinner on Friday, June 25, 2021 prior to the Derby.

1. **Applicable Laws:** Federal, state and local laws are to be obeyed by contestants at all times. Violation of any federal, state and/or local laws will result in the disqualification of the team.
2. **Sportsmanship:** Reel Champions of Hope Fishing Derby participating teams are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and ethics. Un-sportsmanlike and unethical conduct will result in disqualification (at the Derby Committee's discretion). Please refer to the Texas Boating Safety Rules.

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/boating/>.

3. **Live Leaderboard:** Reel Champions of Hope Fishing Derby is a no kill format. No fish will be measured before or after fishing hours (7:00AM to 3:00PM). Teams will make their way to the top of our Live Leaderboard by accumulating the most inches of eligible fish. Teams will be equipped with a Derby stamped measuring stick. Teams are required to capture the length of the fish with photo proof. Fish must be nosed to the front of the measuring stick before anglers are allowed to pinch the tail. The photo taken by the other teammate will show proof of length and species. Teams are then to send the photo to the Live Leaderboard number. Officials will then update the Leaderboard. The teams registered cell phone number will be their Leaderboard ID. Leaderboard officials will keep the Leaderboard accurate with a two-minute delay. Teams are able to fish until fishing time expires at 3:00PM CST. The team with the most combined inches of eligible fish wins.
4. **Polygraphs:** By signature on the official Derby registration form, each angler agrees to submit to a polygraph test and abide by its conclusion. Polygraph tests will be issued at the discretion of the Derby Director/Committee if any rules or regulations are in question. The results of the polygraph are final and cannot be reviewed by a court of law. Winning teams will compare time stamps on their phone to ensure a one-to-one match. **Teams must be able to prove their total number of inches without a reasonable doubt.**



5. **Entry Fees and Derby Registration:** The entry fee for the event is \$350.00 per team. The entry fee includes the Captain's Dinner on Friday, June 25, 2021 from 6:00PM – 8:30PM. All entrants must be paid-in-full and registered to fish the Reel Champions of Hope Fishing Derby before June 23, 2021 at 12:00pm or a late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed to teams who pay after June 23rd. All entry fees are non-refundable.
6. **Safety:** Safe boating will be observed at all times. Derby day 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 Derby Director/Committee. An eight-hour period shall constitute a day of fishing. All boats must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.

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7. **Fishing:** Live or artificial bait may be used. Members are not allowed to wade fish (leave the boat with a rod & reel in hand or on their person). All teams must fish in their boat at all times. Teams can use whatever means necessary to maneuver the boat for fishing. Accessories such as the boat's main engine, trolling motors, push poles, drift socks, anchors, and wind are all acceptable forms of boat maneuverability.
8. **Eligible Fish:** All eligible fish must be caught by rod and reel during the eligible fishing hours. No altered or mutilated fish will be accepted by the Live Leaderboard Committee. Photos will be inspected for legitimacy by the Leaderboard Committee before entering the inches into the system.

Eligible Fish Include

Redfish	Min. Length 20"	Max. Length - None
Speckled Trout	Min. length 16"	Max Length - None

9. **Prizes:**

Payouts

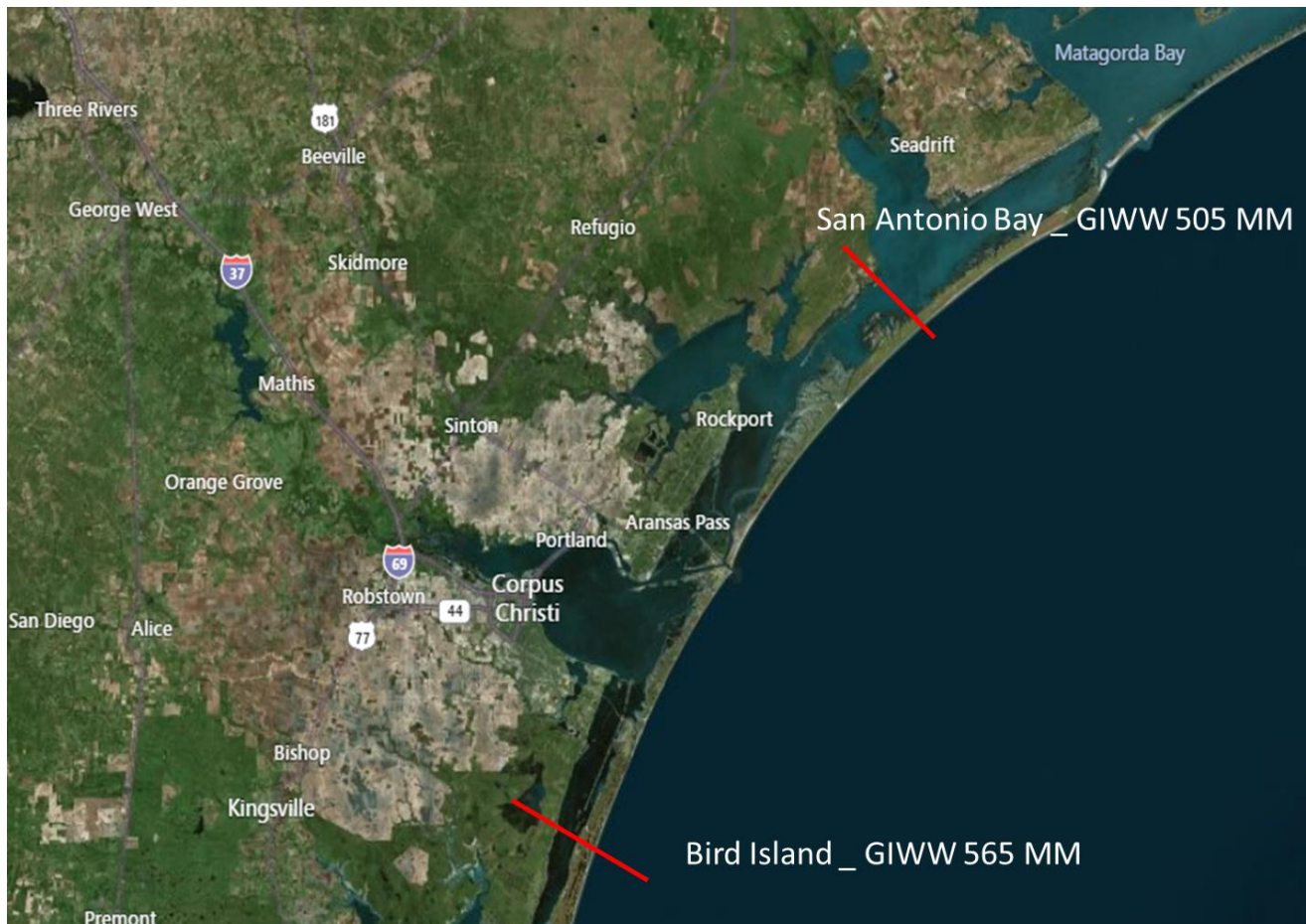
1 st	\$4,000.00
2 nd	\$3,000.00
3 rd	\$2,000.00
4 th	\$1,000.00
5 th	\$500.00



10. Derby Eligible Waters:

Fish caught outside of Derby Eligible Waters (DEW) are Non-Eligible Fish (NEF). NEF cannot be measured and contributed to the teams overall inch total. Teams will not be penalized for navigating into non-derby waters.

- North Boarder:
 - Location: Mouth of San Antonio Bay
 - Mile Marker: GIWW Mile 505 WHL
- South Boarder:
 - Location: Bird Island Basin
 - Mile Marker: GIWW Mile 565 WHL





11. **Permission to be filmed for television:** Each angler agrees to be filmed, photographed, taped, quoted or otherwise mentioned (without compensation) by the Reel Champions of Hope Fishing Derby organizers and The Boys & Girls Clubs of The Coastal Bend (BGCCB), or by anyone authorized by BGCCB. This includes but is not limited to the official photographers, writers, hosts, or sponsors of this event under the conditions authorized by BGCCB. Each angler gives BGCCB and anyone authorized by BGCCB, the right to use (without compensation) the anglers name, picture, likeness, quotes, and biographical information, whether audio or visual, before, during and after individual or team participation in this event.