

## GENERAL RULES

1. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Any participant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or violates any local, state or federal laws is subject to disqualification.
  2. **SAFETY:** Safe boating practices must be in effect at all times. Drunkenness on the part of any participant will not be tolerated. Please observe all Coast Guard regulations.
  3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only a person that is directly employed by a drilling, exploration, production or service company and is at least 21 years of age is eligible to participate in the Houma Oilman's Fishing Invitational. Spouses, children, or other dependents of participants **are not eligible** to participate unless they meet the above criteria. There will be **no** exceptions to this rule. **NOTE:** Eligibility of sponsors and participants will be decided by the H.O.F.I. Screening Committee. If you have any questions regarding eligibility of a sponsor or participant, call (985) 223-3849. All decisions of the screening committee are final.
4. **FRAUDULENT ENTRIES: Sponsors are responsible for eligibility of participants. Any sponsor submitting a fraudulent entry will face disciplinary action as determined by the board. All badges will be sent by registered mail to each sponsor.**
5. **REGISTRATION:** All sponsors need to present names of participants to the screening committee by April 15, 2012 Mail to: H.O.F.I., P.O. Box 4351, Houma, LA 70361-4351, email to hofi@triparish.net or fax to (985) 223-3849.
    - Upon approval of eligibility, participants name will be forwarded for his or her badge to be printed.
    - Each badge will have participant's full legal name, employer, sponsor, and drivers license number.
    - A badge is non-transferable after registration. **Any participant found transferring his badge to another non-registered party will be prohibited from fishing in future H.O.F.I. events.**

- Participant shall have badge and drivers license in hand upon arrival at main entrance of the pavilion.
- The badge will be the only way into the pavilion. If lost, only extreme cases will come before a selective committee for scrutiny.
- Registration times are:
  - Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Friday - 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Saturday - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**6. ENTRIES: All sponsorships must be paid by January 31, 2012 to be guaranteed participation in 2012. The number of participants in the tournament will be limited. Because this is an invitational tournament it gives the board of directors the right to screen participants for eligibility.**

7. **SPONSORSHIPS:** Sponsorships for the 2012 Invitational will be \$750.00 each. Each Sponsorship includes six (6) entries. After purchase of sponsorship, each additional entry if available, will be \$125.00 each. All sponsor company names will be displayed on the sponsorship board on the main stage.
8. **FOOD/DRINK SPONSORSHIPS:** Food/Drink sponsorships are available on a limited basis for \$650.00. Sponsorships must be paid by January 31, 2012 to set up in the pavilion in the provided space and will receive ten (10) fishing entries and 4 worker's passes. Food/Drink sponsors will be required to provide free food or approved products all 3 nights. Food/Drink sponsors will also be given acknowledgment on the sponsor board.
9. **DOOR PRIZES:** Door prizes will be worth approximately \$100.00. Your company will be identified as the sponsor of that prize. You may donate your own prize or submit payment for \$100.00 and Houma Oilman's Fishing Committee will purchase a prize in your company's name. Prizes will be given out on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night beginning at 7:00 PM. Winner must be present. All applicable taxes apply to winner.

10. **BOUNDARIES:** Louisiana state waters and offshore waters.
  11. **TACKLE:** Artificial, cut and/or live bait may be used. Only rod and reel outfits may be used. Trolling is permitted.
  12. **FISH CATEGORIES:**
    - INSHORE: Bull Red (10 Places)  
Rat Red (10 Places)  
Speckled Trout (10 Places)  
Drum (5 Places)  
Flounder (5 Places)  
Sheepshead (5 Places)  
Sea Cat (5 Places)
    - OFFSHORE: Red Snapper (3 Places)  
Cobia (3 Places)  
Jack Crevalle (3 Places)  
King Mackerel (3 Places)  
Bluefish (3 Places)  
Amberjack (3 Places)  
Grouper (3 Places)  
Mangrove Snapper (3 Places)  
Spanish Mackerel (3 Places)
    - BLUE WATER: Blue Marlin (3 Places) - Tag & Release  
Tuna - any kind (3 Places)  
Dolphin-Mahi-Mahi (3 Places)  
Wahoo (3 Places)
    - BIGGEST LEGAL FISH OF ANY KIND - Other than category (1 Place)
- EACH PARTICIPANT CAN WIN ONLY 1 PLACE PER CATEGORY.**
13. **FISHING HOURS:** Fishing hours will begin 12:01 a.m. Friday morning, May 25, 2012 and conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2012. It is the responsibility of each participant to understand and abide by the prescribed fishing hours and weight-in times, as they will be strictly enforced. Official time will be kept by the weigh-in committee at the weigh-in site.
  14. **DAILY SCALE WEIGH-IN HOURS:**
    - Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
    - Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fish will be weighed and returned. The Houma Oilman's shall not retain any fish
  15. **TIES:** In the event of a tie in any category, the first fish weighed will prevail. All decisions by

the LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries  
agent/weigh master are final.

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FISHING  
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P.O. BOX 4351  
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**Local Charities**

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The Haven  
MacDonell Children's Services  
Make-A-Wish Foundation  
Children's Hospital  
United Veterans League  
Louis Infant Center  
Grant A Wish  
Children's Hospital*

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**MAY 24, 25 & 26, 2012**

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END OF ROAD**

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