

## Houston Electric League 2026 Fishing Tournament – Rules

1. All fish must be caught by rod & reel, artificial lures or live bait may be used.
2. All fish must be caught during the event.
3. Tournament will begin at sunrise (6am) July 11th and will conclude at 2:00pm sharp at the Topwater Grill in San Leon, TX **opens @ 1pm and will close at 2:00pm, anglers who are not at the weigh in location by 2:00pm will be excluded from the prize pool.** You do not need to have your fish weighed by 2:00pm but you must be counted present at the tournament site by the tournament organizer. If you are fishing as a team, all members must be on dry land at Topwater Grill in San Leon at the stroke of 2:00pm.
4. Sunrise is considered to be no later than 6am. You may have your boat in the water before 6am but your first line in the water may not be before.
5. Fishing boundaries are the entire Galveston Bay Complex to San Luis Pass.
6. Any person fishing out of the boundaries will be disqualified.
7. All state and federal laws apply. All Coast Guard and Texas Parks & Wildlife's regulations apply.
8. **No more than 4 anglers can combine their catch to turn in their results as a team. (meaning no more than 4 anglers on a team).**
9. 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded for the heaviest stringer of (2) Speckled Trout. **Trout must be within the legal slot size of 15"- 20". Trout over 20" are not allowed. 1<sup>st</sup> Place will payout \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place will payout \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will payout \$100.**
10. 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded for the heaviest stringer of (2) Redfish. Redfish must be within the legal slot size of 20"-28". **1<sup>st</sup> place will payout \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will payout \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> place will payout \$100.**
11. **\$1000 1<sup>st</sup> Place Grand Prize will be awarded for the best combined stringer of (2) Trout and (2) Redfish.**
12. **1<sup>st</sup> place will be awarded for the heaviest Flounder (\$150).**
13. **An angler or team may only win one 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize in the Trout or Redfish division, not both. For example, a team weighs in the leading stringer of Redfish and the second leading stringer of Trout, this team would only win the Redfish prize pool but would still be eligible for the top prize for overall stringer.**
14. **When a tie exists, with respect to weight, then the first fish/stringer weighed in will be declared the winner, unless the Tournament Directors rule otherwise.**
15. The weigh master will have the ultimate ruling on all posted weights and determination if a fish is eligible to be included in the tournament. Catch does not need to be live but weigh master will have the authority to disqualify any catch that is determined to be landed prior to the tournament start time.
16. You may launch your boat from any location in the Galveston Bay Complex. There will not be a captain's meeting the morning of the tournament.
17. Tournament entry fee. We will accept payment in advance or at weigh-in. All outstanding balances will be invoiced within one week after the tournament date. Prompt payment is appreciated.
18. You do not have to be a member of the Houston Electric League to participate.
19. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament will be postponed until the next available weekend.
20. Have Fun!
21. Be Safe!

Kayak and wade fishing is encouraged. Boats may be launched from Topwater Grill in San Leon the morning of the tournament. Lunch will be provided by Top Water Grill and will begin at 1pm and conclude at 3pm. Thank you for your participation, we hope everyone has a safe and fun filled day of fishing!