

# GOLLYWHOPPER

## CLASSIC

### Official Tournament Rules 2022

- All participants must always abide by the State of Florida recreational fishing rules. These rules are subject to change at any time.
- Deadline for registration is 9:00am on day of tournament. Boats can register prior to the day of the Captain's Party at 98 Real Estate Group, Mexico Beach Welcome Center, or Cathey's ACE Hardware Store. Any participants wanting to register after the Captain's Party must register at Cathey's ACE Hardware the morning of the tournament between 7:00am and 9:00am.
- All activities including the Captain's Party and Weigh-In will be held at the Mexico Beach Boat Ramp Park.
- Boats must launch from anywhere in Bay or Gulf County.
- Lines are allowed in the water at 12:01am on June 18, 2022.
- Entry fee is \$250.00 per boat. This enters the boat into the Red Snapper, Grouper and King Mackerel division. Any legal grouper species will be eligible to win the grouper prize money.
- **Angler with registration form and FISH must be in line.** You must be in line with your registration form and fish ready weigh-in and be recognized by the Weighmaster/Staff by 5:30pm. **ALL** fish must be in your possession to enter line. Anglers in line without their registration form and fish when the tournament horn blows, signaling the end of weigh-in, will NOT be allowed to weigh. No exceptions.
- This is an 81% Payout Tournament with 27% of the entry fees going to Red Snapper, 27% to Grouper, and 27% to King Mackerel. There will be a First, Second, and Third place in each of the three species. The payout will be First Place (50%), Second Place (30%) and Third Place (20%) of the pot for each category.
  - EXAMPLE: If there are 60 boats entered, there will be \$12,150 in prize money. \$4,050 payout in Red Snapper, \$4,050 payout in King Mackerel, and \$4,050 payout in Grouper. First Place for each category will be:
    - First Place- \$2,025.00 ( $\$4,050 \times 50\%$ )
    - Second Place- \$1,215.00 ( $\$4,050 \times 30\%$ )
    - Third Place- \$810.00 ( $\$4,050 \times 20\%$ )
- Boats can only enter one King Mackerel, one Red Snapper, and one Grouper. It is up to the captain of the boat to decide the heaviest fish. Boats can win one prize in each category, but not multiple places for the same species. In the case of a tie, the first fish weighed in will win the tie breaker.

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- All fish are subject to inspection and all winners are subject to a lie detector test.
- No fish may be transferred from one boat to another.
- The tournament committee shall have the sole discretion to cancel the tournament due to inclement weather. All participants will enter at their own discretion and should exercise good judgement, and caution. The tournament directors, volunteers, sponsors and vendors will be held harmless and indemnified from any damages. Do not enter if you do not understand this rule.
- Protest must be in writing and presented to the weighmaster before the end of the tournament with a deposit of \$500 (cash only). If the alleged violation is found to have occurred, the full deposit will be refunded. If the tournament director/committee finds no violation, the deposit will be donated to the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association. The decision will be left solely up to the tournament directors and the decision will be final.

#### **Optional Entry Fees**

- Target Fish- there will be a target weight decided for each of the three (3) species at the Captain's Party by the tournament directors. Participants can enter each species for \$100.00 each or \$250.00 for all three (3). Winner takes all in each category with a 100% payout.
- Youth Angler- ages 14yrs and younger can enter. Cost is \$25.00 per angler.

Cash or Check is accepted. Checks must be payable to Mexico Beach Gollywhopper, LLC.

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