



## Official Tournament Rules | 2025

### Date, Time, and Location

This is a One-Day Tournament. All events take place at the Mexico Beach Boat Ramp Park.

Captains Party: Friday, June 20, 2025, 5:00pm. There will be food and live music.

Weigh-In: Saturday, June 21, 2025, 3:30pm till 5:30pm.

### Registration

Entry fee is \$250.00 per boat and can either be in the form of cash or check. This enters the boat into the Red Snapper, King Mackerel and Grouper division. Any legal grouper species will be eligible to win the grouper prize money.

To enter any optional division, angler must be registered with an entered boat.

-Optional Youth Division- Entry fee is \$25.00 per angler (14yrs old or younger). Payout will be a 60/40 split between first and second in each division.

-Optional Target Weight Division- Entry fee is \$100.00 per division. Target weight decided for each of the three species divisions at the Captain's Party by the tournament directors. Each division category will have an 80% payout.

-Optional MBARA Aggregate Kingfish Bonus Division- Entry fee is \$100.00. The Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association and The Gollywhopper Classic have teamed up to offer an aggregate division where anglers can weigh-in one King Mackerel at each tournament (only one king at each tournament per boat entered in this category). The highest combined weight will receive 100% of the entries from this division. Anglers do not have to weigh a fish at both tournaments and can win with one fish. The MBARA Kingfish Tournament will be on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

### Rules

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 Mexico Beach Welcome Center. Any participants wanting to register after the Captain's Party must register at Boat Ramp Park with the tournament director the morning of the tournament between 7:00am and 9:00am.

Boats must launch from anywhere in Bay or Gulf County.

Lines are allowed in the water at [12:01am on June 21, 2025](#).

Boats can only enter one King Mackerel, one Red Snapper, and one Grouper per division. It is up to the captain of the boat to decide which fish to weigh in each division (each registered youth on an entered boat may also weigh their heaviest fish in youth division). Boats can win one prize in each category, but not multiple places in the same species (boat may win the optional categories in addition to the heaviest fish division). In the case of a tie, the first fish to scale wins.

**Angler with REGISTRATION form and FISH must be in line.** You must be in line with BOTH your registration form and fish ready at weigh-in and be recognized by the Weighmaster/Staff by

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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.

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.

This is a 75% payout tournament with 25% of the entry fee each going to Red Snapper, Grouper and 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 90 entries there will be a total of \$16,875.00 in prize money. \$5,625.00 payout in Red Snapper, \$5,625.00 payout in King Mackerel and \$5,625.00 payout in Grouper. Breakout for each category will be:

First Place- \$2,812.50 ( $\$5,625.00 \times 50\%$ )

Second Place- \$1,687.50 ( $\$5,625.00 \times 30\%$ )

Third Place- \$1,125.00 ( $\$5,625.00 \times 20\%$ )

**This tournament is hosted by the Mexico Beach Department of Public Safety- Fire Rescue.**

**All proceeds will go to Mexico Beach Department of Public Safety - Fire Rescue.**

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