

# 2021 ARC of Martin County KDW Fishing Tournament Rules

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1. **Weather:** The decision to fish is solely the Captain's choice. All anglers fish **at their own discretion and risk**.
2. All fish **must be caught** on rod & reel (no electric reels). Kites, wire lines, downriggers, and planers are allowed. Live bait, dead bait, and artificial baits are permitted. **No live chumming** allowed. No restrictions on line test.
3. The eastern fishing boundary is **25 nautical miles**. Fishing in the **Bahamas is prohibited**.
4. All state and federal recreational fishing rules regarding weight, size, and bag limits must be observed. State fishing license as **required** by law. Only legal sized fish will be weighed. **No billfish** will be weighed!
5. No limits to the number of lines a boat may fish.
6. **Eligible Fish Categories:** Kingfish, Dolphin, Wahoo, Snapper, Grouper. All fish weighed must meet Florida Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations. No mutilated fish will be weighed.
7. Prizes are awarded to heaviest fish in each category, **not** accumulated weight. Prizes awarded to heaviest overall **(1)** fish for Jr Angler & Lady Angler category. Jr Angler must be 15 or under by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
8. Each angler can weigh **one (1)** fish per category.
9. Award winners over \$600.00 **must** provide their social security number and will be **required** to fill out a W-9 form.
10. Any winners of the tournament **may be subject** to a polygraph test and a torry meter test.
11. All cash and prizes will be awarded to the person or entity that paid the entry fee from the winning boat **unless** that said person signs a release designating another individual or entity to receive the cash or prize.
12. Lines in at **7:00 am** and lines out at **3:30 pm**. Anglers entering fish must return to the tournament scales from the boat they fished from by **4:00 pm**.
13. Weigh-In scales will be open from **2:00 pm to 4:30 pm** at Pirate's Cove Marina. Fish must be weighed in the presence of the weigh master, the angler, or captain, and recorded on an official weigh-in form. No fish or anglers can be transferred between boats. **Scales CLOSE at 4:30 pm**, if there a backup, the angler and the fish must be waiting in line, no exceptions. All entered fish must be able to pass a Torry Meter and Organoleptic test.
14. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed will win the award and the other fish will become eligible for the next lowest category if applicable.

**POSTPONEMENT If there is a postponement due to small craft advisory:**

- Refunds will not be issued due to postponement of the tournament.
- The Captains meeting will not be rescheduled.
- A new date will be published by ARC of Martin County if tournament must be postponed due to weather.

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