

# 2016 LAC Attack Kayak Fishing Tournament Rules

## Rules:

**SAFETY:** All Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and United States Coast Guard regulations shall be followed at all times. In addition, each participant shall be required to comply with these regulations such as use of PFD, proper lights, whistle (or other approved device) and any other regulations not specifically listed herein. Anyone found not in compliance shall be disqualified. Safe boating will be observed at all times.

**PARTICIPATION:** Participation is open to anyone 17 years of age or older. Minors are eligible to register and participate with a parent or guardian who also participates in the event. Minors must have the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the entry form as applicable to any state, commonwealth, county or federal regulation or law. The obligation to know these rules falls upon the parent. Youth Division is limited to participants younger than 17 years on the day of the event. A completed entry form and \$75 entry fee for adults/\$50 for youth, must be received no later than the captain's meeting. Entry fees will NOT be transferred or refunded. All participants must have a signed waiver and release of liability on file with event organizers. You must own or rent your own kayak as no kayak will be provided for use. However, kayak rentals will be available onsite for your convenience. An angler powered craft is the only transportation allowed on the water.

**FISHING BOUNDARIES:** All public Texas Inshore Coastal Waters. Offshore waters, including Jetties, are considered Out of Bounds. In addition, all fishing locations must be waters that can be legally paddled in accordance with either Local, State or Federal Jurisdiction. Any water which you have to get out of your craft and go over an obstacle (i.e., Weirs, Boat Barriers, Geotubes, etc.) is considered Out of Bounds. If in doubt, check with one of the Tournament Officials before the Tournament has officially started. All participants must use public accessible launch areas. Use of private property will result in disqualification.

**MANDATORY CAPTAINS MEETING:** All participants must attend the Captains Meeting; special considerations may be made in certain circumstances. Meeting will be at 6 p.m. Friday, June 3, 2016 at Tournament Headquarters, which is located at Poor Man's Country Club, 1009 Hwy 35 N. Contact Shelly Stuart at [vicepresident@1rockport.org](mailto:vicepresident@1rockport.org) or call 361-729-6445 for more information. You can also sign-up online at <http://members.rockport-fulton.org/events/details/lac-attack-c-p-r-kayak-fishing-tournament-4853>

**FISHING HOURS:** Safe Light TBA at Captain's Meeting. NOTE that even though the official fishing hours show 3:30 p.m., this is the time the tournament is officially over and you must have weighed in or be in weigh-in line prior to or at this time.

**FISHING METHODS:** All fish must be caught with use of rod and reel (hook and line). Anglers may fish with only one rod at a time, i.e., no staking rods on the beach or trolling with multiple rods. The selection of baits will be decided by the participant. To permit safe catch and release, circle hooks should be used with all natural or live bait.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation. Intoxication will be cause for immediate disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or the use of illegal drugs is allowed. This rule extends through and includes signing of the check-information at tournament headquarters. The illegal use of drugs, participation in any criminal activities, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules and the law are grounds for disqualification and/or rejection of any applicant from participation. This will also entail the return of any prizes awarded.

**SCORING:** At the captains meeting each contestant will be issued an identifier, score sheet, and measuring device for uniformity. Participants must use their own Digital cameras then photos will be downloaded at headquarters. The identifier must be visible in every picture. If there is no identifier, then the picture is disqualified. Score sheets must also be filled out completely and correctly, failure to do so will result in disqualification. All photos become property of the LAC Attack. Fish must be photographed in or on boat, (vessels should be distinguishable in photo) next to provided tape measure. Anglers may use own ruler as long as length is clearly legible. Ensure mouth of trout is closed. One half inch penalty will be deducted for open mouth. The photo must show clearly the length of the fish. Length is determined from the tip of the lower jaw to the pinched tip of the tail. Length should be measured to the nearest quarter inch. All species are worth 1-point per inch. Lengths will be verified and scored by three judges. The judging committee makes the call and the tournament director is the final authority. In the event of a tie, the angler who returned their photos first, will be the winner. Participants may only use digital cameras for recording scoring fish. Entrants must bring the download cable for their camera so that pictures may be retrieved. \* **Special Note: first photo must be of contestant at launch site, with kayak, ruler, and identifier of the day included in the photo.**

**WEIGH-IN TIME:** You can start weighing in (i.e., turning in your fish photos) at 12:30 p.m. at Woman's Club of Aransas County, 1104 E. Concho. However, all anglers must have either weighed-in or be in weigh-in line prior to 3:30 p.m. Once the official Tournament Clock reads 3:30 p.m., the Tournament is considered closed and no one will be allowed to weigh-in after that time. Any angler in line at 3:30 p.m. will be allowed to weigh-in. Tournament is not responsible for any camera malfunctions, dead camera battery etc.

**PROHIBITED:** There is absolutely NO FERRYING (i.e. using another vehicle or boat, motorized or not to transport your kayak to a fishing location while on the water.) During the hours of competition, contestants may not obtain or receive assistance, including but not limited to following a non-competitor's boat, the placing of markers by any non-competitor, towed by or riding on motorized vessels or electronic, voice or data communication from a non-competitor. Contestants may leave the kayak to stand or to wade while fishing but must be in Sight Of Their Kay. Bank or wade fishing while your kayak is on a roof rack or trailer, is prohibited.

**PROTEST:** The Tournament Official decisions are final. Anglers who argue with tournament officials will be disqualified at the tournament officials' discretion.

**CHANGES IN RULES:** These rules may change without notice.