

## LDA Foundation Fishing Rodeo – Official Rules – July 19-20, 2024

**PLEASE NOTE: 2-DAY RODEO.** Dates for the Annual LDA Foundation Fishing Rodeo are **July 19-20, 2024**. The Official Weigh Master must check all fish, before 5:30 p.m. on July 20. **Scale is open Saturday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.** Be sure to register in advance to put your winning fish up on the leader board.

1. All fish and anglers must be in accordance with state and federal regulations, along with LDA Foundation Fishing Rodeo rules and regulations.
2. No Billfish (Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish), Swordfish, Sharks, Bull Redfish (over 27"), Black Drum of any size, Jack Crevalle, Barracuda, or Amberjack will be allowed in any category.
3. Children's division is for anglers 15 years old and under.
4. Weigh master and/or board members have the right to open and inspect any fish entered in the rodeo.
5. You are entering the LDA Foundation Fishing Rodeo at your own risk. Grand Isle Marina, Dr. King Scott, the LDA Board of Directors, the weigh masters, the sponsors, rodeo officials, and rodeo volunteers will not be held liable for any damages or injury suffered at this event.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
7. In the event of a categorical tie, the fish that is first entered wins.
8. There is no spear fishing category this year. All fish must be caught with rod and reel.
9. All fishing locations must be accessible to the public at all times according to state and federal regulations, no private fishing grounds.
10. Any attempt to circumvent the rules of the LDA Foundation Fishing Rodeo will result in the disqualification of fish and/or the angler.
11. The Board of Directors' decision will be final.
12. The weigh master's decision is final.
13. All money transactions are final.
14. No swapping of fish between competitors or team members is allowed.
15. Gaffing is allowed, but any mutilation of fish deemed unnecessary by the weigh master/board of directors will result in disqualification of the fish.
16. Categories: Redfish, Redfish Stringer (5 fish), Speckled Trout, Cobia, Mahi Mahi, Mangrove Snapper, Trout Stringer (5 fish), Yellowfin, Grouper, Red Snapper, Kids (15 & under). All categories will be awarded prizes for 1st place only. The component with the most points will be given the title of Best Fishermen in the State, and a plaque which will remain in the LDA office will reflect their status.
17. One fish from the Trout string and/or the Red Fish string entries may be entered in the appropriate largest Trout/Red Fish category.
18. Point system for component competition: first=3 points, second=2 points, third=1 point.
20. Your boat or vehicle must be in the perimeter/property of the Grand Isle Marina with the fish to be entered and the angler must report to the weigh master before official closing of scales at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, July 20 to enter a fish. NO EXCEPTIONS.
21. Weigh-ins will be from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, July 20.

22. At 5:30 p.m., Saturday, the LDA Foundation Fishing Rodeo will be closed for that year. Scales will stay open until all fish brought in before 5:30 p.m. are weighed in. Awards ceremony will follow the final weigh in.