

## 2017 APYC Tournament Rules and Regulations

1. **Eligibility-ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE CURRENT APYC MEMBERS (or applicants)**, membership application forms will be available at registration for guests who want to join APYC. Guests (that do not wish to join) must fish with a current APYC member, but guests cannot win places in the contest.
2. **Federal, State, and Local Laws**- All contestants are expected to obey all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and laws. Violation of such rules may result in your disqualification from the tournament.
3. **Safety** -Safe boating must be observed at all times.
4. **Sportsmanship** -All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves and APYC.
5. **Permitted fishing methods** -All fish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner on a rod and reel.
6. **Permitted fishing locations** -Teams may fish anywhere on tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas designated as “off limits,” “no boats,” “no motors,” or “no fishing” by local, state, or federal officials.
7. **Official checkpoint**-The APYC Club House will be the only official checkpoint for registration and for weigh-in.
8. **Entry Fees** - The entry fee will be \$15 per fisherperson to be paid at registration.
9. **Registration and Weigh-in** - Registration times are **6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on March 10 and 17**. Call for special registration arrangements (call me until March 19, **but call Harry Heinsohn on 512-913-1519 after the 19<sup>th</sup>**). Weigh-in time is 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM on March 25. If you are not at the dock by 3:00 PM (Harry’s watch), you will not be weighed for the tournament payout. There will be a party and **awards ceremony** starting at the APYC Club House around 6:00 PM on March 25.
11. **NOTE**- If for some reason, you cannot register or sign the release form before fishing starts, we can recognize large fish, but you cannot win prize money.
10. **Pay Out**- One place will be paid for the heaviest redfish, trout, and flounder (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be recognized). A special place will be paid (\$20) for the heaviest “trash fish” (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be recognized). No oversize redfish will be considered in the competition. Payout money will be split between the top redfish, trout, and flounder except for \$20 for heaviest “trash fish”. In the case of a tie, the money for that species/category will be split between the tied fisherpersons.

**Note:** The tournament entry fee will be used for the "Pay Out"; so, any drink or food expenses at the APYC Club House will be out of pocket.

**Note:** All fisherpersons/participants in the tournament must sign the "2017 APYC Release for Fishing Tournament" document during Registration (**before** you start to fish).

**Call Norman Oates on 790-2748 if you have questions (or Harry Heinsohn on 512-913-1519 after March 19<sup>th</sup>).**