

Florida Tech Sea Blitz Inshore Series

May 18th, 2019

Snook, Red Drum, Trout



Florida Tech Sea Blitz Inshore Series Tournament Rules

- Each participant shall read and thoroughly familiarize him or herself with the rules and regulations. Any participant who violates any rules and regulation of The Florida Tech Sea Blitz, whether intentional or not, could possibly disqualify him or herself. A disqualification shall prevent a participant from collecting prizes for fish weighed.
- All participants are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to submit to or pass a polygraph test will subject the participant to disqualification.
- Every participant must be registered prior to fishing. A participant is deemed to be anyone competing for cash prizes and shall include everyone aboard a boat, aboard a kayak, fishing from a pier, the surf, and/or a dock.
- Any captains permitting a person on his/her boat to violate any rule of The Sea Blitz may cause all participants aboard his/her boat to be disqualified.
- All Participants must sign up prior to 10:00 pm, Friday, May 17th. The Entry Fee is **\$50 per individual**. Any person who is not on the list of paid participants will not have their fish weighed at the scales on Saturday, May, 18th. Sign up online at seablitz.com or in person at the captains meeting at Florida Tech Olin Sports Complex on Thursday, May 16th, 2019 at 6:00-8:00pm

- All fish entered must be caught within the territorial waters of the Central Florida. For offshore and inshore saltwater, the territorial waters of The Florida Tech Sea Blitz Inshore Series include all open and public waters from an east-west boundary from St. Augustine (North) 29N 54'78 " and an east-west boundary (South) 26N 46' 27" from Lake Worth Inlet. Fishing in/on NASA property is not allowed.
- Official Captains meeting of The Florida Tech Sea Blitz is at Florida Tech Olin Sports Complex on Thursday, May 16th, 2019 at 6:00pm
- Official start time of The Florida Tech Sea Blitz Inshore Series is lines in the water at **6:00 am, May 18th, 2019**
- **WEIGH-IN DEADLINE TIMES: 5:00pm, May 18th, 2019**, scales open at noon (12:00pm). Fish may be brought to the scales by boat or vehicle. You cannot continue fishing after weighing your fish.
- **All anglers must be in line to weigh by 5:00 P.M.**
- The official Weigh Station is Captain Hiram's, Sebastian, Florida. For those needing to contact the dock please call the following phone number, (843)-540-1967. Or go to channel 81 on your VFH radio.
- The Florida Tech Sea Blitz Inshore Series targets only the three following fish species. Red Drum, Sea Trout, and Snook. Only these three species will be weighed at the scales. Any other species brought to the scales will be ignored and not weighed.
- All tournament species can come to the event by boat, kayak, foot, or motorized vehicle. However, the angler who caught the fish must accompany his or her fish to the scale. All anglers must have proper identification before their fish is weighed. This will be a part of the polygraph exam!
- All Florida Tech Sea Blitz winner will be determined by the one largest fish entered in each category according to weight and are subject to limitations. For each individual species, a first, second, and third place will be awarded. The only fish applicable to the inshore tournament are Red Drum, Sea Trout, and Snook. There is also a grand slam category, but only first place in this category will be awarded. The grand slam only applies to anglers who have caught all three fish species. To compete in the grand slam, the combined weight of one fish of each of the three species must be greater than 25 pounds. If no angler catches a combined weight of 25 pounds for all three species, then there will be no grand slam winner, and **the prize will roll over to the next year**. If there is a tie, earliest fish weighed gets the win.
- This is an angler tournament! An angler will be permitted to hold and win only one place per category at any one time but may place in more than one category simultaneously. There will be prizes for three places in each species.
- All fish shall be kept in as good a condition as possible, preferably on ice, so the judge can make an accurate judgment as to its freshness. Any fish deemed to be spoiled or rotten, may be disqualified. Any fish that has been shot, cut, mutilated, bang struck, frozen, or showing signs of unsportsmanlike handling may be disqualified. In addition, all fish entered may be subject to a Tory meter test. No fish will be accepted for registration that has been gutted or chemically treated prior to weighing. The official judge or his representative may at his

discretion gut any fish presented. A marine biologist may be on hand to determine the freshness of your catch. Judges decision will be final.

- The participant must catch all fish entered into competition and it must be caught with a rod and reel or a pole and line. No participant shall be assisted in any way to land his or her fish except for help in netting or gaffing his/her catch. No exceptions are made.
- To promote conservation and in some cases comply with the State of Florida or Federal regulations, The Florida Tech Sea Blitz judges will not accept an entry of any fish in the Species categories that does not meet minimum length or slot limit requirements as specified. The Florida Tech Sea Blitz reserves the right to amend these lengths and/or remove any fish from competition, without notice, at any time in order to comply with federal and/or state requirements. An FWC officer **may** be on site during the weigh in, and will be informed of shady or suspicious activity caused by any participant. The officer will also be informed of any infractions of the fishing regulations.
- All anglers must conform to local, state, and federal laws. All entrants coming to scale by boat must conform to all no wake zones and speed limits. Speeding tickets or citations issued will result in disqualification. Everybody participating in the tournament must have a valid Florida fishing license. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification without refund.
- All prizes not claimed at the awards ceremony on Saturday May 18th, 2019 will become property of The Florida Tech Fishing Club.
- The Florida Tech Sea Blitz reserves the right to cancel the tournament due to weather. The Tournament make-up date is Sunday May 19th. If the weather is not suitable for this date, then the last make up will be Saturday May 25th.. No refund of tickets will be made due to rescheduling.
- Protests of any nature must be submitted in written statement form and personally turned in to the Florida Tech Sea Blitz Committee / Tournament Director no later than one-half hour after the last fish is weighed along with a \$100 fee. If protest is up-held, monies will be returned to protester. If protest is not up-held, monies go to the tournament.
- Any matter not specifically covered by these rules may be decided by and at the sole discretion of the Florida Tech Sea Blitz committee.
- Disclaimer: The Florida Tech Sea Blitz is not responsible for typos within the awards package and rules, and reserves the right to amend or substitute prizes due to events beyond the Florida Tech Sea Blitz team's control.



Florida Tech Sea Blitz Inshore Series Prize Breakdown

Grand Slam:

First Place: \$500, Grand Slam Trophy

Red Drum:

First Place: Custom Inshore Rod by Burr Customs (estimated value greater than \$600)

(Custom rod will display tournament champion and species on the blank)

Second Place: Inshore tackle and apparel (value of at least \$300)

Third Place: Inshore tackle and apparel (value of at least \$150)

Snook:

First Place: Custom Inshore Rod by Burr Customs (estimated value greater than \$600)

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Second Place: Inshore tackle and apparel (value of at least \$300)

Third Place: Inshore tackle and apparel (value of at least \$150)

Sea Trout:

First Place: Custom Inshore Rod by Burr Customs (estimated value greater than \$600)

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Second Place: Inshore tackle and apparel (value of at least \$300)

Third Place: Inshore tackle and apparel (value of at least \$150)