

**Inaugural
"Hook A Snook Shoutout"
Stump Pass Marina
The Lighthouse Grill
Channel Marker 17A
260 Maryland Ave
Englewood, FL 34224
June 25th – 26th, 2021**



Knowing the rules is an important part of the tournament. At least one member from each team or their guide will be required to read and sign that they understand the rules and will abide by them throughout the competition. There will be a rules meeting Friday June 25, 2021 during the Kick-off at The Lighthouse Grill. *At least one team member must be present.*

Measuring and photographing the fish on the tournament measuring mat with the angler number, and *releasing a live fish* constitutes a catch. The snook must face left on the measuring board. Any deviation from the above photographing techniques will result in no points for that catch. *To assure a successful release, please make every effort to return each fish back to the water as soon as possible.*

1. Lines in at **7:00 AM on June 26, 2021. Lines Out at 2:30 PM.** All score sheets must be turned in by **3:30 PM at** The Lighthouse Grill. Boundaries shall be Venice Jetty to the North, and Boca Grande Pass to the South.
2. *IGFA Rules and tackle specifications apply.* Circle hooks must be used for live bait. No fishing is permitted within 200 yards of a facility that sells bait and/or fuel.
3. No heavier than 20-lb test line (Manufacturer Stated Test) may be used in all divisions.
4. Only 1 working rod per Angler is allowed in the water at any time. Only the angler fishing that rod may cast.
5. There must be a *minimum of two Anglers, a maximum of three, on every participating boat. Professional guides cannot register as an angler.*
6. Slow zones and other boating regulations must be observed. Anglers must sign out before departure each day and sign in upon returning, regardless of catch. No trailering during tournament hours. It is recommended that anglers wear Personal Flotation Devices while the boat's motor is moving.
7. Teams may wade or fish from shore; however, the boat must be at anchor the entire time any angler is fishing outside the boat.
8. The tournament is a team format with each team allowed to enter a maximum of three snook on tournament day. Each team may photograph as many fish as necessary but only the three largest of snook will be counted. An individual angler on each team may only enter a maximum of two snook per day.

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9. There will be three divisions. The divisions are **Bait, Artificial, and Fly**. The Bait and Artificial divisions will have guided and unguided teams and the Fly division will be treated as one division whether or not the teams are guided. All guide fees will be paid by the anglers using a guide. There will be a guided and unguided team champion in the Bait and Artificial divisions. There will be a Fly division champion. There will be no overall Team Grand Champions. ***Each team is required to choose the division they will be competing in prior to the tournament when they register.***
10. The Artificial and Fly divisions are artificial lure categories. No tipping is permitted. Bait or tipping is permitted only in the Bait Division. No chumming is allowed in any division.
11. The tournament will be scored using the length of fish with ten (10) points per inch of fish on tournament day. All lengths will be rounded up to the nearest inch (i.e. a 24 3/8" fish will be rounded up to 25" and will be scored accordingly). Pinching the tail is required for snook. Team Champions will be the anglers with the most total points within each division.
12. There are no minimum size restrictions for snook on tournament day as this is a ***100% release tournament.***
13. Ties for each of the tournament categories will be awarded to the angler / team that caught their last fish first.
14. There will be an award for the top Female Angler, Junior Angler (16 years or younger), and Male Angler based on the largest Snook.
15. Good sportsmanship is expected, however, the penalty for any violation of the rules is NO POINTS for the day's catch. All protests must be

signed and in writing and given to the Tournament Director by 4:00 pm the day of the violation. All decisions by the Rules Committee are final.

Award Categories

Top Male Angler

Top Female Angler

Top Junior Angler

Top Unguided Team – Bait

Top Unguided Team – Artificial

Top Unguided Team – Fly

Top Guided Team – Bait

Top Guided Team – Artificial

Top Guided Team – Fly

Largest Snook*

****If within 48 hours of the start of the tournament, the National Hurricane Center issues a Tropical Storm Warning that affects any of the launch areas, the tournament will be postponed.**

The Tournament Committee also reserves the right to postpone the tournament for any reason if they feel the conditions are unsafe.

All other weather decisions will be made by the Tournament Committee and communicated to the unguided anglers or guides by phone.

It is the responsibility of the guide to notify his or her anglers.

***There will be a largest Snook Trophy.**

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