



# 2018 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

This tournament is a family-friendly fishing tournament encouraging parent/child fishing interactions. Anglers can fish from land or sea, so there is something for everyone. The tournament will benefit the AustinBlu Foundation and will raise awareness about the importance of boater safety on the water.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Open Online Registration: March 1, 2018

Captain's Meeting: Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 p.m. at the River Center – Attendance is mandatory for any individual participating in the tournament. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend, even if they are not participating as an angler in the tournament.

Tournament Day Fishing: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, lines in the water no earlier than 7 a.m. and lines out of the water no later than 3 p.m.

Tournament Award Celebration: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the River Center

*River Center Address: Burt Reynolds Park East, 805 N US Highway 1, Jupiter, FL 33477*

## TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

The tournament will include two competitions running side by side to better accommodate all anglers. In the Release Competition, anglers will receive points for the number/species of fish caught, photographed, and released. To receive points, anglers must submit acceptable photographs of their catches with an identifying tournament logo (shirt, bracelet or lanyard). Tournament logo gear will be handed out at the Captain's Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Release Competition prizes will be awarded to anglers based on age categories. In the Harvest Competition, anglers will bring their harvested catch to the River Center for measurement of the fish. Harvest Competition prizes will be awarded for the heaviest fish in each category regardless of the angler's age.

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## REGULATIONS

- Fishing lines in the water no earlier than 7:00 a.m. May 5, 2018. Fishing lines out of the water no later than 3:00 p.m. May 5, 2018.
- All fish must be caught by hook and line by the registered angler.
- All fish must be caught within 30 miles of Florida's shoreline.

- All participants must abide by State of Florida Fishing Laws and Regulations. Only legal sized fish may be entered in the Harvest Competition. Note: children under 16 may be exempt from the fishing license requirement. Go to [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com) for more details. We recommend anglers download the FishRules App ([www.fishrulesapp.com](http://www.fishrulesapp.com)), which provides recreational saltwater fishing regulations in an easy to use interface.
- It is the responsibility of every participating angler and their guardian to know, understand and abide by the tournament rules during this competition. Any participant who deliberately violates these rules will immediately be disqualified. Only registered anglers are eligible for points and any potential qualifying prizes.
- Anglers and their guardians are solely responsible for their safety during the tournament and this should be the first consideration in all aspects of this competition.
- Any intentional cheating, harassing of other anglers, or any other conduct determined by the tournament staff to be outside the spirit of good sportsmanship will not be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification and ejection from the tournament.
- All boats must stay within 30 miles of the Florida shoreline.
- All photo submissions for the release competition must be made through the iAngler Tournament app (web or mobile). [www.ianglertournament.com](http://www.ianglertournament.com).
- Anglers must be present at the Awards Ceremony to win.

## RELEASE COMPETITION

Anglers in the Release Competition will receive points for catching the following fish species: Checkered Puffer, Dolphinfish (Mahi mahi), Grouper, Jack, Kingfish (King Mackerel), Little Tunny (Bonita), Pompano, Redfish, Snapper, Snook, Spotted Seatrout and Tarpon. A complete list of species is provided at the end of this package. No other species will be counted for points. Each angler will receive points for the number of individual fish caught per included species and the total number of included species caught. Each included species is awarded 3 points; each included individual fish is awarded 1 point. An individual angler may receive credit for a maximum of 25 individuals per included species.

*Example: Angler catches 2 mutton snappers, a checkered puffer, a common snook and a redfish.*

- 1 point for each fish caught = 5
- 3 points for each species (4 different species) = 12
- Total points = 17

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner for each age category. Winners will be determined by the greatest number of points per angler per age category.

### Age Categories

- 0-6 years
- 7-12 years
- 13-17 years
- Adult (18+)

Angler must submit an acceptable photograph of each individual fish entered in the Release Competition. An acceptable photograph includes: the face of the angler, the fish with identifying parts showing (dorsal fin, tail fin, eye, base of tail, stripes or other markings) and the tournament logo (t-shirt, bracelet or lanyard). Please take photo as close to the subjects (angler & fish) as possible. Anglers should submit their photos regularly throughout the day using the iAngler app. All catches will be reviewed, verified, and tallied in a timely manner. **Photo submission will close at 4 p.m. Any photos and/or catches submitted after 4:00 pm will not be used to determine Release Competition points.**

***Photos will be reviewed by fish experts and all decisions by Tournament personnel are final.***

## HARVEST COMPETITION

All anglers compete equally and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be given for the largest of each of the following included species:

- Dolphin
- Kingfish (King Mackerel)
- Snapper (any species)
- Wahoo

An overall grand prize will be given for the largest fish overall (i.e., among entered dolphin, kingfish, or snapper) for the Harvest Competition.

**Weigh station for the Harvest Competition will open at 2:00 p.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. Any angler(s) in line to weigh their fish at 4:00 pm will have their fish weighed and be eligible for awards.**

**Each angler can weigh only one fish.**

In the event of bad weather, the harvest species will be changed to:

- Snook
- Crevalle Jack
- Snapper (any species)

Anglers will be notified of the change at the Captain's Meeting the evening before. If weather turns bad unexpectedly, anglers will be notified via email and phone.

## REGISTRATION

- **Registration fee is \$25/angler (release competition or shoreline harvest).**
- **Registration fee for boats is \$100 [One captain and three anglers].** Each boat is automatically registered for both harvest and release competitions. Any angler on the boat that wants to submit photos for the release competition must create a login on [ianglertournament.com](http://ianglertournament.com) and register on that site.

- Register online at: [www.lrdrivercenter.org/austinblu](http://www.lrdrivercenter.org/austinblu). A responsible parent or guardian must register any minors. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to participate in the fishing activities with their children for their safety whether they are registered for the tournament or not.
- Release competition anglers must create an online ID at the [www.ianglertournament.com](http://www.ianglertournament.com) website to be able to submit photos.
- An angler may compete in both competitions with one registration fee.
- Release competition only – once the angler is registered, a coupon code will be sent via email to complete the online registration at <https://ianglertournament.com/austinblu-foundation-land-sea-fishing-tournament>.
- All anglers (including those on the boat) must sign the tournament waiver digitally. A link will appear in your confirmation email upon registration.

## PRIZE PACKAGES

### RELEASE COMPETITION

Age Category	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
0-6 years	\$150	\$50	Certificate
7-12 years	\$150	\$50	Certificate
13-17 years	\$150	\$50	Certificate
Adult (18+ years)	\$150	\$50	Certificate

### HARVEST COMPETITION

Fish Category	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Dolphin	\$250	\$100	\$50
Kingfish	\$250	\$100	\$50
Snapper	\$250	\$100	\$50
Wahoo	\$250	\$100	\$50
GRAND PRIZE	\$500		

## AWARD CELEBRATION

Anglers and their families are invited to attend the award ceremony at the River Center following the tournament. Please see below for a schedule of the event. **Participants may purchase food at the Guanabanas and Holy Cow Grill food trucks.** Arts & Crafts, Bounce House and Campfire are additional activities for children to enjoy (free) during the event. Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety of their children. Enjoy live music by B Liminal!

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### SCHEDULE

**Catch Photo Submission** – anglers must submit their release catches using the iAngler app. Release submissions will close promptly at 4:00 pm. Please submit your catches as you catch them throughout the day.

**Weigh Station** – the weigh station will be open for harvested fish from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

**Catch Verification** – tournament staff will verify all catch and weight statistics by 5:30 pm

**Awards Dinner** – 5-6:30 p.m.

Enjoy live music by the B Liminal and scrumptious food available for purchase at food trucks provided by Guanabanas and Holy Cow Grill.

**Raffle Drawing** – 6:30 – 7 p.m.

**Award Ceremony** – 7-7:30 p.m.

Find out if you are taking home the Grand Prize!

**Live Music** – 7:30-8 p.m.

Enjoy more live music by the B Liminal.

RIVER CENTER WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

By participating in this tournament, all participants acknowledge that they have read, understand, and will abide by all tournament rules and regulations. I hereby consent to my own and any named minors' participation in the River Center's AustinBlu Foundation Land & Sea Fishing Tournament. Furthermore, I claim responsibility for any minors registered by me. Even though many safety precautions exist, there is always potential to be injured when fishing and/or exploring nature. Fishing activities occur on or near the water, and the risk for serious injury and drowning exists. It is important that you understand and accept these risks before registering yourself or your child for this Tournament. I accept all risks inherent to the programs at the River Center, including the additional risks that exist when working with or around wild animals, exploring the outdoors, fishing, boating and traveling to offsite locations and do hereby release the River Center, Friends of the Loxahatchee River, the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, and the AustinBlu Foundation as well as their directors, officers, agents, employees, and members from all liability for injury during the program activities. It is further understood that the River Center and partners are not responsible for the loss of personal property. I have read the risk factors listed above and this waiver, and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and I have signed it of my own free will.

RIVER CENTER PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE FORM

By participating in this tournament, you are agreeing to allow photographs of yourself, and minors accompanying you, to be used by the Friends of the Loxahatchee River (Friends), the Loxahatchee River District (LRD), AustinBlu Foundation (ABF) and the River Center. **If your picture is used, your name may be used in connection with the photograph(s).**

I GIVE MY PERMISSION, without restriction, for consideration received, for the above-mentioned agencies (Friends, LRD, ABF, River Center) to take, reproduce and publish, in all media including electronic formats known or unknown, photographs of me, or to have this done on its behalf. I understand that these photographs may be used, in whole or in part, in informational, educational or commercial publications of any kind (including without limitation, electronic publishing), by the Friends of the Loxahatchee River and its agents.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT:

1. I will not have any right to inspect the finished work or product or to approve its use.
2. Ownership of the originals and all copies belongs to Friends and its agents. This includes all rights to use, not use, or dispose of the photographs, in any manner whatsoever.
3. The agreements in this Release are legally binding and cannot be changed by me or someone who has been given my rights.

Angler Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional anglers \_\_\_\_\_

Angler or Parent Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# RELEASE COMPETITION SPECIES LIST

ONLY THE FOLLOWING SPECIES WILL COUNT IN THE RELEASE COMPETITION:

1. Checkered Puffer
2. Dolphinfish (Mahi mahi)
3. Groupers (any species)
  - a. Black grouper
  - b. Coney
  - c. Gag grouper
  - d. Goliath grouper
  - e. Graysby
  - f. Nassau grouper
  - g. Red grouper
  - h. Red hind
  - i. Rock hind
  - j. Scamp
  - k. Snowy grouper
  - l. Tiger grouper
  - m. Yellowfin grouper
  - n. Yellowmouth grouper
4. Jacks
  - a. Almaco Jack
  - b. Banded Rudderfish
  - c. Bluerunner
  - d. Crevalle Jack
  - e. Greater Amberjack
  - f. Horseeye Jack
  - g. Lesser Amberjack
  - h. Yellow Jack
5. Kingfish (King Mackerel)
6. Little Tunny (Bonita)
7. Pompano
8. Redfish
9. Snappers (any species)
  - a. Cubera snapper
  - b. Dog snapper
  - c. Gray (Mangrove) snapper
  - d. Lane snapper
  - e. Mutton snapper
  - f. Queen snapper
  - g. Red snapper
  - h. Schoolmaster snapper
  - i. Silk snapper
  - j. Vermilion snapper
  - k. Yellowtail snapper
10. Snook
  - a. Common snook
  - b. Fat snook
  - c. Swordspine snook
  - d. Tarpon snook
11. Spotted Seatrout
12. Tarpon