

used per contestant. A cast must be fully retrieved before another rod is picked up. Fly-fishing and conventional tackle are allowed. All redfish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Foul hooked fish shall not be weighed during competition. A foul hooked fish is defined as a fish that does not have at least one hook in its mouth, and it must be released. On the morning of the Kids Cup Shootout, each of the five finalists will be provided with 100 live or frozen shrimp as available.

**18. Live Release** Every effort must be made to keep redfish alive. A one pound penalty will be deducted from the contestants' total weight for each dead redfish presented for weigh-in. No mutilated or iced fish shall be accepted. No angler may manipulate the weight or length of any redfish.

**19. Late Penalty** Contestants who are not at the official check-in area at the appointed time will be penalized at one (1) pound per minute deducted from the total weight including any weight to be counted toward a big fish award. Any contestant more than fifteen (15) minutes late will not receive credit for the day's weight.

**20 Weigh In** The weigh in scale will be open beginning at 9 a.m. Tournament standings shall be determined by the aggregate weight measured in pounds and 100ths of a pound of each angler's catch during the tournament. Only redfish/red drum will be weighed, the limit shall be one (1) fish per angler. Contestants will at no time have in their live well more than the tournament limit of fish. The legal length for redfish shall be not less than 18-inches and not more than 27-inches, in accordance with local and state regulations. Tails will be pinched for measuring. The official measuring board will be on display at the Competitor's Meeting. Redfish must not be placed on a stringer at any time during the tournament.

**21. Tournament Cut** After the Kids Cup competition, the field will be cut to a total of five anglers remaining based on the five heaviest fish weighed in. In the event of a tie, the earliest weigh in time will be the determining factor in making the cut for the final day.

**22. Protests** All protests must be submitted in writing, along with a potentially refundable \$100. The decision of the tournament director and tournament officials will be final. If the protest is upheld, the \$100 deposit will be refunded.

**23. On the Water Communication** A VHF radio or cell phone is required for all tournament vessels. The VHF may be mounted or portable. The use of cell phones, radios or any other electronic communication will be prohibited to tournament anglers during the hours of competition for the purpose of discussing fishing to anyone. Anglers who make the final five may not receive information from any angler once the fishing has begun.

**24. Television & Still Photography** Coverage Contestants entered in the Kids Cup, the Kids Cup Shootout and the Oberto Redfish Cup must make their boat and fishing areas available to cameramen and camera boats during the tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS. There is no guarantee any team or contestant will appear on television.

**25: Tagging:** Tournament officials, Mote Marine staff and Sea Grant staff will be allowed to handle, tag and contain any fish for tagging. Any fish deemed suitable for tagging will be considered to be a live fish.

#### **Final Day 'Shootout' Additional Rules.**

**1. Top five contestants** after the April 19 Kids Cup will fish the final day on April 27 with any adult guide already registered for the 2008 Kids Cup or any 2008 Oh Boy Oberto Redfish Cup angler entered.

**2. Contestants may fish** out of any boat already registered for either event

**3. Sponsorship logos** may be displayed by the Junior Angler.

**4. A brief mandatory competitor meeting** for the top five Kids Cup Junior Anglers will be held on Saturday April 19 immediately following the Kids Cup awards presentation.

**5. Contestants will be given** new tournament shirts and hats to wear for the Shootout..

END of RULES