



2026 FSFA Slam General Rules and Regulations.

57th Annual

Saturday June 6th, 2026

\$25,000 Payout

The Captains' meeting will be held at the
Grills Seafood Deck & Tiki Bar (500 Glen Cheek Dr, Cape Canaveral, FL)
Friday June 5th, 2026 5:30PM - 9:00PM

This is a one-day tournament to be held on Saturday June 6th, 2026. In case of unfishable weather as determined by the Tournament Director, the tournament make up day will be Sunday June 7th, 2026, or on a later date (no later than June 28, 2026 else drawing for the general prizes) to be determined by the Tournament Director.

The tournament is open to ALL who enter. All tournament anglers and team members that participate in the FSFA Slam tournament will do so at their own risk. All anglers are responsible for meeting Federal & State regulations including size minimums & bag limits. All boats must also comply with all Coast Guard requirements and must be equipped with a functional VHF radio. The weather determination will be made on or before the Captains' meeting based on the NOAA weather analysis, forecast, including sea condition forecast.

Captains Non-Refundable Entry Fee

\$175 on or before May 15th (\$250.00 after May 15, 2026)

(Including tax + CC fees) payable in cash, check or Visa, Amex, MC, Discover credit cards accepted.

There will be **No Refunds**

Registration

Captain registrations will receive a Captains bucket at the Captains meeting (first 120 registrations only) and must be present at the Captains meeting to receive them.

Safety

All boat captains & anglers are responsible for their own safety. It is the responsibility of the captain and crew to ensure that the boat is properly equipped as well as operated within the safety limits of the boat and skill/seamanship of its captain and crew. Each captain is responsible for making the determination as to whether the boat and crew can safely operate on the day of the tournament. The owner, captain, and crew of each boat understand and agrees that neither FSFA, its officers, directors and tournament staff may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or other damages to the crew or the boat that may occur as a result of participation in this tournament or as the result of the negligence of any party including FSFA, its officers, directors and tournament staff whether passive or active. The owner, captain and crew intend to exempt and release FSFA, its officers, directors and tournament staff from all liability or responsibility whatsoever however caused including but not limited to the negligence of FSFA, its officers, directors and tournament staff, whether passive or active.



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Checkout

There will be no checkout boat or process on tournament day. Boats may leave from Port Canaveral, Ponce Inlet, Sebastian Inlet and Fort Pierce any hour on the tournament day. However, no fishing lines in the water prior to 6:00 AM. There is no boundary limit for this tournament. Cast netting of bait and other bait catching is allowed before 6:00 AM. Nothing may be passed between boats after 6:00 AM. Boats doing so will be disqualified. Exceptions may be granted in assistance situations.

Check-in

Boats must return to Port Canaveral by water to weigh in their catch. There will be no cutoff time for fishing, but all boats MUST have cleared the check-in boat by 5:00 PM to be eligible. All boats that are weighing fish must proceed directly to the weigh-in dock to transfer their fish to a FSFA tournament official for weigh in. No outside contact is allowed and if so, all anglers will be disqualified. All boats must come in on their own power. Check-in/weigh-in will begin at 2:00 PM. A tournament check-in boat will be positioned on the south side of Port Canaveral near the East end of the no-wake zone. All boats having fish to weigh-in MUST CHECK-IN with the Tournament Committee Boat, both visibly and audibly on tournament VHF Channel 72.

In the event of a tie in weight, the winning fish will go to the first boat that checked in with the check-in Tournament Committee Boat inside Port Canaveral Jetty.

Note: In the event of weather not permitting the tournament check-in boat may not be able to be in position and thus the check-in will be at the dock.

All fish to be entered must be brought by water to Sunrise Marina on the vessel they were caught. The fuel dock at Sunrise Marina is the designated drop-off point. No docking allowed. This will be the only point that fish will be accepted for weigh-in. No fish can be delivered from anywhere else. Notification on VHF channel 72 will be given at 4:45pm and again at 4:55pm the nearing end of Tournament.

An announcement will be made at

5:00 pm indicating the Tournament fishing and check-in has ended.

The check-in boat will follow the last legal entry to the weigh-in dock.



Weigh-in

Vessels will be greeted by the Official FSFA Dock Master/Fish Marshall who will:

1. Verify all hooks and lures have been removed from the fish
2. Provide fish tags for Ladies and Junior category fish
3. Verify that the crew member has his or her registration stub in hand and boat number to be brought to weigh-in with fish
4. Provide bucket to transport fish to weigh-in
5. Provide/hand-off to Fish Marshal for escort to weigh-in station

Tournament registration stub and boat number must be brought to weigh-in stage together with the tagged fish or the fish will not be weighed.

All fish are subject to a freshness test using visible and other indications and if required, additional testing.

Vessels will be directed by the Dock Master/Fish Marshall to a holding area until fish are weighed and anglers are able to return to their vessel. A designated crew member(s) from the vessel must carry fish to the weigh-in scale after they are tagged at the dock and then the weigh-in anglers will return to the floating dock next to the sea wall for pick up by their vessel.

Only one fish per species per boat may be entered, with the exception of Women Anglers & Juniors Anglers, who may enter one extra/additional fish, if so, declared to the Fish Marshall.

Anglers are cautioned to make sure their catch is properly stored to pass the freshness test. Frozen, frozen-thawed or non-fresh fish will not be accepted for weigh-in. If after the fish are weighed, the Tournament Committee may further evaluate the fish for freshness or mutilation.

Rules of Conduct

All fish entered in the tournament must be caught on hook and line on the day of the tournament, after 6:00 AM. All tackle must conform to IGFA specifications except that treble hooks may be used for king mackerel rigs. Wire lines are not allowed. No winding of reels permitted by mate. (Ladies and Juniors) Rods may not be passed on any fish. No hand lining of fish allowed. Fish 'damaged' or 'mutilated' (for example by propeller, shark or other fish attack) that in the opinion of the Tournament Committee were unable to continue to fight or fight normally, shall be disqualified. Winners may be subject to a Polygraph test and Weigh Master / Tournament Committee has the option to cut or otherwise inspect the fish including the internal organs. All monies will be withheld until polygraphs, if deemed necessary, are given and results obtained. If you think you're a contender for a major prize, it's advisable to remain sober for the lie detector test at weigh-in intoxicated anglers will not qualify for lie detector testing. Protests must be made, in writing, immediately after the last fish is weighed or before. The protest must be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Otherwise, the deposit will be forfeited. All decisions will be made by the Tournament Committee and are final.

Rights of Tournament Committee

Nothing in these tournament rules shall be construed to limit or restrict the authority of the Tournament Committee to interpret the rules. Mutilated or non-fresh fish will not be weighed. If weighed and then determined non-fresh the fish will be disqualified. The decision of the Weigh Master and Tournament Director in these matters is final and cannot be challenged.

The public viewing 'board' is for information only and shall not be considered "OFFICIAL RESULTS" until declared so by the Weigh-in Committee/Tournament Director.



Payouts and Prizes

Big Fish Award: \$5,000

Eligible Species: Dolphin, Wahoo, Kingfish, Grouper (gray, red or black).

This is a stand-alone category, payout for the heaviest and that particular fish is not eligible in any other categories. When 'knocked out' (another fish is heavier) of this category the fish automatically eligible in the Trolling Slam and or the General entries.

Grand Trolling Slam: \$5,000

Eligible Species: Dolphin, Wahoo, Kingfish with the greatest combined weight of only these fish.

This is a stand-alone category, and the winning fish will not be eligible in any other categories. Weights will be combined with the weight of the three heaviest combined by each team. When 'knocked out' of this category the fish identified, automatically are eligible for General entries. Must catch all 3 legal fish to be eligible for the Slam payout.

General Entries: (Guaranteed \$3000 Species Payouts)

Dolphin, Wahoo, Kingfish, Grouper (Eligible).

		Places				
		1	2	3	4	5
Fish Caught	1	\$3,000				
	2	\$1,875	\$1,125			
	3	\$1,500	\$900	\$600		
	4	\$1350	\$800	\$630	\$320	
	5	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$300	\$200

Note: if a Species is not caught, those funds will not be guaranteed

Bonus Fish:

\$1000 for the heaviest Cobia

\$1000 for the heaviest Amberjack (AJ)

3 Places for Red Snapper

		Places		
		1	2	3
Fish Caught	1	\$1,000		
	2	\$650	\$350	
	3	\$600	\$300	\$100

Ladies:

Recognition Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. A fish declared and tagged as a Ladies Fish may be entered in the General Division. The fish is thus eligible to win in both Boats Cash Prize and Ladies Recognition. Eligible Species: Dolphin, Wahoo, Kingfish and Grouper (Eligible).

Please note (Cobia, Amberjack and Red Snapper) are not eligible. All Ladies are encouraged to weigh their catch!

Junior:

Recognition Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. A fish declared and tagged as a Junior Fish may be entered in the General Division. The Fish is thus eligible to win in both Boats Cash Prize and Junior Recognition. Eligible Species: Dolphin, Wahoo, Kingfish and Grouper (Eligible).

Please note (Cobia, Amberjack and Red Snapper) are not eligible. All Juniors are encouraged to weigh their catch!

Junior category is open to children that has not reached his/her 16th birthday by the day of the tournament.

