



# 2026 TIPA Fishing Tournament

1. All anglers must follow all Federal, State and local laws at all times. Violation of any Federal, State or local laws will result in the disqualification of the individual and the entire team.
2. Un-sportsmanlike, unethical, or conduct that TIPA or the director/committee deem unprofessional will result in disqualification. Any negative feedback or content posted on any social media will result in disqualification up to possible TIPA membership suspension from any or all future events.
3. Safe boating will be observed at all times. All boats must have all required equipment for the U.S Coast Guard safety laws. The decision to cancel or shorten the day due to unsafe weather will be left totally to the discretion of the tournament director/committee, no refunds will be granted.
4. Weigh in will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Longboard's Bar and Grill. Teams may launch out of any location. Absolutely NO fishing lines in the water before 6:30 am. Teams are required to weigh in fish by boat only. All anglers must be on the boat when you weigh in. Weigh in time will be between 11:00am and 1:30pm (Central time). All boats must be in line by 1:30pm. Once the horn is blown at 1:30 pm, anglers who are not in line will not be allowed to weigh in their fish. Fish will only be weighed in one time so make sure the lengths/weights are correct before you sign the weigh-in card. Weigh in card must be signed prior to leaving the tent.
5. Pull in and drop off your angler with your fish and quickly pull out so another boat can pull in. You can wait for your angler on the sandbar while he finishes weighing in. You must pick up your angler at designated pick-up areas only.

6. TIPA FAST PASS is available for purchase for \$200. Fast pass is good for one team only and not shareable.
7. A professional weigh master will weigh in the fish, if in his/her opinion the fish was caught outside the tournament time frame or was tampered with to alter length or weight, the angler agrees to take a polygraph test. If the angler refuses to take the polygraph test he/she will be disqualified from tournament.
8. The entry fee to fish the tournament is \$350.00 per boat (max of 4 people).
9. All team must be paid in full and registered before June 01, 2026. Late fee: \$100.00 per boat entry received after June 01, 2026.
10. Fishing: all live baits, dead bait and artificial lures may be used. Wade fishing is allowed within eyesight of the boat. Only one rod per angler is allowed in the water at one time. Fish must be caught on rod and reel only. Absolutely NO night fishing will be allowed the night before the tournament.
11. **We encourage everyone to bring in live fish.** If you bring in any live fish you will automatically be bumped to the front of the line, to quickly weigh in and release your live fish. The team will automatically get 1lb added per fish entered. Tournament director/committee must see fish swim off successfully to have the 1lb added to the final weight (score card) if not the fish will be considered dead and no additional weight will be added to the final score. Final say will be left to the discretion of the tournament director/committee.
12. If you bring in a fish that is declared over the size required, you will not be disqualified, however you will not be allowed to weigh in a replacement fish.
13. Weigh master will use FLAT check-it stick; closed mouth and pinch the tail method will be used for the measuring of the fish.
14. Divisions: There are no guided and non-guided divisions. If a team of 4 is registered the captain is not allowed to fish. If a team of three is registered the captain may fish as the fourth member.
15. Team stringer will consist of 3 fish: 1 slot red fish, 1 slot trout, and 1 slot flounder. Stringer Winner will be decided by total weight. In the event of a tie winner will be decided by who weighed in first.
16. Payouts: The Main Calcutta will be split 60/40 between the winner and TIPA. Winnings will be paid to the person that registered the weigh in. TIPA is not responsible for how the winnings are distributed amongst the team as a whole. The PAC Calcutta is an individual buy in. Winnings for the PAC Calcutta will only be paid to the person that enters. PAC Calcutta will be split 60/40 between PAC and the winner.
17. MANDATORY POLYGRAPH!!! By registering on the official tournament entry form, each angler agrees to submit to a polygraph test and abide by its

conclusion. Polygraph tests will be issued to all 1st winners (Calcutta). The results of the polygraph are final and cannot be reviewed by a court of law.

18. Only one competitor will be polygraphed from the team. He or she cannot consume alcohol and/or drugs during tournament hours and prior to taking polygraph test. Participants being polygraphed will be notified immediately following the weigh in and should report to the Weighmaster where polygraph will be conducted. Should participant fail the polygraph, the team will be disqualified and will surrender all winnings. The 2nd place team will be subject to polygraph testing.
19. TIPA as a broker when hiring the truth detection administrator and has no influence on procedures, type of test, the amount of time or the results of the testing and as such all rulings of cause are determined by the testing agent and not by anyone affiliated with TIPA and Hooked on Fresh Fishing Tournament.
20. All decisions made by the tournament director and/or tournament officials will be final in all matters. The tournament director and/or the tournament officials can make a change when the safety of a contestant is in question or by a unanimous decision by the tournament committee.
21. All anglers in the tournament must be aware of the tournament rules and regulations including any changes or additions before the tournament.