

RULES: 2018 LBI SURF FISHING CLASSIC

1. BOUNDARIES: Fish must be caught from the shores of Long Beach Island only: ocean, inlet, bay, and jetties. Boat fishing is not permitted.

2. WITNESSES: If you catch a fish that may be a grand prize contender, the tournament committee urges you to secure a witness (or witnesses) while the fish is alive, or as soon as possible after the catch. The name and contact info of the witness(es) should be given to the weighmaster at the time of weigh in.

3. REGISTRATION: Contestants must register with the tournament before fishing and weighing in fish. Registrations are sold at the weigh-in stations (See item 8. WEIGHING). Entry fee is \$30 for adults; 17 and younger \$15.

4. Contestants may not use more than two bait rods at any time. One additional plugging rod is allowed. No assisted delivery systems (kites, drones, kayaks, paddleboards, cannons) permitted.

5. From the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, only the angler may handle the rod, reel and/or line

6. Minimum length for bluefish is 28 inches. Each angler may enter two bluefish each tournament day.

7. Minimum length for striped bass is 28 inches. Each angler may enter only one striped bass each tournament day.

8. Red drum legal length is between minimum 18 inches and maximum 27 inches (slot).

All fish entered must comply with NJ and Federal regulations

9. WEIGHING

A. Fish must be weighed at an official weigh-in station: Surf City Bait & Tackle, 317 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City, 494-2333; Fisherman's Headquarters, 280 W. 9th St., Ship Bottom, 494-5739; Captain's Quarters Bait & Tackle, 8201 Long Beach Blvd., Brighton Beach, 856-313-0562; Jingles' Bait & Tackle, 1214 Long Beach Blvd., Beach Haven, 492-2795.

Check with the weigh-in stations for open hours.

ANGLER MUST PRESENT OFFICIAL LBI CLASSIC REGISTRATION WHEN WEIGHING IN A FISH

B. Fish must be weighed within 24 hours of being caught. Each tournament day ends at 6 p.m. Weigh-in data counts for the day of weigh-in, which may not always be the day of catch. Once the tournament starts, weigh-ins are recorded as received at the weigh-in stations based on a period beginning at 6:00:01 p.m. and then 24 hours later ending at 6:00:00 p.m. However, fish may only be weighed during the posted hours of each weigh-in station. **NOTE:** On the last day of the tournament, Dec. 9 the weigh-in ends at 6 p.m. Anglers must leave the surf in time to weigh their entries before 6 p.m. deadline.

C. Anglers are responsible for weighing in their own fish.

D. At the weigh-in station, contestants must certify the time and **town** of their catch. Vague references like (but not limited to) North End, South End, etc. are not accepted.

Incomplete or incorrect information on weigh slip may result in disqualification of the fish listed on slip. Be sure all the information is complete and correct before signing.

E. The official weigher certifies the species, weight, length and girth of each fish entered and clips the fish's tail after it has been weighed.

F. The official weigher gives the contestant a duplicate copy of the weigh-in slip and a souvenir button.

G. Buttons are awarded for released fish if the fish is of tournament size. Released fish are not eligible for any prize unless they are entered into the tournament via being weighed in at an official weigh-in station and then released.

10. SEGMENTS The nine-week tournament begins at 5 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 and ends Sunday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m.

A. The tournament is divided into weeks and three-week segments.

B. The first week of the tournament ends at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14. Each of the subsequent weeks of the competition ends at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

C. The three three-week segments also end on Sunday evenings.

The 1ST SEGMENT begins on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 5 a.m. and ends Sunday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m.

The 2ND SEGMENT begins Sunday evening, Oct. 28, immediately after the close of the 1st segment. It ends on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m.

The 3RD SEGMENT begins Sunday evening, Nov. 18, immediately after the close of the 2nd segment. It ends Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

11. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION: In case of tied weights, winner determined by first weighed in. .

A. A contestant is only eligible for One First Daily Prize per species, per week

B. A contestant is eligible for one Weekly or one Segment prize per species; Grand Prize winners for either species are not eligible for a Weekly Prize or Segment Prize for either species for the entire length of tournament

C. Daily Prizes will be awarded within 15 working days; to be picked up at Surf City Bait & Tackle. Weekly, Segment, Grand and Special Prizes are awarded at close of the tournament **and will be mailed.**

D. Contestants age 17 and younger at registration are eligible for Junior Prizes. Proof of age may be required. Juniors may win only one \$100 Junior Prize for bass, and one \$100 Junior Prize for bluefish. Weekly, Segment, or Grand prize winning fish entered by a junior angler are not eligible for the Junior Weekly Prize.

E. Contestants age 62 and older at registration are eligible for Senior Citizens' Prizes.

F. Ladies age 18 and older at registration are eligible for Ladies' Prizes.

G. Prizes presented by businesses, fishing clubs, and tournament participants and supporters are not guaranteed by the Long Beach Island Surf Fishing Tournament. Check tournament Facebook page (LBISurfFishingClassic) or at www.lbift.com during the tournament for updated listings of special prizes.

12. BY REGISTERING IN THE LBI SURF FISHING CLASSIC YOU AGREE

A. Tournament officials have the right to:

Cut open or mark any fish after it has been weighed.

Hold a fish for inspection by an acknowledged expert and/or committee review. (Entries deemed not compliant with

tournament regulations will be disqualified.)

Disqualify any contestant found violating these rules.

Photograph entries and use the photographs for publicity

B. To submit to a polygraph examination if requested to do so by the LBI Surf Fishing Classic Committee. Failure to submit to a polygraph test within 15 days will result in disqualification of the angler, all the angler's catches, and the withholding of all prizes.

C. All decisions of tournament officials are final.

D. The LBI Surf Fishing Classic Committee shall be the sole interpreter of these rules.

E. Failure to abide by any/all rules as determined by the LBI Surf Fishing Classic Committee may result in angler ineligibility to participate in present and/or future tournaments.

13. PROTESTS: The LBI Surf Fishing Classic Committee will review all signed protests. Anonymous protests will not be considered; name and contact info must be provided along with all signed protests and delivered to participating tournament weigh station (see Section 8 Weighing.)

Neither beach conditions nor beach access is guaranteed by LBI Surf Fishing Classic. Please observe local ordinances.

Long Beach Island
SURF FISHING CLASSIC
Supported by
THE SOUTHERN OCEAN COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
265 West 9th Street, Ship Bottom NJ

Tournament entry fee is nonrefundable.

Congratulations to 2018
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