

**Official 2025 Dick Dowling Lions Club Flounder
Tournament Rules**
NEW WEIGH-IN TIME

1. All State, Federal and Texas Parks and Wildlife Official Regulations shall apply at all times and SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS shall be adhered to. The filing of the "Float Plan" is encouraged.
2. All fish must be caught by entrant using a rod and reel, or a pole and line, and only during dates set for tournament.
3. Frozen, mutilated or inedible fish will not be accepted for weigh-in. Fish must be in a fresh and edible condition and in accordance with tournament standards.
4. Entry fee will be \$35.00 per person. **DEADLINE** for entry will be closing time **Friday, October 10** at any designated businesses or 9 pm, whichever comes first. **Fishing Begins at daylight on Saturday, October 12, 2025.**
5. **Weigh-in** will take place at the Sabine Pass Port Authority and begin at 1 pm and **closes at 2 pm** on Saturday, October 11, 2025. The tournament ends at 2 pm on Saturday, October 11, 2025. No fish will be allowed for entry after 2 pm, except for fishermen in line before 2 pm and recognized by the weight master. Tournament prizes and/or drawings will follow. You may truck your fish to the weigh-in. You may fish anywhere you like in public water only. Not on private property.
6. Winners will be subject to a Polygraph Examination (lie detector test) if requested by Tournament Director or be disqualified. Any contestant determined by the polygraph examiner or other tournament official to be intoxicated or on any type of illegal drugs at the time said contestant is required to take the polygraph examination, or in violation of tournament rules, will be disqualified from this and all future tournaments.
7. In case of a TIE in weight, the LONGEST fish will win. Should a tie still occur, the fish entered FIRST will be the WINNER.
8. All persons aboard a boat **MUST** have valid tournament registration or **ALL** persons aboard are **DISQUALIFIED**.
9. Entrants must be present to weigh in fish.
10. The tournament committee reserves the right to cancel day by day, the Contest for safety reasons. Once a Tournament starts, it will constitute a Tournament.
11. Decision of judges is final: Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification. Judges will consist of Tournament Committee. In event of a dispute, Dick Dowling

Lions Club liability shall be limited to the return of entry fees paid only.

12. Fish presented for weigh-in may be retained for further examination purposes by the tournament director or weigh master.
13. Protests must be filed in writing prior to final weigh-in time. \$100 cash must accompany protest, to be returned if protest is deemed justified by Tournament Director.
14. Any obnoxious, rude or disruptive behavior caused by the ingestion of alcohol or other substances will be grounds for disqualification from the Tournament and/or dismissal from Weigh-in Station, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
15. If any person has a guide license or been paid or compensated as a guide in the last 12 months, he or she will not be eligible to fish or enter this tournament.
16. Any fish brought in alive and released by the weigh team will have 8 ounces added to the weight of said fish.
17. Tournament Registration: There will be no exchange or refund.
18. The first thirty people registered and paid by stated deadline will receive a t-shirt.

The weather is Captain's Choice and fishermen fish at their own discretion and accept full responsibility for their own crew and boat. In case the tournament is canceled, all entry fees will be refunded and no make-up tournament date will be set.

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