



SMES Fishing Rodeo Official Rules

September 29 & 30, 2023

1. Competition starts at 12:01AM on Friday, Sept. 29 and ends promptly at 3:00 PM on Saturday, Sept. 30.
2. Weigh Scales are open on Saturday from noon - 3pm.
3. All fish must be landed by rod and reel, and only the fisherman who landed the fish can submit it to be weighed.
4. All Louisiana public waters are open for competition.
5. Participants must obey all Federal and State fishing regulations.
6. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed is the winner.
7. The rodeo reserves the right to open all fish for examination.
8. The entry ticket must be presented when the fish are weighed.
9. Weight of the fish will be in pounds and ounces.
10. The fish entered for the "Stringer" category must be determined by the participant prior to weigh in. **NO SUBSTITUTION IS ALLOWED.**
11. One of the 3 fish in the "Stringer" can be entered in the largest fish category for that species of fish.
12. Youth category is considered 16 years and under.
13. Anyone found in violation of any of the rules will be ineligible for competition.
14. The decision of the weighmaster is final.