

2009 LA State Freediving Championship Rules

1. Registration is open until close of business, July 22, 2009, at the area dive shops or from an AQUA ACES Member. Registration fee is \$15. Pre-registration by phone or mail (email) is allowed. All participants must be known by the AQUA ACES prior to the start of the rodeo. Phone ins- Chris Hartwell 504-220-7418.
2. Valid fishing license is required of all participants.
3. Diving is open to all waters.
4. Competition starts July, 23, 2009 at 12:01 a.m. and ends Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 2:00pm
5. All fish subject to autopsy.
6. Scales open Sunday, July 26, 2009 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm only.
7. All decisions by Rodeo Officials will be final.
8. Headquarters for the Rodeo will be Lafreniere Park Shelter # 7.
9. No power heads allowed.
10. Fish must be speared and apprehended by Diver without assistance.
11. Fish speared from boats are not eligible.
12. Scuba diving and the use of compressed air are not allowed.
13. The use of detachable floats or "buoys," bungees, and reels are allowed in accordance with LCUDC derby board rules: Fish may be shot with or without the aid of a buoy. Diver with float may let go of the line and follow the line with the boat, but must retrieve the fish while in the water. Diver must bring the fish and or the line to the boat without assistant. The boat may go to the diver. The diver may hold on to a down line or to the anchor line when shooting the fish. Any length of line is allowed. Reels and Burgee cords are allowed. Fish must be shot without the aid of compressed air rather active or passive. Bait chumming is allowed.
13. Diver must be present for entrance prizes, Sunday, July 23 at 2:30 p.m.
14. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places overall, as well as 1st place women's division, and 1st place junior division.
15. The 3-2-1 point system will be used with ties broken by cumulative weights of fish on these boards.
16. In case of any ties due to weight the earliest fish (es) entered win(s).
17. In the Miscellaneous Category: No Tarpon Under 30 lbs! No Redfish, Jewfish, Manta Rays, Sharks or Ocean Sunfish or fish which are out of season or caught illegally
18. Eligible fish species are as follows: Amberjack, Cobia, Grouper, King Mackerel, Mahi Mahi, Mangrove Snapper, Miscellaneous, Red Snapper (if in-season), Sheepshead, Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna

Competition begins Thursday, July 23 at 12:01 a.m. and ends Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony will follow at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 26 --- Aqua Aces Rodeo Weigh-in Day

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Scales Open Only

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