







REEF Upper Keys Lionfish Derby Pennekamp State Park, Key Largo, FL

September 14-16, 2018

- 1) LIONFISH (*Pterois volitans/miles*) ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY, MAY ONLY BE TAKEN DURING THE DERBY. NO PREVIOUSLY CAUGHT OR FROZEN LIONFISH WILL BE ALLOWED, HOWEVER, PLEASE KEEP ALL LIONFISH ON ICE. The Derby reserves the right to keep and use all lionfish presented at scoring station, including uses for a "lionfish tasting", research, and market development.
- 2) Derby teams must physically check in at the Captain's meeting on **September 14, 2018** to participate in the Derby. A team representative MUST be present, and we encourage all team members to attend. Team members not checking in or who have not signed the Legal Waiver Form and the Lionfish Understanding of Risk Form <u>will not be considered entered</u> in the Derby-regardless of whether or not registration fees were paid.
- 3) Only legal means of capture in areas allowing use of those gear types will be allowed. All existing federal, state, and local laws must be followed. State and Federal laws will be strictly enforced.
- 4) Lionfish may be taken by spear, hand net, slurp gun, or hook and line. No chemicals, traps or other collecting mechanisms are allowed.
- 5) Only lionfish may be collected while participating in a REEF Lionfish Derby. If any other species are brought to the scoring station, that team may be disqualified. Teams will be limited to 4 persons; though more than one team may be present on the same boat. To qualify for prizes, participants must be registered and show proper identification. All participants must sign a Legal Waiver Form and a Lionfish Understanding of Risk Form to be considered registered in the Derby.
- 6) Non-refundable registration fees are \$120 per boat with up to four people participating.
- 7) Protective gloves should be worn when handling lionfish. Participants are encouraged to carry a thermos bottle on the boat containing hot, but not scalding, water for first aid purposes.
- 8) Derby hours: Sunrise on September 14, 2018 until 1:00 pm on September 16, 2018. All fish must be present at Scoring Station by **1:00 pm on September 16, 2018** to qualify for prizes.
- 9) Lionfish may be taken as long as the collection occurs during Derby hours and the fish are present at the Scoring Station by 1:00pm on **September 16, 2018**. Prizes will be awarded in first through tenth place for most lionfish, and first, second, and third places for largest lionfish, smallest lionfish, and any other categories as decided by Derby Officials.
- 10) The Golden Fish Award will be run as a raffle. All officially entered teams are eligible. For each team checking in at the scoring station by 1:00pm on September 16, 2018 (all team members must check in), a single ticket will be issued, regardless of the number of lionfish removed, for a \$1,000 cash drawing occurring at the awards ceremony. A team member must be present with the ticket to win. First Timers category is for teams (all team members) who have not participated in a REEF derby

- before. Awards will be given for $1^{st} 3^{rd}$ place for the most lionfish only. First timer's teams are eligible for prizes in the open division, but may not claim prizes for both divisions.
- 11) Only one winning entry per team will be allowed in each category (no sweeping of a category).
- 12) If fewer than 3 entries are received in any category (or 10 for most), the remaining awards will be left as unclaimed
- 13) All lionfish must be in whole condition (no missing heads or tails). Largest and smallest fish will be determined by total length of the fish, in millimeters, measuring from tip of snout to tip of tail.
- 14) Any live lionfish at Scoring Station may be euthanized prior to being measured.
- 15) All entrants agree to allow Derby officials and REEF to take and use photos for media and promotional purposes.
- 16) The Derby takes place regardless of weather conditions. Captains make their own decision about whether to venture out.
- 17) In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by the earliest check in time at the Scoring Station.
- 18) All cash prizes will be awarded to Team Captain by cash.
- 19) The Lionfish Derby is an honor system tournament with the captain being responsible for team compliance with the Rules.
- 20) Anyone found violating Derby Rules by the Derby Officials may be disqualified from receiving any Derby prizes and prohibited from entry in any future derbies.
- 21) Decisions of the derby officials are final.

Awards for 2018 Key Largo Lionfish Derby

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Most	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$125	\$125	\$100
Largest	\$500	\$250	\$150							
Smallest	\$500	\$250	\$150							
First timers (most)	\$500	\$250	\$200							
Golden Fish	\$1,000									