

# 2022 \$1 Bill Challenge RULES

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## Parents: Please... it is important you go over these rules with your angler child.

### Changes from last year are in RED.

**1. Tournament Entry Fee:** \$15, non refundable. You must have a cell phone available to participate in the \$1 Bill Challenge. Entry fee paid before June 30 entitles **Entry** to one T-shirt.

**2. Age Eligibility:** Anglers must be at least 5 years old, but not yet 15 years old during the course of the tournament.

**3. Angler Numbers:** Anglers may register any time. Angler numbers will be assigned by the rules committee based on the day and time of registration and will be texted to the angler within 24 hours of receipt of your entry.

**4. Your \$1 Bill Picture:** No fish will be eligible to be entered until we have a photo of you holding your \$1Bill. When you get your angler number, write it big and legibly with a dark marker on the back side of a dollar bill, then hold it up, take a selfie and text it back to us immediately. **In the tournament, you and the \$1 bill with your angler number on it must appear in the picture of each fish you enter.** If you lose the bill you can simply make a new one.

**5. Measuring Fish:** This tournament is based on **fish length**. Lay the fish out naturally, do not hang it vertically. Do not spread or compress the tail. Don't try to stretch it. Use a ruler **Fishing** measuring board to measure your fish. Measure down the middle of the fish in a straight line from the tip of the nose to a point aligned with the longest end of the tail. Measure to the closest 1/8 inch.

**6. Fish Entries:** Fish must have been caught in the same tournament fishing period they are entered in. No more than two fish may be submitted during each fishing period. Your two fish do not have to be submitted at the same time. Misidentified fish will be disqualified. **Entries may not be substituted or resubmitted.**

**7. Texting your fish:** Text one fish picture at a time to the special phone number we provide when we issue your angler number. Text this information in this order **only: fish species, measured length, your name, your angler number** (example: **redfish, 28 inches, John Brown, #143**) That is all we will be looking at. Blurry pictures may be rejected by our computer length-verification **scanner**. Pictures that appear to have been manipulated in any way will be disqualified.

**8. Fishing Tournament Periods:** NOON DEADLINE Your fish pictures must be received on our phone **before noon** of the last day of the Fishing Period.

### IMPORTANT! These are the four tournament Fishing Periods:

**Period #1** May 16 - June 15      **photos due** on or before noon June 15

**Period #2** June 16 to July 15      **photos due** on or before noon July 15

**Period #3** July 16 to August 15      **photos due** on or before noon August 15

**Period #4** August 16 to Sept 15      **photos due** on or before noon Sept.15

**9. Acceptable Saltwater Species:** redfish, snook, trout, black drum, cobia, red grouper, gag grouper, amberjack, bluefish, jack crevalle, triggerfish, Key West grunt, spadefish, sail catfish, ladyfish, pompano, barracuda, mangrove snapper, lane snapper, yellowtail snapper, Spanish mackerel, tripletail, pinfish (NOTE\* NO SHARK, NO TARPON, NO STINGRAY)

**10: Acceptable Freshwater Species:** bass, crappie, tilapia, sunfish, catfish, gar, Mayan cichlid

**11. Fishing Time:** No Fishing is permitted before May 16. After that, anglers may fish at any time, day or night, once they have received their angler number and texted back their \$1Bill Selfie.

**12. Bait and Tackle:** Any legal bait or legal tackle is allowed.

**13. Hook and Line:** Only fish taken with a hook and line are permitted. No spearing, no snatching, no gigging and no netting is allowed except for cast netting live bait.

**14. Release:** Fish must be released alive, unless legal for harvest. Scien-

tists tell us one minute is the safe amount of time for a fish to be kept out of water. More than that and the gills dry out and they never get over that!

**15. Tournament Boundaries:** From the North Venice Jetty south to Cape Sable and from 50 miles offshore in the Gulf to the easternmost point on Lake Okeechobee.

**16. Permitted Fishing Locations:** Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters from shore, wading, or by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by local, state, Federal officials or by tournament official personnel. No fishing is allowed in marinas, boat basins, near cleaning stations, or other places fish congregate unnaturally.

**17. Required Practices:** The Angler is the only person allowed to catch fish in the competition. The angler must hook the fish and reel it in on his own, but may have help with: casting or landing a fish, tying knots and baiting the hook.

**18. Points Scoring:** Every month, each species: Longest Fish = 10 points. Second Place Fish = 5 points. Third Place Fish = 3 points.

## Scoring

**19. Species:** Each different, eligible, species you catch during the tournament is worth 2 points.

**20. Prizes:** In each fishing period, **first place winners** for each species receive a rod and reel combo. **You can pick up your rod and reel at the end of each fishing period or you can elect to combine '\$25 rod credits' toward a better rod and reel at the end of the tournament.** Winners will be contacted and asked for their choice of a rod or a rod credit. **2nd place winners** receive top water or diving plugs, **3rd place winners** receive a gold spoon. Prizes will be left at Fishin' Franks, 4200-P Tamiami Trail, in Port Charlotte. **Prizes must be picked up within 30 days.**

**21. Grand Prize:** A **fishing Kayak** will be awarded to the angler who accumulates the most points by September 15. Previous boat winners are ineligible to win again. Due to ongoing COVID delivery problems we can not be sure the **kayak** will be here when the tournament ends. If we can't get the **kayak** by the end of the tournament, the winner will get a check for \$600.

**22. Fish Quizzes:** If you want to win the boat or you want to add up rod credits toward a better rod, you must answer the Fish Quizzes.

At the beginning of each fishing period we will post a short 5 question video fish quiz at **BeTheFish.NET**. Watch the video and Text your answers to the fish-phone number (the instructions are at the end of each video quiz). Fish-Quiz Scoring: 2 points for each correct answer.

**23. Monthly Winners:** There will be a picture of the angler with the first place fish in each species and the names of the second and third place anglers for each species entered in the next Water LIFE magazine on the first of the month and then on the \$1Bill Challenge facebook page.

**24. Tie Score:** In the event of any tie, the angler with the earliest fish picture received wins.

## Ethics & Safety

**24. Safety:** You are responsible for your own safety. Please do not endanger yourself or others in any way.

**25. Federal, State and Local Laws:** All contestants are required to follow all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and laws. Any violation of such will result in your disqualification.

**26. Sportsmanship:** Be an Ethical Angler and always do the right thing, even when no one else is watching. All contestants should practice courtesy, safety and respect and be accurate with their fish measurements.

**27. Protests:** The decision of the Tournament Director is final. There will be no protests, there will be no whining and there will be no complaining! We will always do our best to be honest, ethical and fair. Remember at all times, this is supposed to be a FUN event!

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