AWS New Orleans Section 25th Annual Speckled Trout, Redfish, and Bass Rodeo
Sweetwater Marina - 6205 Delacroix Hwy., St. Bernard, LA 70085

April 11, 2026 Open to the Public **April 11, 2026**

Rules & Regulations

1. **Participants and Eligibility:** This will be an individual tournament open to the public. All minors (16 yrs. or younger) must have the written consent below, signed from their parents or guardian before being eligible to fish.
2. **Registration:** The entry fee will be **$30.00 per person**. There will be an optional Calcutta of **$10.00 per person** for the heaviest 5 fish stringer in each species. There will be an optional "Big Fish" of **$10.00 per person**. Pre-registration is encouraged. Entry fee for participants registering prior to **March 28, 2026** will be $25.00. Mail registrations to the address listed below. Registrations at the landing will be taken from 5:00 A.M. until leaving launch, on the morning of the tournament. The entry fee includes fishing, food, and music.
3. **Entry Fee Breakdown:** 40% of the entry will go to the AWS Scholarship Fund, 10% will go to rodeo expenses, and 50% will be returned as prize money. The prize money will be split equally between each species.
4. **Optional Calcutta:** The optional Calcutta will be split 1/3 for Redfish, 1/3 for Speckled trout, and 1/3 for Bass. Individuals in the same boat may combine their fish for the Calcutta competition. The four (4) heaviest fish stringer per boat in each category will determine the Calcutta winner. There will only be one winner in each category. Participants are responsible for selecting the four (4) fish they want to weigh.
5. **Optional** "**BIG FISH"**: All money collected will be awarded to the one participant weighing in the one heaviest fish of **any** species.
6. **Safety:** All boats must meet Coast Guard Regulations. Any violation of Coast Guard or Wildlife & Fisheries Regulations will result in automatic disqualification. Life vest must be worn while motor is in operation.
7. **Sportsmanship:** Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and safety.
8. **Tackle and Equipment:** Rod & Reel and artificial or live bait may be used.
9. **Scoring:** Scales will open at 12:00 PM. Scoring will be determined by the largest fish in each category. The number of entries in the rodeo will determine number of places paid in each category. *Up to 50 entrants: 3 places per category, 51 to 75 entrants: 4 places per category, 76 and over: 5 places per category.*
10. **Fish Regulations:** All fish weighed must meet all Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries regulations. Any fish weighed that does not meet regulations will be disqualified - **All decisions by the Weigh-master are final.**
11. **Protests:** In case of a tie, winner will be determined by length, if tie still exists, the first fish weighed wins. Any protest must be submitted to the tournament committee no later than 15 minutes after close of the scales. The closing of the scales will be determined and announced by the Weigh-master.
12. **Tournament Hours:** Tournament fishing time will be from **6:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on April 11, 2026.** No fish may be caught prior to tournament fishing hours. Entrants will be required to check in prior to leaving the landing and check in upon returning to the landing. Any participant not checked-in to weigh by 2:00 P.M. sharp will be disqualified. There will be no grace period.

Mail-in deadline is March 28, 2026 – For more information, please contact Keith Province @ (985) 445-5136

Detach here and mail to address below

I have read and understand the rules. In signing this application, I hereby release and hold harmless the American Welding Society, its officers, agents, organizers and sponsors from all claims, injuries and or damages that I or my equipment may sustain by reason of participating in or in connection with this tournament. I also recognize that you have the right to refuse any entry and have final discretion concerning any decisions made in conjunction with this tournament.

Entry # _____

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ (Signature Required)

Calcutta Participant: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Big Fish Participant: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Checks Payable To:

American Welding Society
New Orleans Section
5201 Taravella Rd., Marrero, LA 70072

Sponsorship Information

Sponsor/Company/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Sponsor Level

Titanium $500 (Pays for 10 Fisherman)
Inconel $400 (Pays for 8 Fisherman)
Stainless Steel $300 (Pays for 6 Fisherman)
Chrome-Molly $200 (Pays for 4 Fisherman)
Carbon Steel $100 (Pays for 2 Fisherman)

As parent or guardian of the above named youth, under 16 years, I hereby consent to their entering this tournament and release the American Welding Society, its officers, agents, organizers and sponsors from any and all responsibility or liability for said youth.

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____