

Official Rules for the 2021 Reef Builders Lionfish Round-Up
These rules cover both the weeklong effort and Day of Diving

1. Registration fees are non-refundable.
2. All divers MUST attend a virtual diver's meeting via Zoom.
3. Every team member must sign the registration form and liability waivers.
4. All divers, captains and crew participate at their own risk and certify that if they choose to use SCUBA gear they are properly trained. To qualify for prizes, participants must be registered and show proper identification.
5. State and Federal fishing regulations and laws will be enforced.
6. Lionfish may be collected from shore or from a boat, kayak, canoe, or paddleboard.
7. Dive flags must be appropriately displayed while divers are in the water.
8. Only legal means of capture, in areas where take is permitted, will be allowed.
9. Lionfish must be in queue to be measured and counted by 4:00PM to be eligible for a prize.
10. Prizes will be awarded for smallest lionfish, largest lionfish, most lionfish by an individual, and most lionfish by a team. Smallest and largest will be determined by total length of the fish from tip of snout to tip of tail.
11. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the person/team with the earliest recording of lionfish at the check-in.
12. All cash award payments will be made in the form of a check by Friends of Our Florida Reefs, Inc.
13. All participants agree to allow the tournament committee to take and use photos for promotional and media purposes.
14. If the tournament committee postpones the event due to weather, the event will take place on a date to be announced.
15. The tournament is an honor system tournament.
16. Anyone found violating the rules will be disqualified from the tournament and ineligible to receive prize money.
17. Lionfish (*Pterois volitans/miles*) eligible for entry may only be taken during the tournament. No previously caught or frozen lionfish will be allowed; however, please keep all lionfish on ice.
18. **Weeklong Diving: Participants must check-in and check-out of the Round-Up by emailing their name and diver number to jgarland@martin.fl.us before entering the water and by 8PM. If you cannot send an email, please text 561-339-3267**
19. Participants will be competing for the "Most Fish" each day and will be self-reporting.
 - All fish must be entered and documented via text or email by 12pm each day to qualify for that day's catch. Each daily reporting requires the following documentation:
 - Time stamped photo which clearly displays the catch in its entirety
 - Official tournament issued number
 - Approximate area where fish were collected
 - Estimated timeframe of the catch
20. If also participating in the "Day of Diving", please follow the rules below for "Day of Diving". **Note: Your "catch" is not cumulative** throughout the week and is "only" eligible for the daily prize offered on the day of the catch.
21. In the event of a tie for the daily prize, the first complete submission will be awarded the prize offered that day.

22. If there are no qualifying submissions on any single day during the weeklong event, that prize will be rolled into a prize category during our live event on Saturday, June 19th , at Blue Pointe Bar and Grill.
23. **Day of Event Diving: Participants must check-in and check-out of the Round-Up by emailing their name and diver number to jgarland@martin.fl.us before entering the water and by 3PM. If you cannot send an email, please text 561-339-3267**
24. Lionfish may be collected starting at 7:00AM.
25. All participants must have their fish in the que to be tallied no later than 4:00pm
26. Participants must include their official tournament issued number at the check-in.
27. All participants will need to identify which fish they will enter (we suggest the zip tie method) for the largest and smallest prior to measuring.
28. Only whole lionfish will be measured. Lionfish whose fins have been snipped or removed will be considered whole fish. **Tail fins should remain intact to insure proper length measurement.**