



REEF SANCTIONED LIONFISH DERBY



4earth Lionfish Derby Miami Seaquarium April 22, 2017

Rules

- 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 at 6:00 PM on **April 21, 2017**, to participate in the Derby. The Captain MUST be present, and we encourage all team members to attend.
- 3) Team members not checking in or who have not signed the Legal Waiver Form and the Lionfish Understanding of Risk Form will not be considered entered in the Derby-regardless of whether or not registration fees were paid.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Lionfish may be taken by spear, hand net, slurp gun or hook and line. No chemicals, traps or other collecting mechanisms are allowed.
- 6) Teams will be limited to 4 persons. 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.
- 7) Each registered team captain checking in at the Captain's meeting on **April 21, 2017** will receive: *Four admission tickets to Miami Seaquarium for families and one t-shirt per participant.*)
- 8) 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.



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- 9) Derby hours: Sunrise until 4:00 pm April 22, 2017. All fish must be present at Scoring Station by 4:00pm to qualify for prizes.
- 10) Lionfish may be taken as long as the collection occurs during Derby hours and the fish are present at the Scoring Station by 4:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded for most lionfish, largest lionfish, and smallest lionfish, and any other categories as decided by Derby Officials.
- 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, 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) Special awards will be issued for small lionfish (<150mm) presented alive and in good condition at the scoring station.
- 15) All entrants agree to allow Derby officials and **Miami Seaquarium** 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 of its lionfish at the Scoring Station.
- 18) All cash prizes will be awarded to Team Captain by bank check or 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 will be disqualified from receiving any Derby prizes and prohibited from entry in any future derbies.
- 21) Decisions of the derby officials are final.



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Most	\$800	\$300	\$200	
Largest	\$100			
Smallest	\$100			