

Waiver

**2005 FLORIDA SKIN DIVERS ASSOCIATION (FSDA)
Southern Open State Championship
June 10 though June 26, 2005 and/or any related rain dates.**

You Must Initial Each Paragraph After You Have Read and Fully Understand Each Paragraph

____ I hereby acknowledge that if weather conditions turn to small craft advisories or small craft warnings it is my responsibility to monitor weather radio and seek safe harbor if conditions warrant.

____ I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the dangers involved in boating, scuba diving, breath-hold diving and spear fishing.

____ I am aware that these activities require physical exertion and stress. I am aware that the boat captain is responsible for the safe operation of the boat and the safety of the passengers therein.

____ I am participating in these activities with the full knowledge of and the acceptance of all the risks these activities entail and the dangers involved.

____ I am voluntarily participating in the Southern Open/Shutter Open tournament.

____ I willingly agree to accept the risk of injury, disability, physical and/or emotional suffering, property damage or death to others or myself.

____ **I agree that I, my survivors, beneficiaries, heirs or personal representatives, will not seek any compensation, damages, legal costs or expenses, including attorney fees, from the Florida skin divers association (FSDA), the FSDA officers, the FSDA member dive clubs, the dive club officers, their members, or any FSDA individual members, the West Coast Council (WCC), the WCC officers, the WCC member dive clubs, the dive clubs, officers, and their members, all the WCC individual members, and all FSDA and WCC volunteers, sponsors, or advertisers for any injury, property damage, or death, suffered by myself or others during or as a result of my participation in this FSDA State Championship Tournament.**

By signing below I affirm that I have read this waiver and I agree to all the liability waivers and releases that this document implies and Expressly represents.

***EACH PARTICIPANT MUST FILL OUT THIS WAIVER FORM COMPLETELY
MAKE COPIES AS REQUIRED***

PRINT PARTICIPANT'S NAME		PRINT FULL ADDRESS		DATE
PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE		WITNESSED BY		DATE
CITY	STATE	ZIP	HOME PHONE	BIRTH DATE
EMAIL ADDRESS:		CELL PHONE (Optional)		

Mail Registration form and **Waiver**: Ken Smith, c/o FSDA Competition, 1997 Michigan Ave. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703 (727-522-8276)

Florida Skin Divers Association
Southern Open State Championship
June 10 - 26, 2005

Photography Rules

1. Film / Developing / Registration

- a. This is a 14-day contest. Competition begins immediately following Friday evening registration, June 10th and ends Friday June 24th. All competition photos shall be taken during this period. This is an amateur contest therefore photographers earning more than 25% of their base income from photography are excluded.
- b. FSDA Reserves the right to use all images as they see fit.
- c. Mandatory registration, check-in and film entry assignment occurs Friday June 10th, 6-8 PM, at Ballyhoo's Grill, 900 N. Pinellas Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689, 727-944-2252. [Click here for map](#). A late registration will be available on June 17th, 6-8 PM. Any rule changes will be presented at registration and will be provided in the rules.

Pre-registration ends:	Friday	June 10	8 PM
Tournament Begins:	Friday	June 10	After Registration
Late registration:	Friday	June 17	6-8 PM
Tournament Finish:	Friday	June 24	8 PM
Awards:	Sunday	June 26	11 AM

- d. Competitors shall provide their own film (24 exposure print film (no slides) and/or digital cards.
- e. **Entrants shall check-in and bring their film or digital cards to the Friday night registration on June 10th to receive an entry number. Digital entrants must bring their camera and card to the June 10th registration for staff to verify that card is empty.**
- f. **Film shall be returned on or before June 24th by 8 PM and must bear its' original entry number. Staff will verify digital photos **creation date**. Competitors may turn in film for fellow competitors. Late returns will not be accepted.**
- g. FSDA will develop all film including prints from digital cards.

2. Judging

- a. Photos must be taken underwater and be of original/natural subject matter (**no props**) in a natural underwater environment in Florida coastal waters, Florida lakes, springs and streams. No photos will be accepted if taken in artificial environments such as aquariums, tanks, or man made ponds.
- b. Photos showing any disrespect for the environment or marine animals will not be considered for judging.
- c. Judges shall select the top photo(s) from each roll for judging.
- d. The scoring system used for judging will be based on:
 - 1) Technical Merit - focus, exposure, excessive backscatter.
 - 2) Composition - subject, background, creativity, overall arrangement.
 - 3) Impact - overall emotional appeal/interest.
 - 4) Degree of Difficulty - shooting moving subjects, subjects requiring time/patience, etc.

Points 1 – 10 will be assessed in each of those 4 areas. In case of ties during judging, judges will rely upon the picture displaying the greater degree of difficulty and composition to break the tie by adding an additional ½ point.

- e. Photos will be displayed by 11 AM, Sunday, June 26th.

3. Categories

- a. Fixed Focus Underwater Category: use of cameras, which do not possess built-in adjustments for exposure or focus, and are of the point-and-shoot nature.
- b. Open U/W: May be wide angle or macro.
- c. Digital: photographs taken with digital cameras as follows:
 - Submission format: Entries shall be submitted via digital card from camera for downloading and developing. Entrants shall ensure that their card contains only 24 images. Card will be verified for original date of creation. No adjustments or spot editing will be allowed. See also 1f and 1g above.
- d. Youth Category: Includes ages 10 to 15. Only fixed focus cameras may be used in the Youth division. Youth may participate in the adult categories if they choose to use equipment other than fixed focus cameras.

4. Awards

- a. Photo awards begin promptly, Sunday, June 26th 11 AM, at Ballyhoos Grill. Photos and prize table will be displayed by 11 AM.
- b. One (1) mystery fish ticket will be provided to each competitor.
- c. Trophies will be awarded for Fixed Focus, Open U/W, Digital and Youth categories.
- d. Prize table: All photo contestants will receive a pick from the prize table based upon the total number of points in all combined photography categories. The pick of the prize table will start with the most points in any category down to the fewest points in any category. The first pick of the table will depend upon the ratio of Spearfishing contestants vs. Photography contestants and will continue in that ratio until all prizes are taken.

Open U/W Category	1 st place trophy & pick from prize table; 2 nd –last place, pick of prize table
Fixed Focus Category	1 st place trophy & pick from prize table; 2 nd –last place, pick of prize table
Digital Category	1 st place trophy & pick from prize table; 2 nd –last place, pick of prize table
Youth Category	1 st Place trophy & pick from prize table based upon points.

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FSDA

SOUTHERN OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Registration

Must be filled out completely. Please note that there will be absolutely no refunds.

Name _____ Shirt Size: S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: Home () _____ Work () _____
E-mail Address _____
Dive Club _____ Youth Div _____ Age _____
Boat Name _____ Divers on Boat _____

FSDA Membership is required for FSDA events except for youths age 15 or less, which are guests at no charge. Dues are due Jan 1 of each year.

Check the block if your FSDA Dues are paid for 2005.....

I have enclosed \$15 for 2005 FSDA Dues.....

FREE long sleeve Tournament TShirt to all who Pre-register for an event ONLY!
One free shirt per person. Shirts will also be available for \$20.

(CIRCLE ENTRY AND WRITE AMOUNT IN BLOCK)

State Championship Spearfishing Tournament.....

Pre-Registration (postmark on or before June 17th) **\$ 60.** After June 17th....**\$ 75**

Youth Div (ages 10 to 15).....**\$ 45**

State Championship Photography Tournament.....

Choose which Category you are entering, one only.

Digital Open Fixed Youth

Important! Entrants must bring their film or a digital camera with memory card when they register, for entry number assignment and verification. This event begins June 10th and ends on June 24th.

Pre-Registration (postmark on or before June 10th) **\$ 60.** After June 10th...**\$ 75**

Youth Division (ages 10 to 15).....**\$ 45**

Registration for Both Spearfishing and Photography.....

Adult Pre-registration (post mark on or before June 17th)..... **\$100**

Adult Registration (after June 17th)..... **\$120**

Youth Div (ages 10 to 15/ no pre-registration required) **\$75**

FILM ROLL NO:

(To be filled out by FSDA)

Mail Registration form and **Waiver**, along with your check made out to FSDA to:
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33703 (727-522-8276).