

# Waiver

**2005 FLORIDA SKIN DIVERS ASSOCIATION (FSDA)  
Southern Open State Championship  
June 10 through 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**

**Spearfishing Rules**

1. **Safety First:** This is a recreational event. We are here primarily to enjoy each others company. Do not push your training limits or violate safe practice. The FSDA recommends that no competitors exceed the recreational diving limit of 130 feet.
2. **No Diver is officially entered** in the tournament until the FSDA has received a properly filled out Waiver, Registration, and all fees have been paid.
3. **Spearfishing Tournament dates:** Saturday June 25, 2005.  
The Rain date is July 16.
4. **Spearfishing Tournament times & location:** The tournament takes place June 25 and ends at 8:00 PM at the staging area beside the Ballyhoo's Grill, 900 N. Pinellas Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689, 727-944-2252. [Click here for map.](#)

Pre-registration Ends:	Friday	June 17	
Late registration:	Friday	June 24	6-8 PM:
Mandatory Divers Meeting:	Friday	June 24	8 PM @ Ballyhoo's

**Mandatory Divers Meeting:** At least one diver from each boat must be at the meeting Friday, June 24. A system will be utilized to assure an equal start.

Diving Begins:	Saturday	June 25	
Tournament Finish:	Saturday	June 25	8 PM @ Ballyhoo's
Awards:	Sunday	June 26	11:00 AM

5. **Points:** Each diver is to turn in ***only his THREE largest fish in each category, except the Amberjack/Cobia/Barracuda category where one (1) entry is permitted.*** Fish must be gutted. A diver will receive one point per pound and five points per fish. There is no limit on the value of a fish.
6. **Prizes & Awards:** Trophies and prizes will be awarded on Sunday morning, June 26, at Ballyhoo's Grill starting at **11:00 am**. Prize table picks will be based on the total points from all 5 categories. First place finisher (State Champion) will have first pick at the awards table and receive a trophy.
7. **Mystery fish tickets:** Spearfishing and photography contestants will receive 1 mystery ticket each. A diver who enters both competitions will receive 2 mystery tickets. Each ticket will allow a competitor a second chance at the prize table if his ticket number is drawn. Each Volunteer will also receive one ticket. Drawing will begin after the fifth place diver has selected their prize and will continue until all prizes are gone.
8. **Eligibility:** Both men and women divers are welcome to participate. Divers under the age of 18 MUST have a signed release from their legal guardian. **No Diver is officially entered** in the tournament until the FSDA has received a properly filled out Waiver, Registration, and all fees have been paid.

**All divers must be current FSDA members. The \$15.00 FSDA dues for 2005 can be paid with a diver's registration. Note: FSDA dues must be renewed January 1 of each year.** Youth division (ages 10-15) are guests of FSDA and exempt from FSDA membership requirement.

9. **Registration:** Pre-registration for spearfishing is **\$60** and must be post marked by June 17, 2005. Pre-registration for photography is \$60 and must be post marked by June 10, 2005. Divers can compete in both spearfishing and photography for a discounted price of \$100, which must be post marked by **June 17, 2005**. Late registration will be \$75 for each category, or \$130 for both. A special discounted rate is offered for youth participants; see the registration form for details.

All spear fishing competitors must possess a **Florida salt water fishing license** at registration.

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10. **Youth Division:** Divers 10 to 15 years old may enter the Youth division, but are not required to. Youth competitors must be certified divers and have a signed release from the parent or guardian. They can compete in either photography or spear fishing. Youth division divers cannot exceed 60 foot of water. A trophy will be given to the top youth division photography and spear fishing finishers. Cost to register in this division is \$45.00 for either photo or spear fishing.
11. **Fish & Photographs:** Remain the property of the competitors. Images may be used by the FSDA for whatever purpose they deem necessary.
12. **Spearfishing Trophies:** Eight trophies will be awarded in the spearfishing category:
- State Champion Spearfishing
  - State Champion Female Diver
  - State Champion Youth Division
  - State Champion Largest Grouper
  - State Champion Largest Snapper
  - State Champion Largest Hogfish
  - State Champion Largest Trigger/Sheepshead
  - State Champion Largest Amberjack/Cobia/Barracuda
  - Top Freediver Southern Open State Champion

13. **Eligible fish:** Categories, size and number that will be allowed, are:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Minimum Size</b>	<b>Maximum Number</b>
Grouper	22" minimum Length	3 (2 Red max)
Snapper	14" minimum Length, 16" Red or Mutton	3
Hog Fish	12" to Fork	3

Trigger/Sheepshead	12" minimum Length	3
Amberjack or Cobia or Barracuda	AJ=28" to Fork Cobia=33"to Fork	1

14. **All fish:** Must be legally taken, *landed by the diver who is awarded the points*, and brought to the scales before the close of the tournament. The "weigh-in Line" will constitute the physical location for the close of the meet. All fish must be physically in the weigh-in line by 8:00 PM. All competitors' fish must be presorted, on individual stringers and on ice. All fish turned in must be in fresh and whole condition. Fish that appear not to be fresh for any reason cannot be weighed.
15. **Disqualification** is automatic for latecomers. Any cases of cheating will result in a disqualification. The Official Time shall be announced at the Friday evening registration and briefing. Boats are each diver's responsibility. Breakdowns or running out of gas are not reasons for failing to return to the staging area by 8:00 PM.
16. **Protest:** Any diver or tournament officer can file a protest with the Tournament Chairman. A protest committee will be made up of the FSDA representatives from all present FSDA clubs. The decisions of this committee are final.

***Pre-registration is highly recommended by the FSDA!***

***We look forward to seeing you!***

# 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 17<sup>th</sup>) **\$ 60.** After June 17<sup>th</sup>....**\$ 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 10<sup>th</sup> and ends on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

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)

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