

Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament (TACFT) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General Information

- What is the Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament (TACFT)?

The Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament is an annual community event hosted by Port Freeport that brings families together for a fun and educational outdoor experience. The event promotes youth engagement, community connection, and charitable giving.

- Where is the tournament held?

Freeport Municipal Park
421 N. Brazosport Blvd.
Freeport, Texas (along the Old Brazos River)

- When does the event take place?

The tournament is held annually in May. Specific event dates and times are announced each year on the Port Freeport website.

- What is the event schedule?

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Registration
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Fishing Tournament
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Weigh-In, Awards & Door Prizes

Registration & Entry

- How do I register my child?

Registration is completed on-site the day of the event.

To help expedite the process, registration forms are available on the Port Freeport website and may be downloaded, completed in advance, and brought with you to the event.

Please note: Pre-registration or online submission is not available.

- Can I fill out the registration form ahead of time?

Yes. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Port Freeport website, completed in advance, and brought with you to streamline on-site registration.

- Is there an entry fee?

Yes. Each participant must bring two canned food items, which are donated to the Brazoria County Dream Center.

- Is there a limit to participation?

There is no limit to youth participation. However, the first 400 registered participants will receive a free event T-shirt and goodie bag.

Eligibility & Age Groups

- Who can participate?

Children aged 3 to 14 years old are eligible to participate.

- What are the age categories?

Blue Fins (Ages 3–8): Parent/guardian may assist with baiting, casting, and reeling

Yellow Fins (Ages 9–14): Parent/guardian may coach only

- Are there restrictions on past winners?

Yes. Families with a first-place winner within the past two years are not eligible to win first place again during that timeframe.

- Are children of Port Freeport employees eligible?

They may participate but are not eligible for 1st–3rd place prizes.

Fishing Rules & Guidelines

- Where can participants fish?

Fishing is only allowed in designated areas along the riverbanks adjacent to the park.

- How are winners determined?

Winners are determined by the total weight of each child's catch. Fish cannot be combined. Tie-breaker is the most fish caught.

- Are there limits on the number of fish?

Yes. Each child may catch a maximum of 30 fish.

- What equipment is allowed?

One fishing pole per child, one hook per line. No double leaders.

- What type of bait is allowed?

Bait is provided. Participants may bring dead or artificial bait. Live bait is not permitted.

- When does fishing begin and end?

Fishing begins and ends with a horn signal.

- What happens if someone is caught cheating?

They will be disqualified and asked to leave the tournament.

- Do the fish need to be alive?

No. Fish do not need to be alive at weigh-in.

Equipment & Supplies

- Do participants need to bring their own fishing gear?

Yes. Fishing equipment is not provided. Participants should bring their own gear, which may include:

- Fishing rod and reel
- Tackle box and hooks
- Bucket or container for fish
- Landing net
- Any additional gear needed

- Is bait provided?

Yes. Bait will be provided by Port Freeport. Participants may also bring additional dead or artificial bait if desired. Live bait is not permitted.

- Can we bring chairs or shade?

Yes. Chairs and pop-up shelters are allowed for comfort during the event.

Prizes & Awards

- What prizes are awarded?

1st Place: Laptop and accessories

2nd Place: \$200 gift card

3rd Place: \$100 gift card

- Are there additional prizes?

Yes. Door prizes are awarded by raffle. Each participant's registration badge number serves as their raffle number, so be sure to keep your badge throughout the event.

Event Amenities

- Will food and drinks be available?

No. Families should bring their own snacks and drinks.

- Are there any free activities?

Yes. Free snow cones (while supplies last) and face painting.

Parking & Arrival

- Where can I park?

Parking is not permitted inside the park. Please use designated parking areas:

- Football Field/Hopper Field Parking Lot across the street
- High school parking lot
- Nearby neighborhood streets, Avenue A and Avenue B



- What time should we arrive?

Registration is open from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Families are encouraged to arrive during the registration period to allow enough time to check in before the tournament begins at 9:00 a.m.

Safety & Supervision

- Do parents need to stay with their children?

Yes. A parent or guardian must always accompany each child.

- Can parents fish during the tournament?

No. Parents are not allowed to fish.

Accessibility

- Are ADA accommodations available?

Yes. ADA accommodation are available upon request.

Weather & Event Conditions

- What happens if there is bad weather?

Updates will be shared on Port Freeport's website and social media.

Photography & Liability

- Will photos be taken at the event?

Yes. Photos may be used for promotional purposes.

- Is there a liability waiver?

Yes. Participation requires acknowledgment of liability terms.

Volunteers

- What time should volunteers arrive?

Volunteers should arrive no later than 7:00 a.m.

- How do volunteers access the park if entrances are closed?

Enter through Munson Road.

Giving Back

- Where do the canned food donations go?

All donations go to the Brazoria County Dream Center.

Additional Information

- Where can I find updates or more details?

Visit PortFreeport.com/Community/Take-A-Child-Fishing-Tournament