# 2026 FTBA Roads & Reels

## October 28, 2026

### Tournament Details

*** Tournament fees benefit the FTBA TransPAC ***

**FEES**

**$**

$300 per angler (No boat needed)
$550 per angler (Charter boat needed)

**RESIDENCE INN ST. PETERSBURG TIERRA VERDE**

**27 OCT**

6:00-8:00 PM: Cocktails & Check-In
7:30 PM: Captain's Meeting

**TOURNAMENT**

**28 OCT**

Lines in at 9:00 AM
Lines out by 2:00 PM
On shore at Residence Inn by 3:00 PM

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**28 OCT**

Weigh-In Party 2:00-4:00 PM
Prizes Awarded at 3:30 PM

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# FTBA ROADS & REELS TOURNAMENT RULES

## October 28, 2026

**REQUIRED:** All Captains must be present at the Captains Meeting on Tuesday, October 27th at the Residence Inn St. Petersburg Tierra Verde Hotel.

**CHARTER DEPARTURE AND RETURN LOCATIONS:** All boats are required to depart from and return to the location designated by the FTBA. The FTBA will provide the designated dock, marina, or other embarkation point in advance, and this location shall remain final. Captains and operators shall not modify, change, or substitute the departure or return location once it has been established by the FTBA.

This requirement is in place to ensure accurate communication to attendees regarding transportation, arrival, and departure logistics. In past seasons, changes made unilaterally by captains have resulted in confusion and missed departures. To avoid these issues, strict adherence to the FTBA-designated location is essential and shall not be subject to adjustment or discussion once confirmed.

**WEATHER:** The decision to fish is solely the captain's choice. All anglers fish at their own discretion and risk. If FTBA determines it is unsafe to fish, all cash awards will still be presented by randomly selecting boat numbers at the awards party (participants must be present to win)—no entry refunds will be issued.

**PRIZE CATEGORIES:** Roads and Reels is a catch-and-release tournament featuring Redfish, Snook, and Trout. Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish, measured by length, in each species category.

An additional Inland Grand Slam prize will be awarded to the angler with the greatest combined length of one Redfish, one Snook, and one Trout.

Prizes are awarded to the individual angler responsible for each catch.

Only one (1) fish per category, per boat can be entered. If no eligible fish is entered in a category—for example, if no Snook is entered—the prize for the category will not be awarded.

You don't need a visual check-out or check-in before fishing. Lines in at 9:00 a.m. and lines out at 2:00 p.m. All anglers entering fish must return by water to Residence Inn, St. Petersburg Tierra Verde in the boat they fished from and be on the dock no later than 3:00 p.m.

All state & federal recreational fishing rules governing weight, size, bag limits, and licensing must be observed.

Fishing will be limited to inshore and nearshore, with a 10-mile limit.

All fish must be caught on hook, line, rod, and reel (no electric reels). Kites, downriggers, planers, and wire lines are permitted. No line test restrictions. Live, dead, and artificial baits are permitted. No limits to the number of lines each boat can fish.

No outside assistance whatsoever during tournament hours.

No boat-to-boat transfers of any kind after the start of the tournament.

Limit of four (4) adult anglers per team/boat.

Roads and Reels is a catch-and-release tournament for Redfish, Snook and Trout. A measuring device will be provided by FTBA. All prize-entry photos must clearly show the fish measured against this device, with the measuring device fully visible. Each team will also be assigned a marker to denote the team/boat. The marker must be visible in all photos. Fish entry photos must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. In the event of a tie (identical length), the award will go to the first fish submitted based on time.

**INLAND GRAND SLAM — COMBINED LENGTH:** The Inland Grand Slam will be awarded to the boat with the greatest combined length of one eligible Redfish, one eligible Snook, and one eligible Trout. Each fish must be caught during official tournament hours and submitted through the required catch-and-release photo verification process. Fish that are not properly photographed and submitted will be ineligible. Only one (1) fish per species category, per boat, may be entered. The boat's Redfish, Snook, and Trout entries may be caught by different registered anglers fishing aboard that boat.

Each team will be assigned a marker to denote the team/boat. This marker must also be included and visible in each photo submitted to verify the team submitting the catch.

Prizes will be awarded on Wednesday, October 28th, immediately following the close of the tournament.

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