

## **CCA TX STAR Black Drum Measuring Means & Methods**

1. Black Drum must be GREATER THAN twenty-four inches (24") and NO LONGER THAN twenty-eight inches (28") in length.
2. The provided Check-It-Stik measuring board must be placed on a LEVEL SURFACE with the LEGS FULLY EXTENDED and the nose stop to the left side of weigh master. (See Image 1)
3. Place fish FACING TO THE LEFT and the belly of the fish facing towards the weigh master and dorsal fin facing away. (See Image 2)
  - a. The fish's nose must be touching the nose stop with the mouth fully closed and free of tackle, lifting devices, and anything not a natural part of the fish.
  - b. Body of this fish must be naturally sitting against the measuring device. If fish will not remain on the measuring device, it may be pressed flat against the measuring surface to remain in place. Weigh masters may ONLY place their hands in the approved areas when securing the fish. Approved areas extend from the GILL PLATE TO ANAL FIN ONLY.
4. The provided Check-It-Stik Perfect Pincher will be placed around the fish's tail and slid to NO FURTHER THAN TWENTY-SEVEN AND A HALF INCHES (27.5"). (See Image 3) During measurement, the Perfect Pincher must remain in contact with BOTH sides of the measuring device.
5. With the fish and Perfect Pincher in position as described above, record the length measured at the FURTHEST POINT OF THE TAIL. All measurements should be rounded to the nearest EIGHTH INCH (1/8").
6. Fish may be measured a MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) TIMES, with the GREATEST length being recorded.
7. If ANY PART OF THE TAIL CROSSES THE LEADING EDGE OF THE TWENTY-EIGHT INCH (28") LINE on the measuring device, the fish is INELIGIBLE for entry. IF NO PART OF THE TAIL CROSSES THE LEADING EDGE OF THE TWENTY-FOUR INCH (24") LINE, the fish is INELIGIBLE for entry. (See Image 4)
8. Black Drum with abnormal, severely damaged and/or deformed tails or noses and in the opinion of the tournament not normal in its appearance to a healthy, non-damaged Black Drum will not be accepted, regardless of fish's length and whether or not the damaged area happened naturally and has healed over.

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## **Angler Documentation**

1. Anglers must provide photo proof of the fish being measured in accordance to published STAR Means & Methods on the provided measuring device within TWO BUSINESS DAYS of catch.
2. Photographs included with applications must contain a total of THREE (3) UNALTERED PHOTOGRAPHS:
  - a. The full length of the fish on the measuring device clearly showing the measuring device nose stop and maximum length, position of the mouth, and entirety of tail in accordance with measuring technique described.
  - b. A close-up photograph, taken approximately twelve inches (12") away, of the position of the fish's nose, in its entirety on the measuring device.
  - c. A close-up photograph, taken approximately twelve inches (12") away, of the position of the fish's tail, in its entirety on the measuring device.
3. All length eligibility protests must be submitted within two business days of catch. Final catch length eligibility will be determined by the CCA Texas STAR Tournament Committee.
4. All photographs must be emailed to [star@ccatexas.org](mailto:star@ccatexas.org) with the angler's name in the subject line.
5. IMAGES DETERMINED TO BE ALTERED IN ANY WAY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION AND BANNING FROM THE TOURNAMENT.