



## **SPECIES**

- This is primarily a White Marlin tournament; however, Blue Marlin and Sailfish qualify for scoring.

## **LINES**

- Wire/metallic lines are prohibited.
- Lines will be up to 20 pounds test tournament certified.
- I.G.F.A rules for 20-pound test is allowed in all tackle up to 20. This rule says, “20 feet from double line to the hook and none of its components can exceed 15 feet”.
- The Organizing Committee has the right to inspect any fishing equipment for verification of compliance with this regulation.
- No spinning reels are allowed.

## **CATEGORIES and AWARDS**

- There will be 2 categories: PRO and SEMI PRO with prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Boats.
- Best Overall Angler, Best Lady Angler, and Best Junior Angler (under 17 years old) for each category.

## **DATES**

- REGISTRATION DAY: MAY 23
- FIRST DAY: MAY 24
- SECOND DAY: MAY 25 & AWARD CEREMONY

## **BOAT**

- Boats over 25 feet of length appropriately equipped for White Marlin fishing shall be admitted. It is mandatory and necessary to have VHF radio frequency properly functioning on channel 72.
- All vessels must have at least two anglers, the maximum allowed is 4. Every angler must have been formally registered in the tournament.
- Regular rotation of the rod position in which the participants are fishing is optional.

## **FISHERMEN**

- The minimum age to participate as an angler is 12 years of age.

## **CATCH**

- This is a catch and release tournament. The main purpose of this tournament is to reward boats who catch and release the most billfish.

## **RELEASE**

- For each hook-up, the captain will call Radio Control, channel 72, with name of the boat and angler. Control will give the time at this moment. For the release, the captain will call the name of angler and position.
- Proof of release will consist of digital video, which should show enough images of the fish and clearly appears to determine the species. The video has to show the actual moment of the double line entering the rod or the mate with the leader on his hands.



- All White Marlin and Blue Marlins reported and released according to tournament rules will have a value of 300 points, Sailfish and Spearfish will have a value of 200 points each, valid for vessels.
- It is the responsibility of each boat to have the required video camera.

#### **RELEASE REPORTS**

- Reports and videos must be delivered daily to the main office by 7:30 pm to be review and certified. There will be 3 judges from different nationalities in this committee.

#### **FISHING HOURS**

- Boats can leave the docks by 7:00 am and start fishing, lines out at 5:00 pm. (4:30 PM second day)

#### **FIGHTING TIME**

- The angler will have 1 hour to release the fish.

#### **TYING / DEAD HEAT**

- In case of a tie, the winner will be the one that has the release first, verified by the time stamp on the video.

#### **MUTILATED OR DOUBLE HOOKED UP FISH**

- Mutilated fish or double hook-ups by more than one angler do not qualify as a catch. Captain must report to control.

#### **BAITS**

- Natural or artificial baits are allowed. Naturals with a single circle hook and artificial with accordance with IGFA rules.
- Only one rod per angler is allowed in the water at a time.

#### **FISHING AREA**

- The fishing area is unlimited.

#### **RADIO FREQUENCY**

- Control of the tournament will operate on channel 72 VHF. This frequency should be used only for tournament matters, especially during peak hours, such as the last 10 minutes of each fishing day. Use channel 68 for other communications.

#### **VALIDATION COMMITTEE OR JUDGES**

- The Validation Committee or Judges will be Luis Infanzón from PR, Alfonso Khouri from RD and Rafael Martinez from Venezuela. The judges' ruling on any reports will be final after they consider all parts and views.

#### **THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**



- The Tournament Director can make changes he deems appropriate to these regulations if they do not affect retroactively any article. These changes will be notified to participants by Tournament Control or during the captains' meeting.

#### **THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

- The Organizing Committee has the right to send a judge in any of the fishing boats, as well as to inspect any boat and fishing equipment, at the time it deems appropriate. The organizing committee can require anglers to bring their equipment to review lines, etc.

#### **JUDGES**

- Tournament Judges can impose sanctions for infringements of these rules, or any rule subsequently issued by the tournament management, made known to the participants.

#### **BOATS RETURNING TO THE DOCK**

- The boats can return to the dock before the deadline or during the competition time to collect a delayed angler duly registered, or to return any participant that for any reason cannot continue onboard. This return must be notified to Control before proceeding. From the moment that a boat notifies their intention to return, until confirming resumption of fishing, they may not report any hook-up.

#### **ATTACKS AND / OR APPROACHES.**

- When a fish strikes an angler's bait, or is approaching it, the other anglers in the boat may not touch the rod in question, nor help reel it, nor manipulate the lines or spur lines of the unit attacking the angler's bait. As a rule or common practice, experienced anglers grab their rods and are ready when a fish is in the spread, in case the fish suddenly switches directions, or there is a second fish that has yet to show itself.

#### **DOUBLE HOOK-UPS**

- At the time of hook-up, the captain will have 1 minute to look for another fish, after that, all lines out. The following hook-ups will have the same amount of fighting time as the first, starting at the release of the first and so on.

#### **UNREGISTERED GUESTS**

- Unregistered guests are allowed on board. However, they are NOT permitted to offer help to the anglers.

#### **IGFA RULES**

- The IGFA (International Game Fishing Association) rules are valid and enforceable in this tournament, except in those points in which they conflict with specific regulations of this tournament.