



## TOURNAMENT RULES 2021

### SPECIES

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

### LINES & TACKLE

- Wire/metallic lines are prohibited.
- Lines will be up to 30 pounds test tournament certified.
- I.G.F.A rules for 30 pound test is allowed in all tackle up to 30. This rule says “40’ feet from double line to hook and none of its components can exceed 30’ feet”.
- The Organizing Committee has the right to inspect any fishing equipment for verification of compliance with this regulation.
  - No spinning reels are allowed.
  - One rod per angler.
  - Minimum anglers per boat is 2 and maximum is 4 anglers.

### CATEGORIES & AWARDS

There will be two categories in the boat divisions, PRO and Family. The committee will decide by experience of the crew in which category the boat will participate. The top 3 anglers of each category will have prizes, and the 3 top boats will have prizes. Best LADY angler and JUNIOR angler (under 16) will also get prizes.



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### 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. All anglers must be formally registered and paid to participate in the tournament.
- Regular rotation of the rod position in which the participants are fishing is optional.

### AGE

- 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 anglers who catch and release the most billfish.

### RELEASE

- For each hook-up the captain will call Radio Control, channel 72, to inform name of the angler, boat, latitude and longitude. Control will give the time at this moment. For the release, captain will call Radio Control, Ch. 72 again, and inform name of angler, boat name, latitude, longitude and species.



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- Proof of release will consist of digital video, which must show enough images of the fish and clearly appears to determine the species. The video must show the actual moment of the double line entering the rod or the mate with the leader on his hands, as well as the face of the angler, brace band, and the rod used.
- All Blue Marlin reported and released according to tournament rules will have a value of 200 points. White Marlin, Sailfish and Spears fish will have a value of 100 points each, valid for vessels scores.
- 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 7:00 pm to be reviewed and certified. There will be 3 judges from different nationalities in this committee.

### FISHING HOURS

- Boats can leave the docks by 7:30 am and fish as soon as they get to the fishing grounds they choose. Lines out at 5:15 pm.



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### FISHING TIME

- The angler will have one(1) hour to release the fish unless the crew agrees on one more hour. At this point the fish will not count. The crew can extend this time indefinitely. We prefer the line not to be cut.

### TYING / DEAD HEAT

- In case of a tie, the winner will be the one that first reported the release.

### MUTILATED OR DOUBLE HOOKED UP FISH

- Mutilated fish or hooked-up by more than one angler do not qualify as a catch for team, angler or boat, and must be reported to control.

### BAITS

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

### FISHING AREA

- The fishing area is unlimited.



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### 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 Puerto Rico, Alfonso Kouri from Dominican Republic, and Rafael Martínez 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 as long as 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.



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### JUDGES

- Tournament Judges can impose sanctions for infringements of these Rules, or any rule subsequently issued by 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.



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### 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.

### COVID-19 CAP CANA WHITE MARLIN TOURNAMENT

has established a control and prevention plan due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We urge everyone to follow. We strongly recommend that Fisherman and Crew members provide proof of (-) Covid-19 PCR/Antigen test taken no more than 72 hours prior to arrival.

If applicable Proof of vaccination should be provided as well.