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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, “30 feet from double line to the hook and none of its components can exceed 20’ 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 three categories: PRO (SCOPE RADAR), SEMI PRO, AND FAMILY DIVISION with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Best Boats.

RELEASE REPORTS

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



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FISHING HOURS

- Boats can leave the docks by 7:00 am and start fishing at 7:30 am, lines out at 5:00 pm.

FIGHTING TIME

- The angler will have 45 minutes 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 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.



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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 Infanzon from PR, Alfonso Kouri 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 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 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.



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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, except in those points in which they are in conflict with specific regulations of this tournament.