



**San Diego Rod & Reel Club
BIG FISH TOURNAMENT RULES
2007**

- A. **Mandatory Captain's meeting August 17th, 6:00 p.m., at the Wave Gazebo on Shelter Island. At least one boat member must be present to sign off on the rules at the Captain's meeting or vessel will be disqualified.**
- B. **The Tournament commences Saturday, August 18th at 12:01 a.m. and terminates on Sunday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m. SHARP.**
- C. **Weigh-in times are as follows: Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. SHARP. Weigh master's time is official.**
- D. Fish can be weighed in at either the **San Diego Marlin Club**, or the **Mission Bay Marlin Club** at Dana Landing.
- a) Anglers who are having fish weighed must personally report to the Weigh master with their fish.
 - b) Anglers may present more than one tournament class of fish.
 - c) There will be no ties. In the event of equal weight, the fish weighed in first wins.
 - d) All fish must be weighed in by the termination of the tournament, except in the event the weigh-in dock(s) is full, the weigh master can allow a representative from the boat to report a fish for weigh-in, at the sole discretion of the weigh master, if he is notified of the situation before the weigh-in deadline. The angler must notify the weigh master by radio at a visual distance, for verification. **This all must be accomplished before the deadline. If the angler is not within visual distance for verification, before the deadline, the angler may not weigh in a fish after the deadline. And there must be a wait at the weigh-in dock.**
 - e) The Marlin, Shark & Tuna division is the three heaviest fish weighed in per division.
 - f) Cash payouts paid on a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd placing based on posted prizes. *For full \$10,000 cash payout, a minimum of 250 anglers is required.
 - g) Sharks must be a minimum of 100 pounds. Blue sharks are not recognized in this tournament.
 - h) Marlin must be a minimum of 100 pounds.
 - i) Side jackpot Yellowtail and Dorado will be the heaviest one fish of each category whereby the prize money will be split equally. If one of the species is not weighed in, the heaviest of the other will win the whole pot.
 - j) Fishing can be done in any waters that the angler can reach within the time limits of the tournament. All boats must depart from a port within the State of California. **All fish must be brought by boat, in the water, at a designated weigh-in station by a tournament-entered boat. Weight receipts from any other weigh stations will not be accepted.**
 - k) **A paid participant** from each boat **must attend the mandatory skippers meeting on Friday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m.** The skipper or another paid participant representing the vessel **must be present by 7:30 p.m. or the vessel will be disqualified.** The skippers meeting will be held at the Wave Gazebo area on the grass at Shelter Island, Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA. At the skippers meeting, the skipper/representative will be given their tournament gift pack, the tournament rules, tournament premiums and tournament t-shirts for all the paid participants. This check-in/registration by at least one registered angler from the vessel, **who is a paid participant,** will be strictly adhered to. Failure to be checked off on the tournament participation list will disqualify all anglers of that vessel. Once again, the meeting is at 6:00 p.m. and the deadline for registration is 7:30 p.m. The person representing the team must sign that he/she understands all Rules and has no questions. Failure to sign will result in disqualification. **DON'T BE LATE.**
 - l) I.G.F.A. rules apply. Every fish must be brought to gaff by use of regulation tackle only, unless otherwise noted. Double tuna hooks are allowed. All other I.G.F.A. rules regarding leaders, lures and hooks apply. Live bait may be caught or purchased, as available, prior to the commencement of the tournament. Bait may be kept aboard tournament boats, used or transferred at the discretion of the anglers

or skippers throughout the tournament. Artificial bait or lures may be used in accordance with the I.G.F.A. rules. Teasers are permitted.

- m) All anglers will possess a valid California fishing license. Anglers fishing within the boundaries of Mexico will possess a valid Mexican fishing license. All anglers must abide by California and/or Mexican regulations that may apply.
- n) The following acts or omissions will disqualify a fish:
- o) Acts of persons assisting the angler in adjusting the reel drag or touching any part of the tackle, either by hand or other devices during the playing of the fish.
- p) Use of a gaff exceeding 8 feet in overall length, use of a rope exceeding 30 feet in length from the head of a detachable (flying) gaff. After the fish is gaffed, assistance may be given to the angler and the gaffer in placing a tail-rope on the fish and boating it.
- q) Mutilation caused by sharks, marine mammals, propellers or any other act that removes or penetrates the flesh, except which occurs from the gaff. Exception: the shooting of a shark one time (no shotguns) is permitted.
- r) Frozen and/or defrosted fish presented for weigh-in are prohibited and will result in the disqualification of all participants on the offending vessel.
- s) Transferring of anglers and fish from a disabled vessel is allowed. The angler must report with his fish to the weigh master.....ter, on a tournament-registered boat. The Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to disqualify any angler who exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct. All persons must complete a tournament application form and pay the entry fee prior to the start of the tournament. All persons on the boat must be a paid participant of the tournament. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.**
- t) Official tournament channel is VHF 69. For weighing in, (in San Diego Harbor) call The San Diego Marlin Club at VHF 78, or (in Mission Bay) call The Mission Bay Marlin Club at VHF 69 - BEFORE ARRIVING.

Protests

- I. Any protest relative to the weight of the fish or manner of weighing must be made before the fish is removed from the scale. This protest must be made to the tournament rules committee. If needed the weigh master will contact someone from the tournament rules committee. All decision by the weigh master stands in affect unless a decision is made by the tournament rules committee.
- II. Any protest, except weight, must be made to a member of the Tournament Rules Committee. All protests, other than weight, must be made in writing and submitted to a member of the Tournament Rules Committee by 11:00 a.m. on August 19th.
- III. Any disagreements, protests, arguments, at the time of the weigh in with out a decision from the tournament rules committee will be disqualified.
- IV. **The Tournament Rules Committee** will make the final determination. The Rules Committee members are the following:

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