

2017 CIIFT Angling Rules and Regulations

General

1. Except as may be modified herein, IGFA International Angling Rules (www.igfa.org) will apply throughout the Cayman Islands International Fishing Tournament (the “CIIFT” or the “Tournament”) and subject to the foregoing, these rules shall constitute the full governing Rules of the CIIFT. It is the responsibility of each registered angler and crew member to know, understand and abide by IGFA and tournament rules during this competition.

2. All fish entered in the Tournament must be caught by registered anglers. All anglers must be registered, and fully paid up, Cayman Islands Angling Club members.

3. For the purposes of record fish, the relevant records are those current records in effect the day prior to the start of the Tournament. In line with IGFA regulations, in order to qualify as a new record, the weight must exceed the existing record by at least half of one percent.

4. All fish qualifying for any prize shall be subject to verification as to having been caught in compliance with all rules and regulations of this Tournament. The Rules Committee reserves the right to employ verification procedures at its own discretion including but not limited to the use of polygraph tests and consultation with any local or visiting marine biologist.

5. All cash prizes are in US dollars.

6. Prizes for fish exceeding the existing Cayman Islands record will go to the heaviest qualifying fish over such record caught during the Tournament.

7. Fishing with live bait, as well as the use of kites is permitted.

8. There is no limit as to the number of lines which may be fished by each angler or from each boat.

9. There are no fishing area limits as such.

10. Any type of boat may be used in the Tournament. All participating boats shall have adequate safety equipment on board and must comply with the Port Regulations, or any amendments thereto. For safety reasons, all boats must have a minimum of two people on board for the duration of all fishing hours.

11. Fishing hours on Tournament days shall be from 6am – 4.30pm, except for the first day, when fishing will commence immediately after the Bimini Start.

12. All fish for Tournament awards must be weighed on the same day caught, except that, a captain may, provided that he/she has communicated this intention to Tournament Control during Weigh Station hours, elect in the case of a fish hooked prior to 4.30pm and landed after 4.30pm to weigh this fish the following day. However, all other fish

on board on the relevant day will be disqualified. The fish to be weighed must be delivered to the Weigh Master for refrigeration on the same day. On the last day of the Tournament all fish must be weighed in prior to weigh station closing. Weigh station / Release Recording Center hours are 4.30pm – 6.30pm on each Tournament day. The angler must be present when his/her fish is weighed.

13. It is expressly understood that all those participating in the Tournament do so at their own risk. By registering as an angler in the Tournament, the angler holds harmless the Cayman Islands Angling Club, Cayman Islands Government, Cayman Airways, CICO Rent-a-Car, The Barcadere Marina, the Tournament Committee, the Rules Committee, Tournament Judges, the organizers, its sponsors and donors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Tournament from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, sports-fisherman, their companions, boat captains, crew members, family, vessels and equipment which may occur during the Tournament. All registered anglers chartering boats do so entirely at their own risk.

14. By registering as an angler in the Tournament, the angler consents to the use by the Tournament organizers, without payment or restrictions, any photographs in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever, including, but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. The angler further releases the Tournament organizers from any injury, loss or damage which may result from the use of said pictures.

Communications

15. All participating boats must have a working VHF radio on board at all times. VHF channel 28 in Grand Cayman will be the frequency which will be used for all Tournament communications. Tournament Control in Cayman Brac will use VHF channel 10. The telephone number for Tournament Control is 916-0179. The use of cellular phones or satellite phones is an acceptable means of contact with Tournament Control. All hook-up's must be called in, and after landing, or releasing, all fish, the Captain shall as soon as possible report the species, line class, anglers name and the location. In the spirit of sportsmanship, all Captains are asked to provide a “best guess” estimate of the fish size. Lost fish must also be reported. Please note that the requirement for calling in hook-up's and landed fish will be strictly enforced, if there is no record of the fish on the official Control Log, the fish will not be weighed, and will not be eligible for prizes.

16. Tournament Control radio hours are 6.00am –

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6.30pm on all Tournament days. The Captain of each boat **MUST** check in and out with Tournament Control each day. The Captain of any boat planning to fish out of VHF radio range (whether or not it has a satellite phone) must complete and deliver the appropriate form to Tournament Control/Weigh Station between 4.30pm and 6.30pm the day prior. All boats fishing out of VHF range and without satellite phone capability must maintain VHF contact with a participating boat which has such capability or which is in VHF contact with Tournament Control. Failure to comply with the foregoing will disqualify any fish caught that day. As with the communication requirement, this rule will be strictly enforced. Any boat fishing offshore is not permitted to leave the dock/home port before 10pm on the night prior to fishing (for example if you plan to fish Pickle bank on Saturday you cannot leave the dock before 10pm Friday). Anyboat that fishes offshore must return to port each day, staying overnight is not permitted.

Anglers/Junior Anglers fees etc.

17. The entry fee for the Tournament is US\$500/CI\$400 per boat of up to 4 anglers. The entry fee entitles the anglers to enter fish caught by him/her during fishing hours on all Tournament days. No refunds of entry fees will be made for any cause after the first day of the Tournament. Each boat must complete a registration form in order to register anglers in this Tournament. All boats/anglers must be correctly registered by 6.30pm the day prior to fishing. Save in exceptional circumstances, anglers are not permitted to change boats for the duration of the tournament. If an exceptional event occurs, such as engine failure, permission to change boats must be received from the Tournament Committee prior to fishing. If such permission is forthcoming, the anglers may only switch to a boat within the same size category. If the boat is in a different size class, the team can elect to register again in that category, subject to payment of entry fees. If permission is granted to an angler to transfer to a previously registered boat, any fish which the angler may have caught previously may not be transferred for the purposes of any team or boat prize.

18. A registered junior angler is a boy or girl who has not attained age 17 on the day of the start of the Tournament. Juniors must be registered but are allowed free entry to the tournament and do not count toward the 4 members that comprise a team. Junior Anglers are only eligible for Junior Angler prizes, however fish caught by a Junior Angler will count towards the total boat weight. For the avoidance of doubt, fish caught by junior anglers are NOT eligible for jackpots, daily prizes, grand slam's and all individual or boat prizes. A team may register an angler under age 17 as a full angler/team member by paying all fees, this

angler will not be eligible for Junior prizes but will be eligible for all angler/team prizes.

19. Sanctioned tournaments during C.I.I.F.T. have their own prize lists and separate entry fees for those who choose to participate. In order to participate in the sanctioned tournaments anglers must first be registered with the C.I.I.F.T.

20. In the event of a tie, the prize shall be awarded to the angler, captain, boat or team first landing the winning fish or first reaching the winning points total as the case may be. The time used in determining all such awards will be Tournament Control radio log time.

21. A registered angler may not qualify as both angler and boat captain in catching any fish (please refer to Section 10. requiring a minimum of two people on board). Charter boat captains and mates may register as anglers in the Tournament, however, on days when the boat is chartered, only fish caught by the charter party (if registered) will be eligible.

22. The C.I.I.F.T. reserves the right to refuse entry to any angler and/or boat.

Prohibited Gear

23. The use of WIRE LINE is strictly prohibited. Any boat found with wire line aboard during the Tournament will be disqualified as will all fish entered to date. There will be no refund of entry fees. Tournament Officials shall be permitted to board any boat participating in the Tournament at any time in order to verify compliance with this or any other rule. Refusal to allow boarding and inspection will be grounds for disqualification from the Tournament and any prizes.

Eligible Fish and Minimum Weights/Length

24. Eligible fish and minimum weights: Wahoo and Dolphin 15lbs., Yellowfin Tuna 30lbs., Blue Marlin 587lbs (please refer to section 29 & 30 for weight estimation guide for Blue Marlin), Swordfish 48 inches. The Grand Slam prize will be awarded to the team landing the heaviest aggregate weight of heaviest individual fish, Wahoo, Dolphin and Yellowfin Tuna, over the duration of the Tournament. The Super Grand Slam prize will be awarded to the team weighing the heaviest aggregate weight of Wahoo, Dolphin, Yellowfin Tuna and Swordfish (Swordfish caught in the Cayman Swordfish Challenge may also be counted towards this prize).

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Protests

25. All protests must be filed in writing with Tournament Control on the prescribed form, available at Tournament Control, by noon on the day following the alleged offence. All fish caught on a particular day, on any boat in respect of which a protest relating to that day has been upheld by the Rules Committee, will be automatically disqualified, unless, the Rules Committee in their sole discretion decide otherwise.

26. All decisions of the Rules Committee shall be taken in consultation with the Honorary Judges and shall be final.

27. "Spirit of the Tournament" – All fishing, conduct, protests and rulings are to be within the intentions and spirit of the Tournament. It is intended to be enjoyable, in good fellowship, and for everyone to have a good time. Unacceptable conduct (ashore or at sea), unfounded protests, etc. will be strongly considered as grounds for exclusion from the tournament in future years.

Release Rules

28. Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin, Swordfish and Spearfish are eligible for the release category. All teams must provide their own video camera to verify releases. When you know you are going to release the fish, you must call tournament control and ask for the control number. Then have your designated videographer or any other crewmember hold up the supplied number card next to the fish as the video is taken. The video must identify the species, and control number, and must also show the fish swimming away freely after release. A fish is considered released when one of the following actions is completed. A - The mate is able to grab the leader. B - The swivel hits the rod tip. C - The connection (knot, splice, etc.) between the leader and the mainline/double line/flyline passes

through the rod tip. At the end of the day's fishing and all video footage taken must be brought to the weigh station during designated hours, for verification of official release points. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of that day's catch. Please note that the verification must take place during weigh station hours on the day the fish is released. Do not delete any videos taken during tournament hours.

Scoring

29. This is a release category of the tournament. A boated fish or fish brought to the boat dead will not qualify as a release. In the event of a tie, the prize shall be awarded to the team first reaching the most points. The time used in determining all such awards will be Tournament Control radio log time.

30. Blue Marlin Weight Estimation: As a rough "rule of thumb" the following calculation will provide good guidance for estimating the weight of a Blue Marlin:

31. Short Length (in inches) x Girth (in inches) x Girth (in inches) divided by 800 = Estimated Weight lbs. Short length is measured from the V of the tail or caudal fin to the tip of the lower jaw.

Special Regulations

32. The Tournament Committee wishes to stress the conservation of our marine resources.

33. It is expected of all participants that only those fish weighed for Tournament awards or used for food purposes are kept. Other fish of all species should be carefully released.

34. Visiting boats are not permitted to solicit charters in the Islands.

35. An overseas angler is a person who is not ordinarily resident.