

BIG GAME FISHING TOURNAMENT

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1º TEAMS REGISTRATION

ARTICLES

The teams in competition should have a minimum of two (2) anglers and a maximum of four (4) anglers.

2º TEAM CAPTIONS MEETING

ARTICLES

2.1 - The team captians meeting will take place on the day before the first sea day, on a place and time to be announced (see event program).

2.2 - It is mandatory the presence of the team captain or one team representative.

2.3 - If no one representing the team on the meeting, than it is implicate that any of the changes on the rules of the tournament decided on this briefing, that the team is compiled to accept them.

2.4 - The organization will provide all information and clarifications required and will deliver to each team all documents referent the event.

It will be delivered a bag with following documents:

TORNAMENT RULES

TEAM REGISTRATION PANFLET

TEAM NAMES AND DAILY CAHGES IF ANY

PANFLET TO REGISTER THE DAILY CATCHES (One per day of the tournament)

2.5 - The cost of the the registration is 300€ per team, two (2) minimum, and four (4) maximum.

Additional anglers till two, 50€ each.

The cost of rental of the vessel is of 3.000€.

The cost of the Hotel room is from:

- Double 600€ (each extra night is 70€).
- Single 500€ (each extra night is 60€).

2.6 - The time limit for subscribe, will be till five teen days (15) from the start of the event.

2.7 - Payment should be done to the Nautical Club of Ponta Delgada, either in cash, bank check or bank transference to:

BANCO ESPIRITO SANTO DOS AÇORES

NIF: 0160 01 0000 5979 7000 518

IBAN: PT50 0160 01 0000 5979 7000 518

2.8 - The subscription confirmation for participating on the tournament should have the team name, country, the fisherman's and phone/mobile numbers.

Email: biggamefishing@cnpdl.pt

2.9 - The team captain or their representative are the only contact people between the team and Jury for any validation of the captures and their confirmation.

3º TOURNAMENT RULES

ARTICLES

3.1 - The event is only done on trawling and should take place in three (3) different days.

3.2 - The tournament is open to the following fish species:

Blue Marlim	Makaira Nigricans
White Marlim	Tetrapturus Albidus
Sword Fish	Xiphias Gladius
Long Bill Spear Fish	Tetrapturus Pfuegeri
Roundscale Spear Fish	Tetrapturus Georgi
Blue Fin Tuna	Thunnus Thynnus
Big Eye Tuna	Thunnus Obesus
Yellow Fin Tuna	Thunnus Albacares
Albacore Tuna	Thunnus Alalunga
Dolphin Fish	Coryphaena Equiselis / Hippurs
Wahoo	Acanthocybium Solandri
Mako Shark	Isurus Oxyrinchus

3.3 - It will be accepted for classification and points the billfish released, regardless of their weight as per annex table and point nº 9.

3.4 - The tournament will have the IGFA regulations regarding rods, reels, lines, hooks, double lines; mounting etc as well as angling action should be done in accordance with IGFA rules.

3.5 - We call attention for following points:

(A) The maximum strength for lines, rods and reels should be 130 Lbs.

(B) The tournament is trawling, being allowed to be used artificial lures, life or dead bait, which in this last case it is mandatory the use of circular hooks.

(C) The dead or alive bait can only be caught during the competition time.

3.6 - The artificial baits type RAPALAS can, as an exception, have double or triple hooks.

3.7 - The organization can, whenever it is verified a catch, request the delivery of the equipment used for the catch, in order to confirm that the same complies with IGFA rules.

3.8 - The organization can as well request the team captain to allow onboard the presence of a representative of the organization or a news people.

3.9 - The denied of this representative will exclude the team (see point 13).

3.10 - All fish caught for weight accounting, belongs to the organization that will later on give to charity.

4º TOURNAMENT AREA

ARTICLES

4.1 - There is no restriction limit.

4.2 - The boats must however use as their limits the restrictions of each boat class permit.

5º TOURNAMENT JURI

ARTICLES

5.1 - The tournament (Jury) Director with other four elements elected being one of the representatives the Team captains.

5.2 - The Board of Tournament (Jury) direction is organized by the Tournament Director and four Directors to be elected.

6º TOURNAMENT TIMES

ARTICLES

6.1 - Departure at 07.30 arrival 19.00 hours.

6.2 - Weighting of the fish at 19.30 hours except for the boats that reported till 17.00 hours that are having a fish fight, which for those a later time will be granted depending on the time the fight ended.

7º TEAMS REQUIREMENTS

ARTICLES

7.1 - It is required that each team knows IGFA rules and applies those on the present contest.

7.2 - It is required to inform via VHF:

(A) All captures must be reported on the area where those were done (Position coordinates) species and quantities.

(B) The frequency will be used channels 16 to call and reported per channel 12 which will be the VHF channel used for the tournament to report catches as well as talk between teams/boats.

7.3 - The station to call will be PORTO DE ABRIGO

(A) The name of the team on fight (time that started the fight, coordinates).

Name of the angler in fight.

Time ended the fight and confirmation if it was a valid catch or not.

Hoisting the correspondent flag on the boat if it was a catch.

7.4 - It is mandatory to present to the jury, the fish captures sheet, written and signed by the team captain as well as the video with the proof and identification for the billfishes.

7.5 - The fish taken for weight should be properly identified by which anglers it belongs, with a label or a colour rope for each member of the team in order to identify it correctly.

8º VIDEO REGISTER

ARTICLES

8.1 - All billfish captures can only be validated by the Director of the Board (Proof) if after the day fishing it can be properly seen in the video the following moments:

(A) Video register where it can be seen the code of each day (date) Register in video of the begin of the fight, video register where it can be seen the team element holding the double line and the swivel touching the rod end or the wind-on leader passing throw the rod terminal. Register off the video in the moment of the liberation Board (Proof).

(B) The non execution of the point (A) disable the validation of the capture from the Director of the Board (Proof).

(C) All videos and photos rights, delivered as conformations of captures during the tournament become property of the organization.

9º PONTUATION / CLASSIFICATION

ARTICLES

9.1 - It is accepted to count the fish that is on the enclosed table 9.3

9.2 - The classification will be done per team adding the total of the three days points.

9.3 - For the classification of the tournament it will count following table.

MANDATORY CATCH AND RELEASE

NAME		Pontos por Libertação
Blue Marlim	Nakaira Nigricans	300
White Marlim	Tetrapturus Albidus	150
Spear Fish	Kajika Audax	150
Sword Fish	Xiphias Gladius	200

DEAD FISH

NAME		Points per 1/2 Kg	Minimum weight / Kg
Blue Tuna	Thunnus Thynnus	1	60
Bigeye Tuna	Thunus Obesus	1	20
Yellowfin Tuna	Thunnus Albacares	1	20
Albacore Tuna	Thunnus Alalunga	1	10

OTHER SPECIES

NAME		Points per 1/2 Kg	Minimum Weight / Kg
Dolphinfish	Coryphaena Equiselis	1	5
Wahoo	Acanthocybium Solandri	1	15
Mako Shark	Isurus Oxyrinchus	1	20

9.4 - Billfish caught dead will not count, except if they are well documented (per video) the impossibility of reanimation/oxygenation having than the same points as if they were released. There is also the possibility if they are a dead fish because of being a record in agreement with IGFA rules to count as a released fish.

9.5 - All other species, (Tunas etc.) besides the billfish, if they are caught and released will count 150 points, as long as they are well documented in video and regardless of their weight and size. This will be up to the angler decision.

10º TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

ARTICLES

10.1 - The final classification will be the adding of the three days at sea.

11º DRAWING

ARTICLES

11.1 - In case of a draw it will be decided as follows.

- (A) Number of fish caught and released
- (B) Time the first Marlin was caught
- (C) Time the first fish
- (D) Final luck brake decision.

12º PENALTIES

ARTICLES

12.1 - Any team in any of the days that are on the arrival out of time Schedule, will have 10 points penalty for each 15 minutes delayed.

12.2 - Will not be any penalty for delays in case of one boat helping another as long as duly confirmed.

12.3 - There will be no penalties for a boat arriving late if the boat as an engine problem as long as duly confirmed.

12.4 - There will be no penalties for a boat arriving late if there was a fish fighting over 18.00 hours limit time, which than the time limit will be extended to the duration of the fight, duly reported by radio.

13° DESCCLASSIFICATION

ARTICLES

13.1 - The refusal to point 3.8 and 3.9

13.2 - The deliberated violations to enclosed rules as well as lack of ethnic and good behaviour.

14° CLAIMS

ARTICLES

14.1 - Any claim should be addressed to the jury, in written, together with the amount of Euros 250, which will be refunded if the claim is found correct.

14.2 - The claims can only be done until 30 minutes after presenting the results of the day.

14.3 - The jury after receiving the claim in writing will take a final decision within a reasonable time.

15º GENERAL INFORMATION

ARTICLES

15.1 - The organization has sport insurance, as per existing sport rules for sport events in Portugal.

Although this insurance is made, all register anglers, news, and guests participating in the tournament enter voluntarily and at their own risk. Each register angler, news media and guest holds harmless and indemnify the Tournament, its officers, managers, directors agents, sponsors the Nautical Club Of Ponta Delgada and any persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the tournament, from and against any and all liabilities.

15.2 - The organization can make exceptional changes to the regulations, and in this case it is required that in good time the team captains should in advance be informed of any such changes.

15.3 - The Tournament organization have the right of accepting or refusal of any team registration.

15.4 - Size records, are well foreseen that a size record can be established as per IGFA sizes, where than it is mandatory that IGFA rules be made. (Rules and Requirements for All-Tackle Length World Records)