



Port Douglas Fishing Club Inc.

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Port Douglas Marlin Challenge

Tournament Rules

1. Tournament Fishing Zone: Between top of Ribbon Reef No.5 and the bottom of the Jeny Louise Shoals.
2. Eligible Species: Black Marlin (*Istiompax indica*); Blue Marlin (*Makaira nigricans*); Striped Marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*).
3. Eligible Tackle: As published in GFAA angling rules and equipment regulations.
4. Eligible Line Class: 37kg and 60kg line may be used.
5. TAG & RELEASE ONLY EVENT: No fish will be weighed in the Tournament and this year a deckhand or crew member that touches the leader will be deemed a tagged fish. This allows for quicker release. IMPORTANTLY the leader may not exceed 30ft or 9.14m, the combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 40ft or 12.19m
6. IMPORTANTLY: All Hooked fish must be radioed to Tournament Base immediately. Upon this communication the skipper will receive a 3-digit code (each different hookup will receive a random code). This must be recorded clearly on the equivalent of an A4 page (we recommended a small white board that won't get water damaged). This code must be shown recorded on video footage from the beginning of the hookup and once again at the end if a tag is recorded - uninterrupted. Stop/ Start Footage will not be considered. So be organised in this regard.
7. By day's end this video footage must be sent to tournament base via or phone or email to be eligible for cash prizes. These exact details will be emailed to skippers in the briefing prior to the tournament.
8. Point Score: One (1) point per live marlin tagged & released in accordance with the Rules, irrespective of whether 37 or 60kg line was used.
9. Number of Days Fished: Competitors may elect to fish all or any number of competition days within the Tournament dates. There is no reduction in fees for fishing less than 4 days.
10. Judges: Port Douglas Fishing Club shall appoint Tournament Judges whose decision shall be final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into relating to the Judges decisions.
11. Start Fishing: No Tournament fishing or chumming shall commence before starting time each day. Any fish hooked after the final radio sched but before stop fishing MUST be reported to the Radio Boat and acknowledged to be eligible. The fish may then be played out subject to the conditions of Rule 6.
12. Radio Scheds: All hook-ups, fish lost, tags & releases must be immediately reported to the Radio Ship. The time of the tag & release is deemed to be the time at which the tag & release is reported to the Radio Ship. Details of Radio Scheds will be emailed prior to the tournament.
13. Protests: A Protest must be submitted in writing to the Judges by 1900 hours on the last day of fishing.
14. Tackle Inspection: Equipment and tackle used by competitors may be inspected at random by the Tournament Judges.

15. The committee reserve the right to cancel or postpone the tournament if conditions are deemed to be too dangerous for the boats and crew.
16. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: THE PORT DOUGLAS FISHING CLUB (THE CLUB) AND ITS OFFICERS ARE THE ORGANISERS OF THE PORT DOUGLAS MARLIN CHALLENGE (THE TOURNAMENT) AND ALL BOAT OWNERS, BOAT CAPTAINS, CREW AND ANGLERS INVOLVED IN THE TOURNAMENT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE CLUB AND ITS OFFICERS DO NOT ACCEPT ANY LIABILITY FOR LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY BOAT ENTERED IN THE TOURNAMENT OR ANY PERSON ONBOARD A BOAT ENTERED IN THE TOURNAMENT. ON THE REGISTRATION FORM THERE WILL BE BOX TO TICK WITH ABILITY OF PROOF ATTAINING TO SELF BOAT INSURANCE WHICH IS MANDATORY.**

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Media Conditions of Entry

1. Port Douglas Fishing Club ("the Club") may enter into an agreement with our sponsors which grants our sponsors exclusive rights to naming of the Tournament, sponsoring of the tournament and electronic media production rights, which includes the right to commercial production of DVDs and videos for use in filming television and DVD distribution.
2. It is a condition of entry to the Tournament that a competitor may not:
 - a. Conduct or permit to be conducted any activity during the Tournament including filming, videoing, photography or interviewing, of the activities of the competitor, the competitor's boat, crew or visitors during the Tournament or relating to the competitor's participation in the Tournament or to the activities of the Tournament which is used for or may be used for the production of any commercial electronic media release whether before, during or after the Tournament without written permission of the club.
 - b. Conduct or permit any activities to be conducted either during before or after the Tournament which uses or refers to the Club, its logo, the Tournament name or relating to the participation in the Tournament which is used for or may be used for the production of any commercial electronic media release without written permission of the club.
3. If in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, a competitor breaches this rule the competitor may be immediately disqualified from the Tournament and further action may be taken against you for damages suffered by the Club.