

2015 Tuna Challenge Tournament Rules

Rules are subject to change. Final rules including any final revisions will be distributed at the Captains Meeting, Thursday, September 24, 2015.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY:

To register: Participants must pay a \$500 *nonrefundable* entry deposit. **Balance of entry fee (\$1,500) must be paid by September 22, 2015.**

TOURNAMENT CASH AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Example based on 25 boats entered.

25 boats @ \$2,000 = \$50,000

1st (100%) \$50,000

TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN:

A team member must check in with tournament headquarters prior to 5pm, Thursday September 24, 2015.

1. TOURNAMENT START AND COMPLETION:

Boats are required to depart from Hurricane Hole Marina. Boats may depart for fishing at 6:01 am on Friday, September 25, 2105. Fishing is allowed from time of departure until return on Saturday, September 26th.

2. WEATHER AND COMPLETED TOURNAMENT:

In the event the tournament committee feels in their best judgment unsafe offshore weather and sea conditions exist, the tournament may be delayed. The tournament may be resumed should weather conditions improve. All teams and participants should make their *decision to fish based solely on their own judgment of prevailing conditions, vessel seaworthiness, and captain and crews seamanship skills*. The Tournament may be delayed to the following day or postponed to the following weekend. Six hours of fishing by one third of registered boats constitutes a completed tournament.

3. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:

In the event the tournament is canceled, entry fee will be rolled over into new date of tournament.

4. WITHDRAWALS:

Withdrawals from the Tournament prior to 5 pm, Thursday September 24th will be refunded Tournament entry fees less the non-refundable portion of \$500. *The entry deposit is non-refundable.*

5. DISPUTES:

All disputes, protests, claims, differences or controversies relating to any aspect of the Tournament, including, without limitation, Tournament Rules, must be submitted to the Tournament Organizers/Rules Committee no later than 30 minutes following the closing of the Weigh Station or are deemed waived. All such disputes must be presented in writing along with a non-refundable fee of \$200 cash. All such disputes shall be decided by the Tournament Organizers/Rules Committee and shall be final and binding upon all parties.

6. BINDING ARBITRATION:

In the event the Tournament Organizers/Rules Committee cannot render or refuses to render a final and binding decision with respect to any dispute, protest, claim, difference, or controversy under review, the matter shall be resolved by binding arbitration under the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. The decision rendered in arbitration shall be in writing and shall be final and binding upon all parties. The parties shall have no further recourse, except as provided for by the commercial rules of the

American Arbitration Association. Once the decision is rendered, it will produce the effect of "reudicata" and the parties shall fully comply with the decision without delay. The Participants specifically waive any right to a trial by judge or jury.

7. **PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO IMAGE RELEASE:**

The Participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph, video recording, or audio recording in which they appear or are heard, by the Tournament Committee and Hurricane Hole Marina for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, resale, advertising, and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

8. **WEIGH-IN:**

Weigh-in hours are Thursday, September 25, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Saturday, September 26, 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm or last fish in line which was confirmed inside the check in points by 5:00 pm. Boats must be inside Fish to be weighed must be in fresh condition and not mutilated in any such manner. (Gaff, hook, and line wounds are acceptable.) Fish may not be frozen. The weighmaster has final decision to disqualify a fish for poor condition or mutilation. Fish to be weighed must be tail tagged with boat and angler's name prior to fish leaving the boat. The angler catching the fish must accompany the fish with completed weigh-in report.