

2023 LBA FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES

TOURNAMENT DATES & LOCATION

The tournament will take place on Saturday, July 22nd, 2023. There will be one (1) day of fishing. The captains' meeting, weigh-in, check-out/in, awards ceremony and dock parties will take place at Playa Largo.

OFFICIAL TIME

The official time will be kept by the tournament director. It is urged that captains and anglers synchronize their watches with the director to avoid time related issues.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING

There will be a Captains' Meeting on Friday, July 21st, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. during the LBA Luau Dinner. At least one representative from each boat/team must be present. (Angler Package DOES NOT include entry to ANY LBA FISHING TOURNAMENT EVENTS) Please contact LBA Staff for event information. All anglers are encouraged to attend. The rules of this tournament may be amended verbally or in writing at the time of the meeting. Anglers are responsible for being well informed of all rules.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

All participating anglers must possess necessary licenses and permits. All boats must abide by all local and international laws.

ELIGIBLE FISH

WEIGHABLE - Dolphin, king fish, tuna, wahoo and cobia. All fish presented for weigh-in must be in fresh, edible condition and caught that tournament day. No mutilated fish (based on tournament committee's opinion) will be accepted. All participating anglers are urged to release those fish not to be entered into the tournament. The release of fish should be in keeping with the best conservation methods to ensure continued life.

NO BOUNDARIES

SUBSTITUTIONS

You may substitute anglers or boats. Boat and angler substitutions may occur if done in writing or via VHF and accepted by the tournament director before the day's fishing has commenced. Substitutions may not happen once fishing has begun.

BOAT RESTRICTIONS

Once boats have checked out for each day's fishing, boats may not come in contact with land or another boat until they arrive back at Playa Largo's Marina for weigh-in. Boats weighing fish must be checked in with a tournament team member by 4PM with all fish being weighed in, to qualify. In the case where an emergency exists, captains are ultimately responsible for their boat and crew and should make the decision as to safe operating conditions.

CHECK OUT

We have check out scheduled for 6:30 a.m. after Tournament Director has checked your boat. All teams regardless of their port departure must check out with Tournament Director via VHF Channel 68 or cell 786.412.1745. No lines in the water until AFTER CHECK OUT 6:30 a.m. Boats caught with lines in the water before 6:30 a.m. and without approval from the Fishing Tournament Director, will be disqualified.

BAIT FISHING

Teams may fish for their own bait or purchase bait for this tournament.

FISHING TIMES

Line in the water is at 6:30 a.m. This will be marked by a radio announcement of "lines-in." "Lines-out" will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22nd. Teams must be standing in line with fish to be weighed before the close of the weigh-station at 4:00 p.m.

WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

The weigh-station will be open from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday. A team member and all fish to be weighed must be in line before the close of the weigh station. There will be no exception to this rule.

SCORING – OVERALL TOURNAMENT

Dolphin: 1.5 Points per Pounds Wahoo: 1.25 Points per Pounds King fish, Tuna, and Cobia will be counted as point for pound. *Total score is secured by the weighing in of the team's top 3 fish.

OTHER CATEGORIES

There will be an additional prize for the single largest of each of the three (3) main species (Dolphin, Wahoo and Tuna). The tournament winner will be the boat that has the highest point total for the entire tournament.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of unsafe weather conditions, the tournament committee may choose to cancel fishing for the tournament. Captains are ultimately responsible for their boat and crew and should make the decision as to safe sea conditions.

PROTESTS

Any protests concerning the conduct of an angler or rules violations must be filed in writing with the tournament committee no later than the close of the weigh station on the day of the alleged violation. Protests will be handled by the rules committee. The decisions of the rules committee are final. Rules Committee will be composed of Gus Cabrera, Anthony Gomez, Ed Portas, and Manny Fernandez.

REFUNDS

No refunds will be given for any reason including, but not limited to acts of nature, war, national security, or travel restrictions

TIES

All ties will be broken based on time. The earlier weigh-in will win the tie.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

It is expressly understood that all participants in the Tournament enter at their own risk and that the Latin Builders Association and their directors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operations of the tournament, or any sponsor of the tournament shall be exempt from any liability for slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, anglers or their companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, guests, vessels and equipment which may occur during the tournament.

SIGNING OF THE ENTRY FORM

By signing the entry form, the angler agrees to follow the above tournament rules and that the tournament and/or it's sponsors may use without payment or restriction any photographs or video in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever, but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. All anglers are required to sign their entry blank form as certification that they have read and agreed to abide by all rules and the above liability release.

Fishing Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd, 2023

Check- out 6:30 am

**Lines-In 6:30 am
Lines-Out 3:00 pm**

**Weigh Station Opens 2:00 pm
Weigh Station Closes 4:00 pm**

Anglers must be standing in line with fish before weight stations closes to have their fish be tallied on the board.

VHF Channel 68

Team Name: _____

Captain Name: _____

Captain Signature: _____