



THE TOURNAMENT RULES & GUIDELINES

Overview

This is a 2 day tournament format with fishing taking place on Friday and Saturday. A maximum of 5 fish per day may be weighed towards the daily and overall aggregate category. There will be a first day winner for heaviest aggregate 5 fish and heaviest single fish. The second day there will be an overall heaviest aggregate 10 fish first place winner, second place winner, and third place winner, and also a single heaviest second day fish. Teams pick which 5 fish will be submitted for weigh in each day. A 20 Pound minimum for fish to qualify for tournament. We encourage that all fish that are visibly noticeable under 20 lbs. to be released.

Captain's Party

The Welcome Cocktail Reception will take place at 2 PM Thursday February 25th followed by the Captains Meeting at 6 pm that same evening. A representative from each boat must be present and sign in the boat at the Captains meeting.

Signing the Entry & Release Form

- Each anglers executing the tournament entry and release agrees to follow the Tournament Rules & Guidelines
- The tournament and/or its sponsors may use without payment or restrictions 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.
- All participants acknowledge that they recognize that there inherent risks and dangers in any event involving boating and fishing in the ocean including weather conditions, sea conditions, unexpected obstacles, dangers from other boaters, equipment failures, and other known and unknown hazards. By participating in the tournament anglers expressly

understand that all participants enter at their own risk and that Guy Harvey Outpost and Old Bahama Bay Resort and all collective officers and directors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operations of the tournament shall be exempt from any and all liability libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, personal injury or death, including attorney fees, by any participant, entrant, sport fisherman or their companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, guests, vessels and equipment which may occur during any part of the tournament. All participants recognize that they must exercise their own judgment based on their own boat, equipment and abilities whether or not to participate or fish in this tournament in any capacity. It is the sole duty of the Captain of each vessel involved to express these rules and release to all of their crew and guests for this tournament.

Species & Limits

Wahoo (*Acanthocybium solandri*) is the target species. A 20 Pound minimum for fish to qualify for tournament and we encourage that all fish visibly noticeable less than 20 lbs. are to be released.

Lines In/Out and Scale Times:

All boats must check out of the Old Bahama Bay Marina between 5AM – 7AM on a channel to be announced at Captains Meeting.

Friday lines in at 7 AM and lines out at 3 PM and all fish must be to the scales by 4PM, and on Saturday lines in at 7 AM and lines out at 2 PM with all fish to the scales by 3 PM.

At least one team member must be in line by the respective scale times each day with ALL FISH CAUGHT that day to be brought to the scales for a photograph and to have their 5 fish weighed.

Unused fish will be marked and returned to the team. Scales will open at 12 noon each day for weigh in. The Weigh Master's decisions are final and binding to each boat for the entire tournament. Each Team will be given a receipt for weigh in. We encourage all boats to donate a fish towards the Bonfire Parties.

Boat, Lines, & Permitting

All boats and any engine configuration are eligible. A maximum of 6 lines in the water at a time per boat with a maximum of 2 wire lines. Planers are permitted. No electric reels are permitted on the boat. Dead, Live, and artificial baits are allowed. All proper Fishing Licenses and Permitting are required as per Bahamian Law. All Bahamian Laws must be followed along with all IGFA Rules and guidelines unless otherwise stated herein, no exceptions, or team will be immediately disqualified without refund of any kind.

Fish Inspection

All boats may be inspected at any time at tournaments discretion, including but not limited to holds, coolers, and all compartments. All fish must remain in whole, fresh, non-mutilated condition and may not leave the boat until they have been brought to the dock for weigh in. All fish may be inspected at any time in any manner seemed necessary by the tournament committee and at random after being weighed, including cutting open and inspecting stomach contents, etc...

Polygraph

Each registered angler specifically agrees and consents to voluntarily submit to a polygraph examination or examinations at any time until all prize winners and awards are determined and announced. Further, each registered angler agrees to obtain the agreement and consent of each and every occupant of the boat from which he or she fishes during the tournament (including but not limited to the captain and crew) to submit to a polygraph examination or examinations as described above. The method and conduct of all polygraph examinations, and the interpretation of the results thereof, shall be in the sole judgment of the polygraph examiner appointed by the Tournament, whose opinion shall be final. If any registered angler or occupant of a vessel refuses to submit to a polygraph examination, or if any registered angler gives a response which, in the sole opinion of the examiner, is untruthful, then all registered anglers on the boat shall be immediately disqualified without further notice from the Tournament. Any registered angler so disqualified shall not be entitled to any prize, award or entry fee.

Boundaries

The boundaries for Day 1 is 75 mile limit. The boundary for Day 2 is unlimited.

Ties

Any ties will be determined by the time printed on the weigh in receipt, with the earliest being the winner.

Protests

All protests must be submitted in writing the day of the alleged violation by the time scale closes, along with \$100 nonrefundable cash payment which will be donated to the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation. All protests will be reviewed by the tournament committee and all decisions made by them are final.

Weather

Tournament may be cancelled one of the two days due to weather at the Tournament Committee's discretion, but at least one day will be fished. In case of a single day cancellation, tournament will be decided with the Grand Prize Format, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place aggregate winners and 1st and 2nd place largest wahoos.

Refunds

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

Fishing Winner Payout Structure

Day 1

- 5 Fish Aggregate Winner receives 15% Payout & Trophy
- Biggest Fish receives 10% Payout & Trophy
- Runner Ups receive a prize

Day 2

- 10 Fish Aggregate Winner receives 30% Payout & Trophy
- 10 Fish Aggregate 2nd Place receives 20% Payout & Trophy
- 10 fish Aggregate 3rd Place receives 15% Payout & Trophy
- Biggest Fish receives 10% Payout & Trophy
- Biggest Fish Runner Up Receives a Prize
- Bent Shaft Award, Top Female Angler, Top Junior Angler

*Tournament Payouts will be based on net proceeds after donation to the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation to benefit West End All Age School. Rules are subject to change either in writing or verbally before the start of the tournament. It is the participant's responsibility to know the rules before participating.