



TOURNAMENT RULES

Rules, including published rules in print or on the Tournaments website (www.oceansancarlos.com), are subject to change without notice. Additional instructions are given at the Captains'/ Anglers' Meeting for each event, where attendance by at least one team member is mandatory. It is the sole responsibility of the participating anglers, captains, crews and guests ("Participants") to know and abide by the Tournament Rules. By entering the tournament and paying the entry fee, Participants agree to abide by the Tournament Rules and accept the decisions made by the Tournament Organizers as final.

The official start of each fishing day is a "Shotgun Start" where boats line up and wait for the firing of the start flare. Boats must be behind the start line 15 minutes prior to the Shotgun Start. Any boat not clearly behind the start line at this time is disqualified from the day's fishing. Boats disqualified for this violation a second time are disqualified from the entire event, and the team forfeits any and all entry money, prizes or prize money. The start line is defined at the Captains'/Anglers' Meeting and/ or over the tournament's VHF 65 radio channel on each fishing morning.

Teams may attempt to catch or purchase bait until 15 minutes prior to the official start time. At this time, all fishing lines and teasers must be removed from the water and nothing may be transferred between boats.

From 15 minutes prior to the start of fishing to the end of the tournament's fishing hours, no vessel entered in the tournament may be involved in the handing off or receiving of anything from another vessel whether that vessel is entered in the tournament or not, or any other entity of any sort including bait receivers. The Tournament Organizers may choose to grant special permission in advance to waive this rule if someone's personal safety or health is at risk.

In consideration for being accepted by the Tournament Organizers for participation in the Tournament the Participants hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the Tournaments, "**SAN CARLOS GRAND FISHING CUP**" and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, partners, members, and/or attorneys (collectively the "Releasees") for any and all losses, claims, or demands of any kind whatsoever arising from the negligence of the Releasees or from any other cause connected with, or occurring during the Tournament. The Participants expressly acknowledge that he/she has received, reviewed, and agrees to abide by the Tournament Rules and this Release. Furthermore, the Participants

expressly acknowledge that activities relating to deep sea fishing are extremely dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury or death. Having so acknowledged, the Participants hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury or death due to the negligence or gross negligence of the Releasees or any other cause connected with or occurring during the Tournament.

All disputes, protests, claims, differences, or controversies relating to any aspect of the Tournament, including, without limitation, Tournament Rules, must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Organizers no later than 1 (One) hour following the official closing of the Tournament Weigh Station on the day the supposed infraction occurred. All such disputes shall be ruled on by the Tournament Organizers and shall be final and binding upon all parties.

The Participants specifically agree that any photograph, motion picture, or audio recording in which they appear or are heard in may be used by “OCEAN” for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, resale, advertising, and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

The registration and payment deadline will be Friday, August 3rd at 8 pm at our headquarters hotel, "Hotel Sawari."

ENTRY PROCEDURE:

- Teams may register and enter the tournament on-line at www.oceansancarlos.com
- Teams may also register by email (oceansancarlos@gmail.com) or directly at 622 103 0006.
- To be entered, the Base Entry Fee of \$1500.00 USD must be paid.

Methods of Payment:

- Electronic transfer and/or Cash on the registration day.

TEAM CONTACT

Please carefully read the following and choose your Team Contact accordingly.

The Team Contact is the designated team leader; there can be only one Team Contact per team. The Team Contact must know how to reach each member of the team, and the contact information for the Team Contact must be complete and include a cell phone number and email address. Instructions and confirmations are sent to this person. In addition, the Team Contact is the person to whom any refunds are made payable.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Friday October 3rd

REGISTRATION DAY

- 5pm - 7pm Tournament Registration at “Hotel Sawari”

Captains Meeting

- Friday October 3rd at 7Pm in Hotel Sawari

Saturday October 4th "DAY ONE"

- 6:30am VHF 65 Announcements
- 7:00am Shotgun Start
- 7:00am-3:00pm Tournament Fishing (Lines out at 3:00pm)
- 3:00pm-5:00pm Weigh Station OPEN
- 5:00pm Raffle presentation at Hammerhead's Restaurant

Sunday October 5th "DAY TWO"

- 6:30am VHF 65 Announcements
- 7:00am Gunshot Start
- 7:00am-3:00pm Tournament Fishing (Lines out at 3:00pm)
- 3:00pm-5:00pm Weigh Station OPEN
- 7:00pm Grand Prize Ceremony + Jackpot/Raffle at HOTEL SAWARI

GENERAL RULES

• \$1500.00 USD Entry fee includes four (4) anglers. Additional anglers may be added at \$250.00 USD per angler.

• Fishing Licenses are required and can be purchased online or on site during registration.

• All fish must be caught on a hook and line in a conventional sporting manner. Hooks on Teasers are prohibited.

• When hooking a species, the participant holding the rod must pull the catch to the boat. Passing the rod between participants is prohibited.

• All the fish that is weighed will be donated to charity.

• Omnidirectional sonar is not allowed!

• Lines in at or after 7:00am, Lines out at or before 3:00PM in both days.

• Team boats must be in the harbor at the weigh station before 5:00PM. Any participant arriving after 5:00:01PM or later will be disqualified for that day of fishing. The Control Clock will be operated by the Judges' Panel. The Judges will have final say as to whether or not the boat is disqualified.

• Should any fishing days be canceled, the other fishing day that is fished per the original schedule will constitute a tournament. No additional fishing days will be added to the tournament due to the cancelation of any fishing day.

• If for any reasons beyond the control of the tournament organizers, the tournament has to be canceled the portion of entry fees and optional jackpot monies that were allocated for cash awards will be refunded to the team minus the 15% admin fee. Teams may choose to roll their refund amount to the next year tournament.

TEAM NUMBER CARD

• Each team will be provided a Team Number Card to be used for Video Proof during the tournament.

• Each Number Card will have the following:

Team Number and sponsor logos.

TACKLE RULES

- Rod Quantity Allowed: Unlimited in use or numbers.
- Rod Type Allowed: All types of rods and reels are permitted except for electric reels.
- Teasers and Dredges; Unlimited in use or numbers. (No teasers or dredges may have hooks attached)
- Hooks: All tournament participants must use circle hooks and/or J Hooks for all species, whether with natural, live or dead bait and/or lures (trolling lures). Tripple hooks are not permitted.
- Baits: Live bait, dead bait, lures, and any combination thereof are permitted in this tournament. Live bait cannot be purchased or received from another boat during tournament fishing hours.
- Chumming is not allowed.
- Line Weight: 130-pound line maximum.

Note: The tournament committee holds the right to examine any tackle, hooks, line and/or leaders any time during the event. Refusal to allow the committee to examine any tackle, hooks, line and/or leaders will result in immediate disqualification from the event WITHOUT a refund of any jackpot or registration fees.

CREW RULES

- There is no limit to the number of crew members you may have on each boat.
- Crew members are NOT permitted to assist in the hookup.
- Crew members are permitted to assist in the release, clear lines, teasers, and dredges.
- Once a fish strikes the lure, only registered anglers are allowed to set or hook the fish, crew members are not allowed to assist in the hookup.
- Registered anglers may transfer the reel to another registered angler immediately after hooking it. After passing the reel to another angler, that angler will be responsible for the entire process of bringing the catch to the boat.

WEIGH IN CATEGORY RULES

- Only 5 fish may be weighed per team per day.
- The qualifying fish species are Dorado (Male)
- In the event of a tie in the Weigh-In Category, the winner will be the first team to weigh in their largest fish.
- If a species is not caught on the first day, the prize will roll over to the second day.
- The minimum fish weight is 15 pounds. Please release all fish weighing less than 15 pounds

CATCH AND RELEASE CATEGORY RULES

- Qualifying Catch and Release fish species are all billfish.
- Each Billfish released gives you 100 points.

- All teams must provide their own video camera(s) to verify releases. All video recording equipment must be set to the correct date and time and must be as close to the official tournament time as possible. Teams may only submit one video per catch (There may be more than one release per video only if there are multiple hookups at the same time.)

- Immediately after hooking up, you must call the base (TOURNAMENT CONTROL) and provide the team number and/or boat name to request a code, which must be shown in the continuous video along with the other elements listed below.

- To score an Official Release, the one video clip must include sufficient footage to
 - (1) clearly identify the species;
 - (2) Identify the angler;
 - (3) show a Team Member or Crew member touching the leader while the fish is still hooked;
 - (4) display the Team Number Card provided by the tournament;
 - (5) identify the time and date of the catch (can be shown with the devices time stamp)
 - (6) show the full release of the fish (Cut the leader, take out the hook or just break the leader)
 - (7) Once the video is started it cannot be stopped until all the elements above have been shown in the video. (Each release has to be shown in one consecutive video without any cuts);The video must identify all the elements listed above.

Teams fishing Catch and Release category must report the number of releases at the Weigh Station with the Judges. The judges will write the team's name, time, and number of releases on a white board. At least one team member must be present for an official photo on the weigh station. At the end of the day's fishing, the camera, camera connections, must be brought to the weigh station for verification of Official Release Results. Catch-Report MUST be signed by judges and Team Leader.

- Judges may disqualify any fish if they determine the video does not comply with the rules as specified above.

- Judges will review all Catch and Release videos with the team captain to determine if they meet all the requirements to make it official. The judge's decision is final.

- For Daily Jackpot payments if there is a tie on the number of fish released between two or more teams, the winner will be determined by the team that first catches and releases the last fish of the day. This will have to be shown with the time stamp on the video of the last release that team made. (The team that achieved the most points first)

- For the grand prize, if there is a tie in the number of fish released and total points between two or more teams on both days, the winner will be the team that first achieved the points on Sunday. This must be shown with the timestamp on the video of the last release made on Sunday. (The team that scores the most points first!)

- There is no limit to the number of fish caught and released.

- The tournament boundary limit is 50 nautical miles Radius from Marina San Carlos.

PERMITS & LICENSES

It is the responsibility of registered boat captains and anglers to comply with all Mexican Federal and State laws regarding fishing licenses, size limits, bag limits and any other regulations that may

apply. This is a requirement of Mexico and is not a tournament rule—permit and licensing infractions have no bearing on tournament results or awards. A representative from the Mexico Department of Fisheries is normally on-site during Registration at all events to sell Licenses and Permits, but this is not guaranteed. Consult the FONMAR website for more information.

TOURNAMENT RAFFLE:

We are excited to offer many great raffle items in this year's tournament. Each team will receive four (4) raffle tickets at registration for use during the event. To enter the raffle, participants must place their raffle ticket stubs in the raffle boxes and be present to get your prize in case if you become a winner.

CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

- It is necessary to pay the fee to obtain this prize, which is \$150 USD. It includes a tournament package and dinner.
- 85% of the proceeds will be awarded to the best registered captain.
- The prize includes a trophy for best captain and an additional prize package from our sponsors.

PRIZE DISBURSEMENT

The tournament has a guaranteed prize pool of \$500,000 Mexican pesos, plus 70% of all the entry fees, distributed in two categories:

Most Points per Team.

This prize will be awarded to the two teams with the most points on both days of the tournament. The total is derived from each billfish released on both days plus the sum of the points for dorados brought to the scale (over 15 pounds, limited to 5 per team per day, will score one point per pound).

1st Place \$250,000 pesos + 50% of the proceeds from registration + Trophy

2nd Place \$100,000 pesos + 20% of the proceeds from registration + Trophy

Biggest Dorado

This prize will be awarded to the two largest dorados caught on both days.

1st Place \$100,000 pesos + 20% of the proceeds from registration + Trophy

2nd Place \$50,000 pesos + 10% of the proceeds from registration + Trophy

JACKPOTS (Optional)

- The tournament retains 15% of the jackpot proceeds, awarding 85% to the winner of each category.

More Billfish Released (Day 1)

\$100 USD per Saturday

\$300 USD per Saturday

\$500 USD per Saturday

More Billfish Released (Day 2)

\$100 USD per Sunday

\$300 USD per Sunday

\$500 USD per Sunday

Dorado Biggest Day (Day 1)

\$100 USD per Saturday

\$300 USD per Saturday

\$500 USD per Saturday

Dorado Biggest Day (Day 2)

\$100 USD per Sunday

\$300 USD per Sunday

\$500 USD per Sunday

- All jackpots will be paid out on Sunday.
- All jackpot entries, including team names, will be posted on a screen on entry day.
- Jackpots MUST be purchased on REGISTRATION DAY for both days of fishing.
- If a jackpot category is not filled by Saturday, the jackpot money will roll over to the Sunday jackpot.
- If a jackpot category is not filled by Sunday, the jackpot money will be returned to the teams that contributed money to the jackpot, less a 15% administrative fee.