

# 2025 Corpus Christi Big Game Fishing Club (CCBGFC)

## Rules & Regulations

### **Membership Eligibility**

To compete for the Club Champion title and individual awards, participants must be active members of the Corpus Christi Big Game Fishing Club. Annual membership dues are \$200 per adult and \$150 for junior members, defined as individuals 15 years of age or younger.

Memberships will be accepted throughout the tournament season, provided they are received by the Club Treasurer no later than 12:00 noon on the day before a tournament. Members joining after this cutoff will begin earning points from the next eligible tournament. If online registration is unavailable, prospective members may hand-deliver their forms and payment to the Treasurer. Membership payments must be submitted to Fox Yacht Sales, located at 203 W. Cotter Avenue in Port Aransas, Texas, 78373, prior to the first tournament of the season in order for points to begin accumulating immediately.

### **Scoring System**

Scoring is tracked throughout the season during official CCBGFC-sanctioned tournaments. Members aged 16 and older will earn points in the adult division, while those 15 and under will compete in the junior division.

In the billfish categories, only released fish will earn points. No points will be awarded for billfish brought to the dock. In support of conservation and sportsmanship, members are strongly encouraged to release billfish unharmed. The point structure for released billfish is as follows:

Adults and Juniors:

- Blue Marlin: 400 points
- White Marlin: 250 points
- Sailfish: 200 points

Billfish released by members count toward both individual angler and boat scores. Billfish released by non-members contribute to boat scores only.

It is the angler's responsibility to accurately identify the species of released billfish. If a fish cannot be confidently identified, a default of 200 points will be awarded.

In non-billfish categories, anglers may weigh their three heaviest fish of each recognized species per tournament. Each pound counts as one point. If more than three fish of a species are weighed, only the three heaviest will be scored.

Boat and team points will be awarded based on the top three heaviest fish per species, regardless of the angler's age or membership status. Individual points for adults and juniors will be awarded based on the top three fish in each respective division.

Meat Fish Species Adult:	Junior Division
• Amberjack	• Amberjack
• Blackfin Tuna	• Blackfin Tuna
• Dorado	• Dorado
• King Mackerel	• King Mackerel
• Red Snapper	• Ling (Cobia)
• Ling (Cobia)	• Red Snapper
• Swordfish	• Wahoo
• Wahoo	• Yellowfin Tuna
• Yellowfin Tuna	• Swordfish

### **Season Standings and Tiebreakers**

A running total of points will be published after each tournament. At the end of the season, cumulative scores will determine the Club Champion, top boats, and individual award winners.

In the case of a tie in billfish categories, the winner will be the angler who reports the tying fish first. For non-billfish, ties will be broken by fork length (tip of nose to center of tail fork). If a tie remains, the fish weighed first will determine the winner.

### **Tournament Fishing and Weigh-In Procedures**

Boats may depart at any time before or on the first day of a tournament. Fishing officially begins at 12:01 A.M. on Day One. All boats must return through the Port Aransas jetties. Dock time is 8:00 P.M. on the final day.

For two-day tournaments, boats may remain offshore overnight, but they may not return to any port other than Port Aransas. The official weigh station is located at Virginia's on the Bay unless otherwise announced. Weigh-in is open from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. each tournament day.

To be eligible, boats must be in sight of the weighmaster at Virginia's by 8:00 P.M. All weighed fish must be in edible condition and may be inspected. The weighmaster's decision is final.

### **Tournament Rules and Regulations**

All CCBGFC tournaments follow IGFA rules unless otherwise specified by the Club. In cases of conflict, CCBGFC rules take precedence.

A billfish is considered legally caught when either the mate touches the leader or the swivel/knot connecting the main line to the leader touches the rod tip. Entanglement devices such as "mops" or "ropes" are strictly prohibited. Fish may not be transferred between anglers. Assistance may be given in getting the rod to the angler's harness or chair, but the fish must be fought solely by the angler.

All anglers must follow state and federal size, possession, and licensing laws.

### **Concurrent Tournaments**

CCBGFC acknowledges that members may participate in other sanctioned offshore tournaments that may require fish to be brought to the dock. Any billfish weighed in at such events will not count toward CCBGFC points. However, billfish released according to CCBGFC rules during these events may still earn points.

The CCBGFC schedule is designed to overlap with select popular tournaments. Members fishing concurrent events may earn CCBGFC points only on the designated fishing days of the concurrent tournament. Members not fishing another tournament may earn points during the standard Saturday and Sunday CCBGFC schedule.

To be eligible for points, participants must follow all rules of both tournaments. Any deviation will result in disqualification from CCBGFC scoring for that event.

CCBGFC will accept weigh sheets signed by a concurrent tournament official or official weigh sheets from the other tournament. These must be delivered to the weighmaster by 8:00 P.M. on the final tournament day or submitted via text to Chris Fox or Bobby Johnson.

### **Weather and Cancellations**

Tournaments will not be rescheduled due to weather. Go/no-go decisions will be posted on the club website ([www.ccbgfc.org](http://www.ccbgfc.org)) by 5:00 P.M. the night before the tournament.

For two-day tournaments, if Day One is called "on," Day Two will automatically proceed. If Day One is canceled, the tournament will be canceled in full. Members are responsible for checking the club website or contacting the tournament information line for updates.

## **Sportsmanship Expectations**

All CCBGFC tournaments operate on the honor system. Members and their crews are expected to demonstrate integrity and fair play. Dishonesty will not be tolerated.

It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that all crew members, including non-members, are familiar with and follow tournament rules. Any fish caught in violation of these rules will be disqualified.

## **Dispute Resolution**

In the event of a dispute, members must file a written protest within 48 hours of the scores being posted online. The protest must detail the nature of the issue and be submitted to the Board.

The Board will review the protest and issue a final decision within seven days. All decisions are final.