

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 President. Membership payments must be submitted to the President, prior to the first tournament of the season in order for points to begin accumulating immediately. Contact the President via phone (210) 325-3448, or email the club at ccbfgclub@gmail.com

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:

- 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 will not contribute to boat scores.

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, each member angler may weigh their three heaviest fish (or legal limit if less than 3) 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/species.

Swordfish points will be accumulated at 50 points for each legal fish weighed. Points will be accumulated towards swordfish, meatfish, and boat points if caught by paid member angler.

Starting 2026, CCBGFC will not have an international billfish division.

Season Standings and Tiebreakers

A running total of points will be published after each tournament by Monday at 8PM via website and CCBGFC app. 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 4:00 A.M. and lines in start at first light. Fishing officially ends at 5:00 P.M. All boats must return through the Port Aransas jetties for weighing of fish and hand delivery of billfish sheets.

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 motorized and 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. Electric reels are prohibited and fish caught with them will be disqualified.

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, assuming the boat and the angler are in the CCBGFC tournament.

Members fishing concurrent events may earn CCBGFC points only on the designated fishing days of the concurrent tournament and CCBGFC designated fishing days. Members not fishing another tournament may earn points during the standard 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 not accept weigh sheets signed by a concurrent tournament official or official weigh sheets from the other tournament. CCBGFC weigh sheets must be delivered to the weighmaster by 8:00 P.M. on the final tournament day of the CCBGFC tournament.

Emailed weigh sheets will not be accepted, no exceptions.

Weather and Cancellations

Tournaments will not be rescheduled due to weather. Go/no-go decisions will be posted on the club website (www.ccbgfc.com) and app between 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. the night before the tournament.

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 (Wednesday at 8:00 P.M.). 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.