

Bahía Piñas, Panamá

19-23 May 2026



2018 EXPEDITION SERIES:

Panama



VI Panamerican Roosterfish Championship Panamá 2026

The Pan American Federation of Sport Fishing and the Panama Association of Sport and Tourist Fishing (APADETUR) invite you to the Pan American Roosterfish Tournament for 5 teams of up to 4 people. This tournament will be held at Tropic Star Lodge, Bahia Pina's, Darien Province, Panama. All Pan American countries are invited to participate. This event is part of the Pan American Federation's tournament series and will be a worthy competition for all sport anglers in the Americas. We extend the invitation for you to represent your countries in this competition. We also encourage them to invite other Pan American countries to learn about and participate in this important activity. There are 41 Pan American countries that participate annually in the Pan American Games, which we would like to include in this delegation.

Please review the documents below for registration, competition rules and event program. Our team of volunteers will make your participation unforgettable.



Tropic Star Lodge is the Sport Fishing Resort with the most IGFA World Records and has 55 years of history.



It is located in Bahia Pina's, Darien Province, Panama, it is a 5-star Resort, personalized attention to its guests, first class facilities and its own fleet of Bertram 31" boats, each one equipped with all the necessary fishing equipment and commanded by a professional team of Captains and Sailors willing for our guests to live and enjoy the greatest fishing adventure.

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TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1.-The entire tournament is rod and reel modality of up to 4 competitors per team, only 6 rods per boat and up to 4 rods in water. Anglers can bring their own equipment or use the equipment provided on the tournament boats.
- 2.-Casting and trolling with artificial lures is allowed. The use of a circle hook is mandatory only when using live or dead bait.
- 3.-The entire tournament will follow the fishing laws of Panama and the regulations of the Pan American federation, so the Roosterfish is catch and release.
- 4.-Fishing lines will be up to a maximum of 30 lbs. of tension.
- 5.-Caught fish must be brought on board and measured. The photographs will be the concrete evidence that must be available to the judges upon request.
- 6.-Team winners will be determined by the total number of inches (points) of two days of competition (points) of their Roosterfish catches and by the points of miscellaneous species. (10 points). (limit 10 miscellaneous species daily).
- 7.- The winners per nation will be the total sum of points from the two days of competition of the two highest-ranked teams per day. (These two teams will be the ones that will score for day 2 of competition), (Countries competing with one team will be able to compete by nation with the points they accumulate).
- 8.-Other species such as snappers, horse mackerel, sawfish, etc. They will count in the score as 10 points (Limit 10 miscellaneous species daily).
- 9.-Note: all species must have a minimum size of 14 inches including roosterfish to count. (The fish will be measured from the tip of the mouth to the fork of the tail.)
- 10.-The tiebreakers of the teams and the nations will be for the time of arrival at the dock on the last day of competition. It should be clarified that in the case of the nations, the arrival time of the best-ranked team on the second day will be taken.
- 11.- If a team is not inside the tropic star bay at the block end time it will be disqualified on that day of competition. (It will have a *no contest*).
- 12.- Anything not provided for in these Pan American regulations will be decided by organization staff.



TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

MONDAY MAY 18

Arrival in Panama at Tocumen International Airport, each participant will be greeted by Royal Salon staff at the airport and will be transferred to the hotel selected by the Tropic Star Lodge team, (Overnight stay (not included) to transfer the next day by plane to Tropic Star Lodge).

TUESDAY MAY 19

07:30 am- Pick up at the hotel for transfer to the private hangar

08:30 am – 50-minute charter flight to Tropic Star Lodge - Pina's Bay Welcome talk upon arrival at the Lodge

12:00 pm- Lunch

01:00 pm - Registration of the teams. Raffle of the boats

7:00 pm – Opening of the event and dinner. Protocol of Flags and National Anthems

WEDNESDAY MAY 20

05:45 am- Wake up

06:00 am- Breakfast in hotel

06:25 am- Fishermen's meeting at the pier.

06:30 am- Departure for the first day of fishing.

3:00 pm- Lines out

4:00 pm- Maximum time of arrival at the dock by the teams and delivery of the Fishing Report Logs.

4:30 pm- 6:30pm – Snacks and Social activity at the bar and pool.

7:00 pm – Dinner in hotel.

THURSDAY MAY 21

05:45 am- Wake up

06:00 am- Breakfast in hotel

06:25 am- Fishermen's meeting at the pier.

06:30 am- Departure for the second day of fishing.

3:00 pm- Lines out.

4:00 pm- Maximum time of arrival at the dock by the teams and delivery of the Fishing Report Logs.

4:30 pm- 6:30pm – Snacks and Social activity at the bar and pool.

7:00 pm – Awards dinner and closing of the championship.

FRIDAY MAY 22

FREE DAY (Optional Fishing under contract).

SATURDAY MAY 23

06:30 am – breakfast in hotel

07:00am – 08:30 am- Check out

09:30 am – Charter Departure to Panama City

10:30am – Arrival in Panama and transfer to hotel and/or airport, if applicable.

Important Notes:

If your flight departing from the country is on the same day as departure from the Lodge (Saturday, May 23), please make your return flight reservations after 6 pm. An official receipt will be issued to each country once registration and payment have been received. (We recommend returning home on May 24th).

For information on the cost of the Pan American package contact:

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WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- 3 nights of lodging and food at Tropic Star Lodge.
- 2 full days of tournament with boat, fishing equipment and crew.
- Welcome kit Tropic Star Lodge.
- A fishing license for use in the province of Darien and the fee of the Pan American Federation.

NO INCLUDED:

- Lodging in Panama on the night of May 18 and the night of May 23, 2026.
- Food expenses in Panama City.
- Alcoholic beverages in any locality (except wine during dinners and happy hours).
- Gratuities for Tropic Star Lodge staff and boat crew.



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