



2020 FISHING TOURNEY RULES

5 Fishing Tournaments have been scheduled:

Feb. 22 nd	All Species
June 27 th	White Sea Bass/ Yellowtail/ Halibut (Member/Guest)
TBA	Pelagic Open
TBA	Billfish Open
TBA	All Species (Member/Guest)

1. The Entry Fee for each Tournament is \$100.00 USD per team. There is a maximum of (5) anglers per team. All passengers aboard a competing vessel must be paid tournament anglers, no spectators/guests or non-fishing crew are allowed.
2. Each team will designate a member of the team as Team Captain.
3. It is the Team Captains responsibility to read and fully understand the rules before the start of the Tournament. It is the responsibility of the Captain to ensure his/her team members and boat are fishing within the Tournament Rules. Any breach of these rules by any team member or captain will result in team disqualification.
4. Captains Meeting / Registration – Team Captains or his/her designee must report to the mandatory Captains Meeting / Registration on the Thursday prior to the Saturday Tournament. The Captains Meeting / Registration will be held at DPYC. Meeting will start at 6:00pm.
5. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry or remove any person or team at any time at their sole discretion.

Teams may make registration changes, including boat substitutions, if necessary, provided Tournament Control is notified before the end of the Captains Meeting. Please try to make all changes in advance of the Captains meeting by emailing Jeff Gage, Jeff198484@gmail.com for DPYC members & Brian Savage, anglers@dwyc.org for DWYC members. Dana Angling Club members can email either tournament director for info or help with changes.
6. Tournament boats may depart from bays or launches from San Diego to Los Angeles but must weigh in on the boat in Dana Point Harbor before returning to port of departure.
7. VHF Channels – The tournament will use channel 68 for all communications. The Weigh Stations will be on Channel 68 during weigh in times.

7. Start of Tournament – Lines-in shall be Saturday morning at 5:00AM PDT.
8. Making Bait – Bait fishing is allowed before lines-in. No other lure, jig, or line specifically rigged for any game fish is allowed in the water before lines-in. Any game fish caught before lines-in must be released.
9. Weigh-in – All fish must be weighed at the official tournament weight station at the Dana Point Fuel Dock using an IGFA Scale from 3:00PM to 6:00PM PDT on the tournament day. ANY FISH CAUGHT BUT NOT WEIGHED IN BY 6:00PM PDT ON TOURNAMENT DAY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN.

The Weight Rules are as follows:

- Each team may weigh up to three (3) fish.
 - Fish must be brought to the scales In Dana Point Harbor on the boat on which they were caught while still in the water. No walk ups permitted. Walking a fish up by land will result in team disqualification.
 - Boats lined up to weigh will be served in the order in which they arrive.
 - Fish must arrive at the dock in whole edible condition.
 - The Team Captain must remain with the fish throughout the weigh-in process.
 - Boats must be in line and out of gear, at or before 6:00pm to qualify.
 - The teams weigh time will be recorded and given a weigh slip.
 - Before leaving the scales, the Team Captain must verify weight information and sign the official Weigh-In Slip to validate the weights.
10. Tie-Breaker Rule – In the event that two or more combined fish totals or individual fish have identical weights, the first fish brought to the dock and weighed will be awarded the higher place should both fish be in top prize spots.
 11. Weight determination – Total team weight will be calculated by the three (3) heaviest fish per team. Teams do NOT need 3 fish to qualify for any prize placement. For example, a team weighing 1 fish of 40lbs will win over any team weight 2 or 3 fish with a total combined weight under 40lbs.
 12. Biggest Fish- The single heaviest fish of the tournament t will qualify for the Biggest Fish.

PLACE	
1st Place	tbd
2nd Place	tbd
3rd Place	tbd
Biggest Fish	tbd

13. DPYC & DWYC will have two jackpots that will run thru the season:

- \$25 entry for \$500 Gift Card to Hogan's for the largest tuna for the year.
- \$25 entry for \$500 Gift Card to Hogan's largest fish caught in the tournament season. (All Tuna and Marlin do not qualify.)

These prizes will be awarded at the end of year party with Angler, Boat and Club of the Year awards.

14. All anglers must have a valid California and/or Mexican fishing license and observe ALL California and Mexican regulations.
15. IGFA rules will apply in the Tournament unless specifically modified in this document. IGFA rules are incorporated herein by reference.
16. All qualifying fish must be caught and landed by a single angler. Rod cannot be handed off to another angler at any time.
17. The use of spearguns, harpoons, entangling devices or firearms is prohibited. Use of spotter planes or contact with commercial fishing vessels is prohibited.
18. Boundaries – The fishing boundaries shall be within 100 nautical miles of Dana Point Harbor.
19. In the event of rough seas or weather, the tournament may be postponed until conditions permit at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. In the event that the fishing must be postponed or cancelled, the Awards party will still occur as scheduled. All tournament Awards Parties occur at 1:00pm on the day following the tournament. If a tournament gets cancelled, refunds will be given at that time.
20. Accepting fish or bait from another source, boat or otherwise, alive or dead, is prohibited. The only exception is commercial bait boats or bait barges.
21. Weighing fish caught during non-tournament days and/or placing any foreign substance/object inside a weighed fish shall be automatic grounds for disqualification from the tournament. Any anglers attempting to defraud any tournament will be banned for life.
21. Any intent of protesting a violation of the Tournament Rules must be made in writing to the Tournament Committee on the day of the alleged violation. If there is any disagreement, controversy or necessary clarification of any tournament rules, the final decision will be made at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.
22. No one under 18 years of age may participate in the tournament unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
23. The Tournament Committee is not responsible for the actions of any persons in the operation of boats, conduct of fishing endeavors, transfer of personnel, fishing equipment or personal property on or off boats, docks or otherwise. Each participant assumes all risk and liabilities in connection with their participation. There will be no

responsibility borne to any of the promoters, event organizers or sponsors as a result of inappropriate conduct by any of the participants or guests and that each individual participant will hold harmless the Tournament Committee.

Infringement of these rules shall be considered cause for disqualification. Final interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Committee.

For any questions related to the tournament rules, contact Jeff Gage, Jeff198484@gmail.com for DPYC members and Brian Savage, anglers@dwyc.org for DWYC members. For Dana Angling club members, you can contact either Tournament Director.