

# Ladies Only Fishing Tournament

## Official Rules

1. All anglers onboard a tournament boat must be female. No men will be allowed on any tournament boat regardless of whether they are an angler or observer without consent of the tournament organizers. An example of an exception would be tournament film crew or medical staff.
2. Only one captain and one deckhand can be male on each tournament boat regardless of the size of the boat.
3. Only 4 anglers per team will be allowed on each tournament boat. No more than 4 women anglers, one captain and one deckhand will be allowed on each tournament boat. There is no minimum number of anglers or crew on a tournament boat.
4. This is a 2 day Fishing Tournament. The team with the most points at the end of the two days is the winner. In the event of a tie, day one points will break any ties. If still tied, second tie breaker will be a coin flip. There will be prizes for the top three teams in the tournament.
5. There will be optional side Jackpots of \$300 for the heaviest Tuna and \$300 for the heaviest Dorado over the two day tournament. In the event no tuna or dorado are caught, Wahoo will be the first back up specie in each category. One wahoo per team per jackpot. In case of a tie, the first fish weighed will win the jackpot. If no tuna, dorado or wahoo are weighed, jackpots will be refunded.
6. Wrist bands will be distributed to team members at sign-up/check-in and must be worn at ALL TIMES. Participants must wear wristbands at awards dinner.
7. IN-WATER RELEASES PREFERRED on Billfish and Roosters. An IGFA "leader touch" verifies the catch of all billfish & roosters.
8. All boats must wait for the 7am flare start before setting off to go fishing on both days. All Tournament boats must be inside (shore side) of the anchored hotel boats in front of the Hotel Palmas de Cortez dock by 4 p.m. Any tournament boat arriving after 4pm will receive a zero for that day and can not weigh in a jackpot fish.
9. All tournament anglers must photograph all Billfish and Roosterfish in order to receive points. A team wristband must be in the picture. Teams will be given an additional wristband for the deckhand to wear. This will also serve as evidence in case any disputes arise. Teams will be required to email all photos upon request to the tournament director at [edalmau88@gmail.com](mailto:edalmau88@gmail.com).

10. Mutilated fish will not be weighed in.
11. There is a 25lbs. minimum weight on all yellowfin tuna and a 15lbs. minimum weight on all other listed species. Any fish weighed that is under the assigned minimum weight will not score points.
12. There will be a maximum of 15 fish per specie per day that will count towards your score. For example, if you have 4 people on your team and you catch 20 tuna, only 15 will count on your score card that day.
13. Any team or team member that kills a Billfish or Roosterfish during the 2 day tournament will be disqualified. Exceptions will be made if determined that the billfish died in the fight. Any billfish/roosterfish which comes to the boat alive must be released.
14. There are no fishing boundaries and there is no limit to the amount of bait that can be purchased. Nothing can be passed from one boat to another after 7am except bait form the bait guys.
15. It is prohibited to accuse any team or team member of cheating without offering substantial evidence that proves without a doubt that the team broke a rule.
16. No refunds will be granted after the tournament starts. Any and all disputes must be submitted in writing with proof before 7pm on Saturday. All disputes will be settled by the tournament committee. Any team that the tournament organizers feel has violated any of the above rules will be disqualified and will not be allowed to return to future events at Van Wormer Resorts.

There will be an awards dinner Saturday night at 7:00pm. All participants are invited to attend. Dinner is included with the entry fee for all Lady Anglers. Additional dinners for nonparticipants must be purchased at registration for \$10.00 per person.

#### **Tournament Scoring:**

Billfish =	200 points ea. (100% catch & release) must have photo of all billfish landed.
Roosters =	100 points ea. (100% catch & release) must have photo of all roosters landed.
Tuna =	100 points ea. – 25lbs. minimum weight.
Wahoo =	100 points ea. – 15lbs. minimum weight.
Dorado =	100 points ea. – 15lbs. minimum weight.
Amberjack=	100 points ea. - 15lbs. minimum weight
J. Cravelle =	100 points ea. - 15lbs. minimum weight