

**2022 Van Wormer Resorts  
Tuna Shoot-Out  
Rules**

1. Entrants that are under the age of 18 years must have written consent from their parent or legal guardian.
2. We suggest up to 4 anglers maximum plus 2 crew aboard a cruiser, and 3 anglers plus 1 crew aboard a super panga/skiff.
3. It is the sole responsibility of the participating anglers to know and abide by the Shoot-Out (Tournament) rules. By entering the Tuna Shoot Out they acknowledge such and agree to all rules. If anglers do not attend check-in/sign-up on Friday, September 23rd from 4pm - 8 pm at Hotel Palmas de Cortez, will automatically accept and agree to be bound by all the rules. Deadline for check-in/sign-up is Friday, September 23rd at 8pm at Hotel Palmas De Cortez.
4. Entry fee will be \$600 per team. Register early and save time at registration.
5. There is no restriction on when and how much bait can be obtained prior to the flare start at 7:00am.
6. ALL TEAMS MUST SHOW THEIR TEAM NUMBER TO THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL PRIOR TO LEAVING THE STARTING AREA. Tournament official will be on a boat right in front of the dock at Hotel Palmas De Cortez. Teams that do not check in will be disqualified. Any team that doesn't depart in front of Hotel Palmas De Cortez at 7am will be disqualified.
7. There will be a flare start Saturday, September 24, 2022 in front of Hotel Palmas de Cortez at approximately 7 a.m. Weigh-in will be at the Hotel Palmas de Cortez dock. The scale will open at 1 p.m. and close at 4 p.m. All boats planning to weigh-in fish must be inside (shore side) of the anchored hotel boats/outer boat mooring in front of the Hotel Palmas de Cortez dock by 4 p.m. Boats returning after the 4 p.m. deadline will be disqualified.
8. Any boat deemed operating in an unsafe manner will be disqualified from the Tournament.
9. There are no fishing boundaries.
10. There is no restriction on tackle that can be used other than fish must be taken on hook and line using rod and reel. More than one team member may fight the fish, and team members / crew may assist the angler by touching the main line at any time during the fight.  
  
Prizes – The angler that catches the heaviest Yellowfin Tuna will win approximately \$21,000 (based on 60 teams). Tackle Prizes will also be given to the anglers that catch the second and third heaviest Tuna. Additional tackle prizes will be given to the anglers that catch the heaviest Wahoo & Dorado. In the event no Tuna are caught, the heaviest Dorado will be the # 1 standby specie and Wahoo the #2 standby specie.
11. It is the responsibility of the team to decide which fish to weigh prior to docking at Hotel Palmas de Cortez. Only one fish per specie per boat will be weighed.

12. Between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2022, no vessel entered in the Tournament may be involved in handing off or receiving anything from another vessel whether that vessel is in the Tournament or not. The Tournament Director may choose to grant special permission to a team to waive this rule in the event that someone's personal safety or health is at risk. In the event that a boat is disabled, they must contact Tournament control on channel 23. The team may be granted permission to bring their fish to the scale area on another boat prior to 4:00 p.m.
13. The Tournament channel is 23 U.S.A.
14. Mutilated fish will not be weighed in.
15. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed wins.
16. Van Wormer Resorts reserves the right to deny any team or individual entry into the Tournament.
17. All verbal protests and supporting evidence must be presented to the Tournament Director immediately upon returning to the weigh-in area, followed by a written protest no more than 30 minutes after the verbal protest. Said evidence will be ruled on by the Tournament Director by 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2022
18. Any verbal or physical abuse or threats from entrants toward Tournament Staff is cause for a team's disqualification.
19. The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter starting and finishing times to coincide with the weather.
20. Any person or team that wins any prize may be subject to a polygraph test.
21. Teams that weigh-in fish cannot continue to fish.
22. Wrist bands will be distributed to team members at sign-up/check-in and must be worn at all times.
23. In the event the tournament is cancelled due to closure of the port or weather, all entry and jackpots will be 100% refunded.
24. All participants must have a valid fishing license. Fishing license number is required for each angler at registration. Failure to provide a valid fishing license will be cause for disqualification. All boats must provide boat registration number when signing up for tournament.
25. Awards dinner will be held in the patio of Hotel Palmas De Cortez on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Thousands of dollars in raffle prizes will be given away at the awards dinner.