



REGULATIONS

MARLINI FISHING TOURNAMENT

The members of the participating team and their captains must have a valid sport fishing license, which must be obtained through any of the means provided by the Government of the State of B.C.S., via the Fonmar Platform.

The members of the participating team must read and understand the tournament rules; if they decide to register, it will be understood that they agree to the rules. Once the registration fee is paid, no refunds will be issued.

The Captains' Meeting will be held on November 1st at 7:00 p.m., at the same location where registrations will take place.

The Organizing Committee is not responsible for any accidents that participants may suffer. Anglers participate in the tournament voluntarily and at their own risk. It is their responsibility to ensure the proper condition of their vehicles, trailers, boats, engines, communication and safety equipment, and to have a first aid kit on board their vessels.

November 2nd will be the only fishing day.

The shotgun start will take place at exactly 7:00 a.m. in Cabo San Lucas Bay, between El Arco and Cabeza de Ballena.

The fishing tournament does not impose restrictions on outboard motors, their capacity, or the type of boat to be used.

The target species will be Dorado, with a special prize for the heaviest Wahoo. Anglers may capture up to the maximum number of fish allowed by NOM-017-PESC.1994, which regulates this activity.

The number of fish that may be presented at weigh-in is one specimen of Dorado and one specimen of Wahoo per team. All fish weighed will be donated.

Federal authorities may conduct random inspections of participating vessels. Failure to allow inspection will result in the disqualification of the team and the retention of any fish caught.

The minimum weight for presenting a fish at weigh-in is 16 pounds for Dorado, both for the tournament and the jackpot, and 20 pounds for Wahoo, also both for the tournament and the jackpot.

Participating teams are required to check in both at departure and return at the dock, using the card with the team number assigned at registration, and by notifying via marine VHF radio channel 28. There will be no catch reporting by radio.

The shotgun start will take place at 7:00 a.m.

After the shotgun start, participating teams are not allowed to exchange items with one another. Only in cases of emergency—justified by illness, accident, or mechanical failure—the tournament judge will determine the proper course of action to provide assistance. The judge may authorize one vessel to aid another, provided prior notice is given and express authorization is granted by the judge.

The scale will be open from 12:00 p.m. and will officially close at 5:00 p.m. sharp at the weigh station. The scale will be located exclusively at the designated station in front of Casa Country Restaurant, the same location where registration was held.

The use of rods, lines, and reels will be limited to one per angler. The use of electric reels is strictly prohibited, except for persons who can prove a disability. In such cases, the judge will issue express written authorization after verifying the disability.

For fishing, live bait, dead bait, or lures may be used. The use of toxic substances, explosives, “mechudos,” slingshot spears, or pneumatic spearguns is strictly prohibited.

The angler is required to verify the weight and measurements of the fish presented at the scale. They must ensure that this information is correctly recorded on the control card, which will be signed by both the weigh-in judge and the angler. A copy will then be sent to the statistics area for data entry and processing.

The winner will be determined by the team that presents the heaviest fish. In the event of a tie, the deciding factor will be the time of registration; the winner will be the angler who presented the fish first at the scale.

All teams presenting a catch at the scale must provide a video (maximum length of one minute) showing the species captured, the team number, and the angler who caught it.

In case of doubt, only the team captain may address the judge, and always with due respect. If, in the judge’s opinion, any angler behaves disrespectfully, both the angler and their team will be disqualified from the event. Any team or participant who disturbs public order, assaults others during the tournament, or acts in an unsportsmanlike manner will be reported to all state fishing committees, and will be banned from participating in future tournaments for two years.

When a team files a protest, it must deposit \$5,000.00 pesos with the Head Judge along with supporting evidence, within thirty minutes after the scale closes. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded to the protesting team; if not, the deposit will go to the Tournament Organizing Committee.

For any situation not specified in these rules, the judge’s decision shall be final and unappealable.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel or reschedule the tournament due to weather conditions, unforeseen circumstances, or force majeure.

Disqualification will also result if a Dorado or Wahoo specimen presented is:

- a. Mutilated by a shark and/or a boat propeller.
- b. Proven to have been caught with a net.

- c. Provided by another participating angler or by a person outside the tournament.
- d. Altered in weight by direct human action.
- e. Minor cuts or scratches caused during the fight will not be grounds for disqualification.

There is a guaranteed prize purse of \$1,000,000.00 MXN (One Million Pesos 00/100 M.N.) in awards, as follows:

First Place Dorado: \$500,000.00 MXN (less 15% taxes)

Second Place Dorado: \$250,000.00 MXN (less 15% taxes)

Third Place Dorado: \$150,000.00 MXN (less 15% taxes)

First Place Wahoo: \$100,000.00 MXN (less 15% taxes)

The Dorado jackpot categories will be: \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000, \$30,000, and \$50,000 MXN. The Wahoo jackpot categories will be: \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000 MXN.

If any of the prize categories are declared void, the corresponding prize will not be redistributed among the winners, as the purse is guaranteed.

Applicable taxes will be withheld from the awarded prizes (1% Federal, 6% State, and 8% Municipal) and paid by the Organizing Committee. Tournament winners will receive their payment in cash for the net amount (after the above-mentioned taxes are deducted).

All fish presented and weighed will be donated.

Prizes must be claimed by the winners within no more than 15 business days after the tournament. If prizes are not collected within the established time and manner, the prize money will be returned to the "MARLINI" account, and no claims for reimbursement will be accepted.

(NOTE): These rules, along with the agreements made at the Captains' Meeting on November 1st, 2025, as well as any situation not covered by this regulation, will be decided by the Head Judge. Such decisions will be final and unappealable.



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