

AIA Fort Lauderdale 1st Annual Fishing Tournament

Rules and Regulations

1. This is a boat tournament, six anglers per boat maximum. No changes will be permitted after the conclusion of Happy Hour / Pre Registration Aug 17th, 2017 at B Ocean Hotel. No Captains Meeting as this is a Charter Only Tournament.
2. The rules of this tournament may be amended verbally or in writing at the time of the meeting. Anglers are responsible for knowing all the rules.
3. Only fish weighed in the presence of the angler who caught it will be considered officially entered in the tournament. Dolphin, Wahoo, Mackerel, Kingfish, Black Fin Tuna, Yellow Fin Tuna, Cobia, Snapper and Grouper are the only species of fish eligible for prizes. All fish presented for weigh in must be fresh, in edible condition and be caught on tournament day. The tournament committee will determine acceptability of fish. Weight limit: there is no minimum weight for each species. Please adhere to size and bag limits of the State of Florida. Anglers are urged to release those fish not to be entered. Releases should be in keeping with the best conservation methods.
4. Billfish are not eligible for entry in this tournament.
5. Only six fish per boat (maximum of two non dolphin species) shall be allowed to be weighed for the Overall Boat Category. All entries must be weighed at the Marina at Bahia Mar Yachting Center. Each angler will be allowed to weigh six fish maximum. No fish can be weighed twice for the Individual Angler Categories but CAN be included in the Overall Boat.
6. Fishing hours are 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Weigh ins will be held at the Marina at Bahia Mar Yachting Center. Hours for weigh in are from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. You must log in your time of arrival at the dock with the weigh master, even if your fish cannot be weighed at that time. The logged time will determine the winner in the event of a tie. There will be no formal committee boat; however, channel 74 on the VHF will be monitored.
7. Anglers must hook and fight their own fish. Anglers are allowed to keep their fish. International Game Fish Association rules will prevail. IGFA Rule Exception: You may use wire line. All fish must be caught on rod and reel. No electric reels. Live bait is permitted. Any protest concerning conduct or rules violations must be filed in writing with the Tournament Committee the day of the violation no later than 5:30 pm.
8. Tournament winners will be awarded their prizes during the ceremonies held at the Happy Hour/ Awards Dinner.
9. In the event of a tie in weight, the winner shall be determined by the earliest weigh in time.
10. No refunds will be given. In case of bad weather, the Tournament Committee will determine whether the tournament should be postponed. All boats and anglers are responsible for their own well being and determinate of safe sea conditions.
11. All participating anglers must possess a valid Florida Saltwater Fishing License unless fishing with a commercial charter boat.