



INFORMATION, RULES AND GUIDELINES

A) **WEIGHT CATEGORIES:** Each entering billfish category will be classified for the first, second, third and baby Grand Prize according to weight individually. The rest of the fish categories will also be classified for first, second, third, fourth and fifth according to weight individually.

Fish Category:

Minimum Weight:

- > Tuna (Yellowfin, Dogtooth, Bluefin)
20 lbs.
- > Wahoo
20 lbs.
- > Barracuda/Spanish Mackerel
20 lbs.

B) **PRIZE RESTRICTIONS:** A boat may only win one (1) prize per category (place). For example, it **cannot** win 1st and 2nd prizes in one category. It can, however, only win prizes in different categories. A fish that is entered in one category cannot be used in other categories.

C) **TEAM BRIEFING:** All teams must attend **TEAM BRIEFING** at Drop Off Bar & Grill on **Thursday, July 26, 2018. Time is 5:00 p.m.**

D) **ENTRY FEE:** Registration is \$50 ending at the end of Team Briefing on July 26, 2018. Late registration thereafter, is \$75. Maximum number of people on a team's boat is 5. Additional member thereafter is \$10 each. Please make check payable to PSFA (Palau Sport Fishing Association).

E) **RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** To be eligible, the boat captain must sign the registration/liability form, provided by PSFA, to represent and be responsible for all members on the team boat in case of emergencies.

F) **TOURNAMENT DAYS & FISHING HOURS:** Saturday, July 28 - 5:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

G) **FLAGS:** All boats must check-in at Ngardmau Dock for inspection and obtain a flag before departure. At the end of the day, all boats are required to check-out and return flags. A \$5 deposit is required at the time of registration for

lost or unreturned flags. Any un-returned flag (i.e. failure to check in) each day of the tournament before 5pm will be **disqualified** from the tournament and/or disqualified from participating in future PSFA tournaments. The \$5 deposit will be reimbursed upon the return of the flag by 5pm on Saturday, July 28th.

H) **BOAT SAFETY REGULATIONS:** All participants must observe all boat safety regulations.

I) **PROHIBITED GEARS for all Men's Health Derby Participants.**

- > Electric Reels
- > Wire Lines
- > Leaders exceeding 40 ft
- > Gaffs exceeding 8 feet of flying gaffs which rope exceeds 30 feet
- > Firearms

J) **PROHIBITED FISH HANDLING:** Shooting, Harpooning, or lancing fish being played during any stage is prohibited.

K) **CONSERVATION PRACTICES:** Participants are encouraged to release small fish (if they are not heavily injured) as a conservation measure.

L) **OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL, STATE AND TRADITIONAL LAWS**

All participants must observe all national and state conservation laws, and must stay away from "no fishing zones" which include the following closed areas:

- Ngemelis –Half mile from reef in observance of the traditional bul
- Ngerukeuid Islands Wildlife Preserve
- Ngerumekaol
- Ebill Channel Conservation Area, and other channels between Ngerchelung and Kayangel states
- One mile radius around Ngaruangel Atoll reef edge.

M) **FISH QUALITY/PROHIBITIONS:** All fish must be properly handled, iced and be of good quality.



N) CATCH INSPECTION

- Stomach contents of all fish entered for a prize may be checked and removed by tournament officials.
- Fish mutilated by sharks, other fish, or pro-pellers that remove or penetrate the flesh will be disqualified. Injuries or scratches caused by leaders or lines, healed scars, or regenerated deformities are exempted. Any mutilation of fish must be explained to the satisfaction of the tournament officials.
- **For the purposes of data collection only, ALL catch will be processed for total weight/length. After submission of catch to tournament officials proceed to the BMR Dock for data collection.**

O) **OFFICIAL WEIGHT:** To be official, fish weight must be certified by the authorized PSFA Tournament Weight Master. Any and all fish weighed in the scale becomes the property of PSFA. Certified fish become the property of the PSFA. **However, fish weighed for total catch by Marine Resources for the purposes of data collection will be returned to the angler. Catch cannot be resubmitted after Marine Resource inspection at the BMR Dock.**

P) **MATCHING OPPOSED WEIGHT:** In the event that two opposing fish weigh the same, the first fish weighed and recorded will be declared the winner. The second fish weighed and recorded will take next place automatically.

Q) **FINAL DECISIONS:** All decisions of the tournament committee will be final.

R) **AWARDING OF PRIZES:** Awards Ceremony to be held 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Ngardmau Dock. Recipients are encouraged to bring families, friends, and cameras to record the event.