



## **Junior Anglers Program**

### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Palau Sports Fishing Tournament featuring the Etpison Cup May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Jr. Anglers Program is an event carried out each year by Palau Conservation Society (PCS) and the Palau Sports Fishing Association (PSFA) in conjunction with the annual PSFA Fishing Derby feat. Etpison Cup. The Jr. Angler's event emanate from a common value shared between the two organizations. This is the value of Palau's fish to Palauan's and the conservation of Palau's marine resources.

The implications of time and resources required to carry out the Jr. Anglers Program are significant and overwhelming for one organization to bear. Because of this, PCS and PSFA reach out to valuable partners for a collaborative effort. The Koror Department of Conservation and Law Enforcement (DCLE), Aimeliik System of Conservation Areas and Melekeok Conservation Network are key partners in this event. Together our goal is to raise awareness on the importance of conserving our natural resources, which includes sustainable fisheries.

We believe the future of sport fishing depends on the interest of the next generation. Teaching good ethics and techniques to young people will promote an exciting and positive mind set for years to come. In effect, we hope to cultivate and nurture the culture of conservation among our children who are tomorrow's rightful stewards of Palau's natural resources.

The program includes 2 days of fun, excitement and learning about sport fishing, catch & release, importance of conservation, and the work that the men and women of the Protected Areas Network do. The first day of the Program includes learning about our unique environment, the connectivity of ecosystems and importance of conservation and sustainability. On the second day, all registered Junior Anglers will be taken out on a fishing trip to a nearby spot where they will compete against each other for a chance to win awesome cash prizes.

The following are the Junior Angler's Program information, rules and regulations:

**A. WHAT TO BRING?**

- a. Fishing gear: Recommend at least 25lbs fishing line, fishing weights 4 to 5 ounces; fishing hooks #3, #4, or #5. (Bring on both days as we will learn how to set your fishing line on the 1<sup>st</sup> day and use it to fish on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. 1 box of frozen squid (any bait) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day which is May 26<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- b. **Junior Anglers are advised to bring only fishing gears, change of clothes and towel for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**B. Winner shall be determined based on his or her catch's Total Weight**

Fish Category:

- > Open

**C. PRIZE RESTRICTIONS:** Each angler may only win one (1) prize.

**D. Registration Fee is \$10.00**

**E. RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** To be eligible, parents/guardians of angler must sign the registration/liability form provided by PCS to release all liabilities and responsibilities for all PCS, PSFA, and other members on boat in case of emergencies.

**F. Junior Angler's Schedule of Activities:** Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - 8:45 a.m. - 15:00 p.m. (Field class) Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. - 14:15. (Fishing expedition)

**G. BOAT SAFETY REGULATIONS:** All participating anglers must observe all boat safety regulations.

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

**I. CONSERVATION PRACTICES:** Participants are required to release all caught fish as a conservation measure.

**J. 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:
  - a. Ngemelis -Half mile from reef in observance of the traditional bul
  - b. Ngerukeuid Islands Wildlife Preserve
  - c. Ngerumekaol
  - d. Ngederrak
  - e. Other closed areas

**K. OFFICIAL WEIGHT:** To be official, fish weight must be certified by the authorized Jr. Angler Tournament Weight Master. **The Jr. Anglers is a catch and release tournament so no fish shall be kept after the weigh in.**

**L. 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.

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

**N. AWARDING OF PRIZES: Junior Anglers Awards Ceremony** will be held as soon as the anglers return from their fishing trip on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 14:25pm. Anglers are encouraged to bring families, friends, and cameras to record the event.

**O. KEEP PAGE 1-2 and SUBMIT PAGES 3 and 4, ALL Registration forms must be submitted to PCS NO LATER than MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 @ 5pm.**

**P. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PALAU CONSERVATION SOCIETY @488-3993**

# REGISTRATION & LIABILITY FORM

Angler Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Parent / Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact Info: Please check whom to contact first

( ) Contact father:

Name	Cell Phone	Other Phone
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( ) Contact mother:

Name	Cell Phone	Other Phone
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## Medical History/Special Needs

Please provide information (below) such as allergies, physical needs/issues, and etc.:

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*Family Doctor Name	Phone
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## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

### CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

In the event of a medical emergency, the undersigned Parent/Guardian of the above named participant, hereby grants authorization to the Palau Conservation Society and its representatives and employees to employ any legally licensed physician or health care facility on behalf of each of the undersigned, and to direct and/or order emergency medical treatment for the above named participant. Each of the undersigned further agrees that neither Palau Conservation Society nor any of its representatives and employees shall be liable under any circumstances to anyone for exercising the foregoing authority in the event of an emergency, or perceived emergency.

### INFORMED CONSENT AND WAIVER/RELEASE

I understand, agree, and acknowledge that there are risks inherent in the water and land activities conducted by the Palau Conservation Society Programs. These activities may include traveling, swimming, strenuous hikes, and vigorous physical activities. With full understanding of the facts, I state that, to the best of my knowledge, my child listed on this application has no medical, physical, mental or emotional health condition which would impair or prevent his/her participation in the Palau Conservation Society activities.

Hence, I, the undersigned, as the parent or legal guardian of the child listed on this form give permission for my child to participate in the Palau Conservation Society Programs, and hereby assume full responsibility for all risks of injury or loss that may incur during my child's participation in related activities and thereby agree to hold harmless, release and forever discharge Palau Conservation Society, its representatives and employees from any and all claims or demands whatsoever. The terms of this release shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my child, heir executors and administrators and for all my family members.

### MEDIA CONSENT

I also understand that Photos and Videos are occasionally taken during Palau Conservation Society Program activities and that any photo or video taken of my child may be used for Palau Conservation Society reporting and publicity purposes.

I, the undersigned, as the parent/guardian of child listed on this form have read and fully understand and consent to the risks and responsibilities mentioned in this form, including the Emergency Medical Authorization, the Informed Consent and Waiver/Release, and the Media Consent outlined above as it relates to my child.

I agree to comply with the rules and regulations and event instructions of the 29th Annual Fishing Tournament in conjunction with Palau Sport Fishing Association and Palau Conservation Society.

In consideration to enter and participate in the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Tournament, I hereby, for attorneys, representatives, and each of them, do release, acquit and hold harmless the 29th Annual PSFA Fishing Tournament Committee, Palau Sport Fishing Association, its officers, members, volunteers, event agents, sponsors, employees, attorneys and representatives and each of them from any and all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, injuries, damages, penalties, costs, attorney's fees, liabilities and indemnities arising out of my participation in this sports fishing derby.

Parent/Legal Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* NOTE: Please submit all completed forms to Palau Conservation Society office located at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bai Ra Maibrel building in Medalaii (next to SLC @ PC) no later than May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 @ 5pm.**