



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: |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| > Billfish | 120 lbs. |
| > 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, April 30, 2020. Time is 5:00 p.m.**
- D) **ENTRY FEE:** Registration is \$100 ending at the end of Team Briefing on April 30, 2020. Late registration thereafter, is \$125. Maximum number of people on a team's boat is 5. Additional member thereafter is \$10 each. To be eligible for the Baby Grand Prize, an additional \$100 fee is required to participate. 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, May 2 - 5:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 3 - 5:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Note the Ladies Derby is Sunday, May 3, 2020, 6a.m. - 4p.m.
- G) **FLAGS:** All boats must check-in at Drop-Off Bar & Grill for inspection and obtain a flag before departure each day. At the end of each 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 6pm 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 6pm on Sunday May 3, 2020.
- H) **BOAT SAFETY REGULATIONS:** All participants must observe all boat safety regulations.
- I) **PROHIBITED GEARS for all Etipson Cup Participants (Derby and Ladies Derby)**
- > 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
- Ebiil 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. All “sebus” and “metengui” ra tmolch are strictly prohibited from the Ladies Tournament. Specifically the following fish are strictly prohibited:

Prohibited Fish Names

<i>Palauan</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Scientific</i>
Sebus	Ruby Snapper	<i>Etelis carbunculus</i>
Sebus On-aga	Flame snapper	<i>Etelis coruscans</i>
	Opakapaka	<i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i>
		<i>Etelis radiosus</i>
Metengui	Rusty Jobfish	<i>Aphareus rutilans</i>
		<i>Randallichthys filamentosus</i>
Cherobk	Giant Trevally	<i>Caranx Ignobilis</i>

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 propellers 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 each day of the derby. After submission of catch to tournament officials proceed to Bureau of Marine Resource (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 Bureau of Marine Resources for the purposes of data collection will be returned to the anglers. Catch cannot be resubmitted after Bureau of 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 Monday, May 4, 2020 at Drop Off Bar & Grill. Recipients are encouraged to bring families, friends, and cameras to record the event.

S) SPONSORSHIP: The five featured sponsors are Bank of Hawaii, Palau Pacific Resort, IP&E a Shell licensee, Budweiser and NECO Yamaha. Their generous donations and contributions make this sport fishing tournament possible.

T) MULTIPLE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION: Each team may participate in multiple tournaments. However, one tournament per day and fees must be **paid in full for each tournament separately.**