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A) WEIGHT CATEGORIES: Each entering fish category will be classified for the first, second and third Prizes according to weight individually. The rest of the fish categories will also be classified for first, second, third according to weight individually. **Fish Category and Qualifying Weight:**

- Billfish 120 lbs.
- Tuna (**Dressed**) 50 lbs.
(Yellowfin, Dogtooth, Bluefin, Big Eye)
- Wahoo/Barracuda/Spanish Mackerel 20 lbs

B) PRIZE RESTRICTIONS: A team may only win one (1) prize per category (place). For example, it **cannot** win 1st and 2nd prize/place in the billfish category. A team can only win prizes across categories. See Section P. regarding matching weight.

C) TEAM BRIEFING: All teams must attend TEAM BRIEFING at Drop Off Bar & Grill on **Thursday, April 30, 2026 Time is 5:00 p.m.**

D) ENTRY FEE: Registration is \$100 ending at the end of Team Briefing on April 30, 2026 Late registration thereafter, is \$125. 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, May 2 - 5:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday, May 03 - 5:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.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 return of the flag by 6pm on Sunday May 03, 2026.

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

I) PROHIBITED GEARS for all Etpison Cup Participants:

- Electric Reels
- Wire Lines
- Leaders exceeding 40 ft
- Gaffs exceeding 8 feet and flying gaffs with rope exceeding 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 Ngerchelong and Kayangel states
- One mile radius around Ngaruangel Atoll reef edge.

M) DRESSING TUNA:

All Tuna must be dressed (gutted and iced). Tuna Catch that are not dressed will be disqualified from the tournament.



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day and fees must be paid in full for each tournament separately.

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.

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.

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 the next place automatically.

Q) FINAL DECISIONS: All decisions of the tournament committee will be final. Tournament Directors will be Jennifer Gibbon. Official Weight Master is Clayton Johan.

R) AWARDING OF PRIZES: Awards Ceremony to be held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 04, 2026 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