



TOURNAMENT RULES

Rules, including published rules in print or on the Tournaments website (www.mpefishingtournament.com), are subject to change without notice. Additional instructions are given at the Captains'/ Anglers' Meeting for each event, where attendance by at least one team member is mandatory. It is the sole responsibility of the participating anglers, captains, crews and guests ("Participants") to know and abide by the Tournament Rules. By entering the tournament and paying the entry fee, Participants agree to abide by the Tournament Rules and accept the decisions made by the Tournament Organizers as final.

The official start of each fishing day is a "Shotgun Start" where boats line up and wait for the firing of the start flare. Boats must be behind the start line 15 minutes prior to the Shotgun Start. Any boat not clearly behind the start line at this time is disqualified from the day's fishing. Boats disqualified for this violation a second time are disqualified from the entire event, and the team forfeits any and all entry money, prizes or prize money. The start line is defined at the Captains'/Anglers' Meeting and/ or over the tournament's VHF radio channel on each fishing morning.

Teams may attempt to catch or purchase bait until 15 minutes prior to the official start time. At this time, all fishing lines and teasers must be removed from the water and nothing may be transferred between boats.

From 15 minutes prior to the start of fishing to the end of the tournament's fishing hours, no vessel entered in the tournament may be involved in the handing off or receiving of anything from another vessel whether that vessel is entered in the tournament or not, or any other entity of any sort including bait receivers. The Tournament Organizers may choose to grant special permission in advance to waive this rule if someone's personal safety or health is at risk.

In consideration for being accepted by the Tournament Organizers for participation in the Tournament the Participants hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the Tournaments, DESARROLLADORA MARINA PUERTO ESCONDIDO S DE RL DE CV and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, partners, members, and/or attorneys (collectively the "Releasees") for any and all losses, claims, or demands of any kind whatsoever arising from the negligence of the Releasees or from any other cause connected with, or occurring during the Tournament. The Participants expressly acknowledge that he/she has received, reviewed, and agrees to abide



by the Tournament Rules and this Release. Furthermore, the Participants expressly acknowledge that activities relating to deep sea fishing are extremely dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury or death. Having so acknowledged, the Participants hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury or death due to the negligence or gross negligence of the Releasees or any other cause connected with or occurring during the Tournament.

All disputes, protests, claims, differences, or controversies relating to any aspect of the Tournament, including, without limitation, Tournament Rules, must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Organizers no later than twelve (12) hours following the official closing of the Tournament Weigh Station on the day the supposed infraction occurred. All such disputes shall be ruled on by the Tournament Organizers and shall be final and binding upon all parties.

The Participants specifically agree that any photograph, motion picture, or audio recording in which they appear or are heard in may be used by Marina Puerto Escondido. for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, resale, advertising, and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

Entry and Payment Deadlines

- Last Day to Enter: Registration Day until 6pm (Only participants waiting in line by 6pm may register after 6pm)
- Last Day to withdraw and receive full refund: Registration Day before 6pm (if payment was done by credit card tournament administration will deduct credit card fee from refund).

Entry Procedure:

- Teams may register and enter the tournament on-line at www.mpefishingtournament.com. Teams may also register by email or directly at Marina Puerto Escondido's office.
- To be entered, the Base Entry Fee amount must be paid.

Methods of Payment:

- We strongly advise you pay entry fees before you arrive to the tournament. Fees may be paid in US Dollars by credit card or wire transfers. Or MXN pesos CASH, Credit Card or wire transfers (Exchange rate will be calculated at the time of payment).



- Email reservations@marinapuertoesccondido.com for wire transfer details.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TOURNAMENT

All withdrawals must be submitted in writing before 6pm on Registration Day.

TEAM CONTACT

Please carefully read the following and choose your Team Contact accordingly.

The Team Contact is the designated team leader; there can be only one Team Contact per team. The Team Contact must know how to reach each member of the team, and the contact information for the Team Contact must be complete and include a cell phone number and email address. Instructions and confirmations are sent to this person. In addition, the Team Contact is the person to whom any refunds are made payable.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday May 22, 2026 | REGISTRATION DAY

- 12:00pm-6:00pm | Tournament Registration at Marina
- 6:00pm-7:00pm | Captains Meeting

Saturday May 23, 2026 | DAY ONE

- 4:00am Coffee Table Open
- 5:30am VHF 72 Announcements
- 6:00am Gunshot Start
- 6:00am-5:00pm Tournament Fishing (Lines out at 5:00pm)
- 3:00pm-7:00pm | Weigh Station OPEN
- 18:00 | Buffet Meal / Bar OPEN
- 20:00 | Raffle Presentation at Marina



Sunday May 24, 2026 | DAY TWO

- 4:00am Coffee Table Open
- 5:30am VHF 72 Announcements
- 6:00am Gunshot Start
- 6:00am-5:00pm Tournament Fishing (Lines out at 5:00pm)
- 3:00pm-7:00pm | Weigh Station OPEN
- 6:00pm | Food Buffet / Bar OPEN
- 8:00pm | Grand Prize Ceremony + Jackpot/Raffle at Marina Malecon

General Rules

- Each team can have a maximum of four (4) anglers.
- All participants must wear a Marine Park Bracelet (included in registration) while participating in the tournament. Marine Park Passports are also accepted.
- Fishing Licenses are required and can be purchased online or on site at the marina during registration.
- All fish must be caught on a hook and line in a conventional sporting manner.
- Passing the rod among the four anglers on the team is allowed.
- Prize and Jackpot winners will be disqualified if they are not at the gunshot start each of the fishing days.
- Lines out at or before 5:00:00 PM.
- Team Boats must be in the Harbor—the first set of green and red buoys at the entrance of the canal—at or before 6:00:00 PM.
- Boats that pass the first set of green and red buoys 6:00:01 PM or later will be disqualified for that day of fishing. The Control Clock will be operated by the Judges' Panel. The Judges will have final say as to whether or not the boat is disqualified.
- Should any fishing days be canceled, the other fishing day that is fished per the original schedule will constitute a tournament. No additional fishing days will be added to the tournament due to the cancelation of any fishing day.
- If for any reasons beyond the control of the tournament organizers, the tournament has to be canceled the portion of entry fees and optional jackpot monies that were allocated for cash awards will be refunded to the



team minus the 15% admin fee. Teams may choose to roll their refund amount to the next years tournament.

Team Number Card

- Each team will be provided a Team Number Card to be used for Video Proof during the tournament.
- Each Number Card will have the following:
 - Team Number and sponsor logos.

Catch-Report Affidavit

- All Catches must be recorded on the official Catch-Report Affidavit sheets after their catches have been weighed.
- If the team is only reporting catch and release the team must report them at the weigh station.
- The Official Time, Species, number of catch and release or weight must be written on the Catch-Report Affidavit.
- Team contact / Team Leader as well as one of the judges must sign the Catch-Report Affidavit.

Tackle Rules

- Rod Quantity Allowed: Unlimited in use or numbers.
- Rod Type Allowed: All types of rods and reels are permitted except for electric reels.
- Teasers: Unlimited in use or numbers.
- Hooks: All tournament participants must use non-offset circle hooks for all species whenever live or dead natural bait is used.
- Baits: Live bait, dead bait, lures, and any combination thereof are permitted in this tournament. Live bait cannot be purchased or received from another boat during tournament fishing hours.
- Line Weight: 130-pound line maximum.



Note: The tournament committee holds the right to examine any tackle, hooks, line and/or leaders any time during the event. Refusal to allow the committee to examine any tackle, hooks, line and/or leaders will result in immediate disqualification from the event WITHOUT a refund of any jackpot or registration fees.

Crew Rules

- There is no limit to the number of crew members you may have on each boat.
- Crew members are permitted to assist in the hookup.
- Crew members are permitted to assist in the release.
- Once a fish strikes the lure, the crew member has a maximum of 2 minutes to transfer the reel to one of the team members.

Weigh-In Category Rules

- Qualifying weigh-in fish species are Dorado and Yellowtail.
- If there is a tie in the Weigh-In Category, the winner will be the first team to weigh their fish.
- If a weigh in species is not caught on the first day, the prize money will be rolled over to the second day.
- If a weigh in species is not caught on the second day, the prize money will be equally distributed to the winners of the other species.
- The minimum fish weight is 15 pounds. Please release all fish smaller than 15 pounds.
- For each fish caught, a Control Video will be required. Judges will review Control Videos for fish caught that are eligible to win, and participants may be disqualified if the Control Video does not show the Live Fish and Team Number.
- The fishing limit per Team is a maximum of five (5) fish of the same species for the weigh-in categories.
- At least one team member must be present for an official photo on the weigh station with the fish on the scale.

Catch And Release Category Rules



- Qualifying Catch and Release fish species are all billfish.
- All teams must provide their own video camera(s) to verify releases. All video recording equipment must be set to the correct date and time and must be as close to the official tournament time as possible. **Teams may only submit one video per catch (There may be more than one release per video only if there are multiple hookups at the same time.)**
- To score an Official Release, the **one** video clip **must** include sufficient footage to
 - (1) clearly identify the species;
 - (2) show a Team Member or Crew member touching the leader while the fish is still hooked;
 - (3) display the Team Number Card provided by the tournament;
 - (4) identify the time and date of the catch (can be shown with the devices time stamp)
 - (5) show the full release of the fish (Cut the leader, take out the hook or just break the leader)
 - (6) Once the video is started it cannot be stopped until all the elements above have been shown in the video. (Each release has to be shown in one consecutive video without any cuts);
 - **The video must identify all the elements listed above.**
- Teams fishing Catch and Release category must report the number of releases at the Weigh Station with the Judges. The judges will write the team's name, time, and number of releases on a white board. At least one team member must be present for an official photo on the weigh station. At the end of the day's fishing, the camera, camera connections, must be brought to the weigh station for verification of Official Release Results. Catch-Report Affidavit MUST be signed by judges and Team Leader.
- Judges may disqualify any fish if they determine the video does not comply with the rules as specified above.
- The judges will review all Catch and Release Videos and post the final results on Catch Stat. Videos will be reviewed in a closed room and the judge's decision is final and cannot be challenged.
- For Daily Jackpot payments if there is a tie on the number of fish released between two or more teams, the winner will be determined by the team that first catches and releases the last fish of the day there is a tie. This will



have to be shown with the time stamp on the video of the last release that team made.

- For the grand prize if there is a tie on the number of fish released between two or more teams for both days, the winner will be determined by the team that first catches and releases the last fish on Sunday. This will have to be shown with the time stamp on the video of the last release they made on Sunday.
- There is no limit to the number of fish caught and released.

Tournament Boundary Limit/No Fish Zones

- The tournament boundary limit is 65 nautical miles Radius from Marina Puerto Escondido. Click here to view the tournament no fish zones (Marked with RED).
- Google Maps: https://maps.app.goo.gl/tEL8FUfVsJCgKwzz6?g_st=iw

PRIZE DISBURSEMENT

Trophies: Trophies are handed out on stage during the Awards Celebrations on Sunday. If you would like to purchase additional trophies email reservations@marinapuertoesccondido.com

Prize Disbursement Order: Before winnings are paid, each team receiving an award must complete a Prize Disbursement Order specifying how the funds are to be distributed. This form must be signed by each of the team's registered anglers as recorded on the Entry Form. Decisions pertaining to the distribution of a team's total purse are the sole responsibility of the team members, regardless of whether an award is published as an individual or team award.

Payment of Awards

All cash awards are paid from a Mexican bank account in US Dollars or MXN pesos at the exchange rate at the time of payment by either a check or a wire transfer to the team's designated recipient. Award payments may be distributed in several accounts or checks up to a maximum of 6 total checks or wire transfers.

- If any PRIZE Category is not fulfilled by anyone during both fishing days, the prize money will be rolled over to the following year's tournament.



Mexican Taxes

We are required by Mexican law to withhold state and federal taxes from tournament winnings. The amount can change from year to year but is currently 7%.

PERMITS & LICENSES

It is the responsibility of registered boat captains and anglers to comply with all Mexican Federal and State laws regarding fishing licenses, size limits, bag limits and any other regulations that may apply. This is a requirement of Mexico and is not a tournament rule—permit and licensing infractions have no bearing on tournament results or awards. A representative from the Mexico Department of Fisheries is normally on-site during Registration at all events to sell Licenses and Permits, but this is not guaranteed. Consult the FONMAR website for more information (www.sportfishingbcs.gob.mx).

TOURNAMENT RAFFLE:

We are excited to offer many great raffle items in this year's tournament. Each team will receive four (4) raffle tickets at registration for use during the event. To enter the raffle, participants must place their raffle ticket stubs in the raffle boxes.

TOURNAMENT PRIZES:

(Prizes are presented on Sunday): Winners are decided based on combined results from both days in each category. Tournament prize payout is 85% of all entry fees plus \$17,500.00 USD with the following distribution.

- 1st Place Catch and Release (Grand Prize): 40% of tournament prize + \$7,000 USD

(Highest quantity of Fish Caught/Released Saturday + Caught/Released Sunday)

- 2nd Place Catch and Release: 10% of tournament prize + \$2,500 USD



(2nd highest quantity of Fish Caught/Released Saturday + Caught/Released Sunday)

- 1st Place Yellowtail: 20% of tournament prize + \$2,500 USD

(Goes to the team with heaviest Yellowtail in the tournament)

- 2nd Place Yellowtail: 5% of tournament prize + \$1,500 USD

(Goes to the team with 2nd heaviest Yellowtail in the tournament)

- 1st Place Dorado: 20% of tournament prize + \$2,500 USD

(Goes to the team with heaviest Dorado in the tournament)

- 2nd Place Dorado: 5% of tournament prize + \$1,500 USD

(Goes to the team with 2nd heaviest Dorado in the tournament)

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Each prize winner will receive a trophy.

TOURNAMENT JACKPOTS:

CATCH AND RELEASE

- \$500 Daily Jackpot, \$500 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- \$1,000 Daily Jackpot, \$1,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- \$3,000 Daily Jackpot, \$3,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- \$5,000 Daily Jackpot, \$5,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day

DORADO

- \$500 Daily Jackpot, \$500 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- \$1,000 Daily Jackpot, \$1,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- \$3,000 Daily Jackpot, \$3,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- \$5,000 Daily Jackpot, \$5,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day



YELLOWTAIL

- \$500 Daily Jackpot, \$500 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- \$1,000 Daily Jackpot, \$1,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- \$3,000 Daily Jackpot, \$3,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
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- \$3,000 Daily Jackpot, \$3,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- \$5,000 Daily Jackpot, \$5,000 entry, 85% payout, Winner Takes All / Day
- All Jackpots will be paid out on Sunday.
- All Jackpot entries including team name will be posted on a white board next to the weigh station.
- Jackpots MUST BE purchased on REGISTRATION DAY for both fishing days.
- All jackpots are non-refundable and cannot be changed (no species changes).
- If a Jackpot Category is not fulfilled on Saturday, the Jackpot money will be rolled over into the Sunday Jackpot.
- If a Jackpot Category is not fulfilled on Sunday, the Jackpot money will be returned to the teams who put money in the Jackpot minus the 15% administration fee.
- Jackpot receipts must be signed by the Organizer and the Purchaser to become valid.
- Valid Jackpot receipts are required to collect earnings.



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE.

The Marina Puerto Escondido fishing tournament is a fantastic opportunity for fishing enthusiasts to have a memorable experience. Participating in the tournament offers the chance to compete with other anglers and potentially catch a big fish in the beautiful waters of the Sea of Cortez.

Not only is it an opportunity for a thrilling fishing adventure, but it also allows participants to connect with the fishing community and share their passion for the sport. The camaraderie among fishermen and the friendly competition creates a fun and exciting atmosphere during the tournament.