



# MARINA PUERTO ESCONDIDO

## FISHING TOURNAMENT

### OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

#### 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The rules published on the official tournament site [www.mpefishingtournament.com](http://www.mpefishingtournament.com) may be changed at any time without notice. Additional instructions may also be issued during the Captains' Meeting, which must be attended by at least one representative of each team.

It is the sole responsibility of all participants (anglers, captains, crew and guests) to know, understand and comply with these rules.

By completing their registration, participants agree to:

- Comply with the regulations in full
  - Abide by the decisions of the organizers, which will be final and unappealable
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#### 2. OFFICIAL DEPARTURE

Each fishing day will start with a **Starting Shot**:

- All vessels must be positioned behind the official control vessel.
  - Vessels that do not comply will be disqualified from that fishing day.
  - A second offense results in total disqualification from the tournament, with no right to refund or prizes.
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### **3. USE OF BAIT**

Before the start:

- It is allowed to catch or buy bait.

After the starting shot:

- All lines for bait should be removed from the water.
  - It is forbidden to transfer bait or objects between vessels.
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### **4. DISCLAIMER**

Participants:

- Release the organizers and related entities from liability.
  - Recognize the risks inherent in fishing on the high seas.
  - Take full responsibility for any damages, injuries, or incidents.
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### **5. PROTESTS**

Any protest must:

- Be submitted in writing to the judges
- Be delivered within 1 hour of weigh Station closing

The protests will be resolved by the tournament organizers and will be final.

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### **6. USE OF IMAGE**

Participants authorize the use of their image and audiovisual content for promotional purposes without compensation.

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### **7. REGISTRATION AND CANCELLATIONS**

- Check-in: until 6:00 p.m. on the day of check-in
- Cancellation with refund minus 5%: before 6:00 p.m. on the day of registration.

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## 8. TEAM CONTACT

Each team will designate a person in charge who:

- Will receive official communications
  - Will represent the team
  - Will receive awards
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## 9. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### Registration Day

- 12:00 – 18:00 Registration
- 18:00 – 19:00 Captains' Meeting

### Day 1

- 04:00 Coffee
- 05:30 VHF channel 72 announcements
- 06:00 Starting Shot
- 15:00 – 19:00 Open Weigh Station
- 18:00 Lunch / Bar
- 20:00 Results 1st day of fishing

### Day 2

- 04:00 Coffee
  - 05:30 VHF channel 72 announcements
  - 06:00 Starting Shot
  - 15:00 – 19:00 Open Weigh Station
  - 18:00 Lunch / Bar
  - 20:30 Awards Ceremony
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## 10. GENERAL RULES

- Maximum 4 anglers per team
- Each angler must have fishing licence
- Mandatory use of ANP bracelet or passport to fish within the marine park
- Fishing with rod and hook only
- Cut-off time (lines out): 17:00
- Entrance to the marina before 18:00

- Any team that passes the first set of green and red buoys at 18:00:01 or later will be disqualified for that fishing day.
  - The control clock will be operated by the panel of judges. The judges will have the final say as to whether the team is disqualified or not.
  - If for any reason beyond the control of the tournament organizers, the tournament has to be cancelled, the part of the entry fees and the money from the optional jackpots will be refunded to the teams minus the 15% administrative fee.
  - All teams will receive a USB stick. All tournament videos from the weigh-in and catch & catch categories must be stored on this USB stick. All teams must hand over the USB stick to the tournament judges after recording their catches at the weigh station.
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## **11. FISHING EQUIPMENT**

- Number of rods allowed: no limit
  - Electric reels: banned
  - Mandatory circle hooks when using live or dead bait
  - Maximum line: 100 lbs
  - Maximum leader: 30 feet long
  - The tournament committee reserves the right to examine any bait, hook, line and/or leader at any time during the event. Refusal to allow the committee to examine any bait, hook, line, and/or leaders will result in immediate disqualification from the event WITHOUT a refund of any prize or registration.
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## **12. CREW**

- No crew limit
  - They can assist in catch and release
  - Transfer to the angler: maximum 2 minutes after hookup.
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## **13. WEIGHING CATEGORY**

Species:

- Dorado
- Yellowtail

Rules:

- Minimum Weight: 15 lbs

- Maximum 5 fish per species
  - Tie: whoever weighs first wins
  - If no team makes a catch, the jackpot money rolls over to the second day.
  - If no team makes a catch on the second day, the money from that category is distributed equally among the winners of the other categories including catch and release
  - Mandatory video per capture identifying:
    - Team number
    - Catch before boarding the boat (Alive)
    - Capture inside the boat
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## 14. CATCH & RELEASE

Species:

- Marlin
- Sailfish

Teams fishing in the "Catch & Release" category must inform the judges of the number of releases at the weigh station. Judges will write the team name, time, and number of releases on a whiteboard and at least one team member must be present to take an official photo at the weigh station.

At the weighing station, the Catch Report must be filled out and **MUST** be signed by the judges and the Team Leader.

Video Requirements:

- All videos must show correct date and time
- Teams can only deliver a single video per capture
- There may be more than one release per video in the case of multiple hookups at the same time
- Show Team Number
- Clearly identify the species (alive)
- Show that the swivel or leader line tie is touching or has passed the rod tip
- Show full release (team member or crew member touching the leader while the fish is still hooked and show release (cut the leader, pull the hook, or just break the leader).
- The Video has to be continuous without cuts presenting each of the previous points.
- The deadline for the delivery of the USB with the videos will be at 7:00 p.m. at the weighing station.
- Once the USB is delivered, it will not be allowed to replace any video or add additional videos

Tie:

- The winner will be the team that has registered the last release first according to the time stamp in the video.
  - If both record the last release at the same time, the prize will be split 50/50.
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## 15. TOURNAMENT LIMITS

- Maximum radius: 65 nautical miles from Marina Puerto Escondido.
  - No-fishing zones indicated on the official map:  
[https://maps.app.goo.gl/tEL8FUfVsJCGKwzz6?g\\_st=iw](https://maps.app.goo.gl/tEL8FUfVsJCGKwzz6?g_st=iw)
  - Any vessel caught in any of the no-fishing zones will be disqualified without any refund.
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## 16. TOURNAMENT PRIZES

If any Prize Category is not met by any team during both days of fishing, the prize money will be carried over to the following year's tournament.

Distribution:

Winners are decided based on the combined results of both days in each category. The tournament prize payout is 85% of all entry fees plus \$17,500.00 USD with the following distribution.

Main Prize:

- 1st Place "Catch & Release": 40% of the tournament prize + \$7,000.00 USD.
  - 2nd Place "Catch & Release": 10% of the tournament prize + \$2,500.00 USD.
  
  - 1st Place Yellowtail: 20% of the tournament prize + \$2,500.00 USD.
  - 2nd Place Yellowtail: 5% of the tournament prize + \$1,500.00 USD.
  
  - 1st Place Dorado: 20% of the tournament prize + \$2,500.00 USD.
  - 2nd Place Dorado: 5% of the tournament prize + \$1,500.00 USD.
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## 17. JACKPOTS

- Available by category per day
    - \$500, \$1,000, \$3,000, and \$5,000 USD
  - Jackpot entry for both days has to be paid before registration closes
  - Non-refundable and non-transferable to another day or category
  - 85% payout
  - "Winner takes all" format x each fishing day
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## 18. PAYMENTS

- Wire Transfer
  - USD or MXN
  - Maximum 6 payments per team
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## 19. TAXES

7% will be withheld in accordance with Mexican law.

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## 20. PERMISSIONS

It is the participant's responsibility to comply with:

- Licenses
  - Federal Regulations
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## 21. FINAL PROVISIONS

The tournament seeks to promote:

- Fair competition
  - Security
  - Coexistence between participants
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## **22. Spanish version.**

These conditions are subscribed in English and Spanish language versions, and both versions constitute a single instrument; provided, however, that in the event of a conflict or doubt as to the proper interpretation of this document, the Spanish version shall prevail.