

## **Tournament Rules**

## **Member Fishing Tournament Rules and Regulations**

- 1. Any <u>Club</u> Member may weigh their fish and be eligible for a nameplate on the "Plaque Wall" for largest percentage of a fish weighed
- 2. Any paid fish tournament member may enter our monthly tournaments that run November through April
- 3. Fish must be hooked and fought by the registered angler using conventional tackle (i.e. no electric reels) and once the leader line is within reach the fish may be gaffed or netted by a mate
- 4. Fish entered can only be caught in local waters. That would be roughly a 25 mile radius from the official weigh in station Captain Hooks. Marathon Hump is included in this radius
- 5. Fish must be weighed in at Captain Hooks. A weigh in sheet is located at Captain Hooks where an employee will weigh and take a photo of the fish and member entering the fish. The winning fish of each specie (listed below) will be determined by the heaviest weight of the fish for that species in the monthly tournaments and by the highest percentage of a fish weighed compared to the Florida state record for that species for the angler of the year award. The winning fish must comply with tournament rules and meet all local and federal regulations. Sponsored bonus tournaments winning fish will vary according to the rules of each event

Yellowtail Snapper Inshore
Lane Snapper Inshore
Mangrove Snapper Inshore
Mutton Snapper Inshore
Cero Mackerel Inshore
Spanish Mackerel Inshore

King Mackerel Either Inshore or Offshore

Blackfin Tuna Off Shore
Wahoo Off Shore
Mahi Mahi Dolphin Off Shore
Grouper Inshore
Cobia Inshore

Yellowjack Either Inshore or Offshore

- 6. Monthly Club Tournaments: The heaviest fish in each category will be awarded a cash prize determined by the amount of entries and fish weighed in with average payouts being \$30 to \$50 per winning fish. Entrants can win no more than 2 categories in any given month
- 7. Monthly Sponsored Tournaments: Most tournaments will have a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in two divisions:

**Champion Division and Tail Chasers Division** 

Winnings will be awarded during club meetings

Champion Division is defined as a fishing tournament angler who has won 1st place overall in a CASH sponsored tournament event

Tail Chaser Division is defined as a fishing tournament angler who has never won 1st place overall in a CASH sponsored tournament event

- 8. Angler of the Year Award Sponsored by Marathon Garbage Service for 1st Place based on highest percentage of a fish weighed compared to the Florida state record for that species.
- Casual Angler of the Year Award sponsored by Wholesale Marine will be awarded to a KCBF&B Club member NOT entered in the Fishing Tournament who fishes casually and catches that once in a lifetime fish and weighs and enters it at the Captain Hooks Marina in Marathon

<sup>\*</sup>Using a paid guide or Charter Captain to land a winning fish will cause the angler to be disqualified and such angler will be disciplined accordingly as defined by club bylaws