



Tournament Rules

Member Fishing Tournament Rules and Regulations

- 1. Any Club Member may weigh their fish and be eligible for a nameplate on the "Plaque Wall" for the 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 the 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 Off Shore
Blackfin Tuna	Off Shore
Wahoo	Off Shore
Mahi Mahi Dolphin	Off Shore
Grouper	Inshore
Cobia	Inshore
Yellowjack	Either Inshore or Off Shore
Sea Trout	Inshore

6. **Tournament cheating will result in immediate expulsion from the tournament, forfeiture of all winnings on record and a review by the Executive Board on continuing as a club member.**

7. **Any club member that hires, contracts, or engages professional charter captains, guides or charter boats in an effort to enter a winning fish will be disqualified from the tournament.**

8. **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.**

9. **Monthly Sponsored Tournaments: Most tournaments will have a 1st and 2nd place winner in two divisions:
Champion Division and Tale Chasers Division
Winnings will be awarded during club meetings and entrants can win no more than 2 sponsored tournaments in any given month.**

A CHAMPION is defined as a fishing tournament angler who has won 1st place overall in a CASH sponsored tournament event.

A TALE CHASER is defined as a fishing tournament angler who has never won 1st place overall in a CASH sponsored tournament event.

- 10. Angler of the Year Award Sponsored by Marathon Garbage Service for 1st Place based on highest percentage of a fish weight compared to the Florida state record for that species.**
- 11. 2nd Place Angler of the Year award Sponsored by Key Colony Beach Marina will be based on the highest percentage of a fish weight compared to the Florida State record for that species.**
- 12. 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 Captain Hooks Marina in Marathon. Winners of this award will not be eligible to enter this event again for 5 years.**

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