



Tournament Information & Rules

1. **Tournament Fishing Dates:**

Thursday 10th November through Saturday 12th November 2011.

2. **Registration & Briefing:**

It is mandatory for all Anglers and the Boat Captain to attend the briefing and welcome cocktail party, to be held at 1800hrs Wednesday, 9th November 2011 on Bandos Island Resort & Spa, situated in North Male' Atoll. Registration of all Teams and Anglers will be finalised prior to the briefing and no changes to Anglers may be made after this.

3. **Presentation Dinner:**

Saturday, 12th November 2011 on Bandos Island Resort at 1900hrs for 2000hrs. To be eligible to receive trophies, attendance is compulsory.

4. **Sail past of Tournament Vessels:**

The Official Tournament Opening and compulsory Sail past of all entered vessels will take place at 0730 on Thursday, 10th November 2011 at Male'.

All vessels to assemble outside Jetty 1 Harbour and proceed in line astern behind the Marshalling Boat until it stops. Tournament vessels then form up in line abreast beside the Marshalling Boat until start fishing is signalled by the firing of a parachute flare, when all vessels may proceed at speed to their selected fishing locations.

5. **Fishing Hours:**

On days 1 and 2 fishing may start with lines in the water from 0730 until stop fishing at 1700 and on day 3 lines in the water at 0730 and stop fishing at 1630.

A fish hooked before "stop fishing" may be played out until tagged or captured, provided the fish or tag card is presented to the weigh station and Tournament Judge no later than 2000hrs on days 1 and 2 and 1730hrs on day 3. Late tags and/or captures will not count in Tournament results.

6. **Weigh Station:**

The Tournament Weigh Station and Judging table will be located at the Service Harbour adjacent to the Sundowner's Bar on Bandos Island Resort.

7. **Judging:**

The Angler who tagged or captured the fish **MUST** present the tag card or fish to be weighed together with the rod line & reel, terminal tackle complete with lure (if lure used) and tag pole or gaff to the Chief Judge for certification. Anglers should ensure that all doubles and leaders, if used, comply with the IGFA Rules provided to all

teams at the Tournament Briefing. The Sundowner's Bar adjacent to Weigh Station will be open.

8. IGFA Fishing Rules:

The Maldives Game Fishing Challenge Fishing Rules are the International Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations formulated by The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) a copy of which will be provided to all Anglers and Boat Captains at the Tournament Briefing.

9. Eligibility:

All entered Anglers must be members of IGFA (International Game Fishing Association) & MGFA (Maldives Game Fishing Association). The IGFA entrance or renewal fee is included in the Angler Registration Fee and your details will be passed on to IGFA Membership Department for processing. Existing IGFA Members to provide IGFA Membership number when entering.

10. Tournament Fishing Zone:

The northern end of Gaafaru Falhu on Male' Atoll at latitude 4 degrees 50' North to the southern end of Vattarurah on Felidhe Atoll at latitude 3 degrees 10' North and bounded on the eastern sides of Male', South Male' and Felidhe Atolls at longitude 73 degrees 55' and on the western side of the above Atolls at longitude 73 degrees 10'.

11. Eligible Species:

Marlin, Sailfish, Wahoo, Yellowfin, Big Eye and Dog Tooth Tuna.

12. Line Classes:

10kg (20 pound) 15kg (30 pound) 24kg (50 pound) & 37kg (80 pound).

Multi filament lines cannot be used in this Tournament

13. Minimum Weights:

Marlin must weigh 80kg on line classes to 15kg and 100kg on line classes 24kg & 37kg.

Sailfish must weigh 25kg to 24kg line and equal to or better than line class above.

Tunas and Wahoo must weigh equal or greater than the line class used.

Points for Wahoo shall be one half of those calculated on the below formula.

14. Point Score Capture:

Points will be awarded using the following scoring "factor" system for line class used.

$$\text{Points} = \frac{\text{Weight of fish in kg}^2 \times \text{factor}}{\text{Line Class in kg}}$$

Factor Line Class 10kg = **11.5** 15kg Line = **7.5** 24kg Line = **4.6** 37kg Line = **3.0**

15. Point Score or Tag & Release and Weighed fish:

Marlin on **10kg** line = 12500 on **15kg** = 6000 on **24kg** = 2500 on **37kg** = 1500

Sailfish on **10kg** line = 1000 on **15kg** = 600 on **24kg** = 300 on **37kg** = 200

Example for weighed fish

Line Class	Species	Weight	Points
10kg	Marlin	100kg (or 80kg)	11500 (80kg = 7360)
15kg	Marlin	100kg (or 80kg)	5000 (80kg = 3200)
24kg	Marlin	100kg	1916
37kg	Marlin	100kg	810
10kg	Sailfish	30kg	1035
15kg	Sailfish	30kg	450
24kg	Sailfish	30kg	172
37kg	Sailfish	40kg (37kg min)	130
10kg	Tuna	15kg	258
15kg	Tuna	15kg	112
24kg	Tuna	25kg	120
37kg	Tuna	40kg	130
10kg	Wahoo	15kg	129
15kg	Wahoo	15kg	56
24kg	Wahoo	25kg	60

16. Judges:

The Tournament Committee will appoint the Tournament Judges and the Judges decisions shall be final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into relating to those decisions.

17. Progressive Capture and Tag & Release Reporting:

All fish tagged and/or boated must be immediately reported by mobile 'phone to the Tournament Base mobile phone numbers which will be provided at the Briefing. Details should include Boat Name, Angler's name, time of capture or tag, estimated weight or Tag number and line class used.

As reports come in to Tournament Base, the Tournament Committee will relay to all Boat and Angler mobile 'phones by group SMS.

18. Daily "Boat Result Sheets":

Daily "Boat Result Sheets" will be provided to all Teams at the Briefing and **MUST** be completed and handed in to the weigh station when presenting captured fish or tag cards for judging.

19. Boat Safety:

All Vessels must comply with all Government & Maritime Safety Regulations and carry all prescribed safety equipment.

20. **Bad Weather:**

In the event of bad weather it is up to the Boat Captain to decide to put to or remain at sea to fish.

21. **Liability:**

The Tournament Committee and or The Maldives Game Fishing Association will not accept liability for any claims for damages or injury by or to any person or property in regard to this Tournament.