



Note: These Rules May be Subject to Further
Revision Prior to Tournament Start

SKINS MARLIN DERBY

2025 HAWAII MARLIN TOURNAMENT SERIES

JULY 11TH, 12TH, AND 13TH



TOURNAMENT RULES

Aloha and Welcome to the Skins Marlin Derby, the 6th Tournament in our series. Patterned after the golf format, the Base Purse is available each day to the largest “Skin” fish -- a Marlin 500 pounds or better! If no one catches a “Skin,” then the Purse rolls forward to the next day. There are Optional Categories that can be entered as well, some are Dailies, and some are cumulative of the entire Tournament.

Please see the 2025 HMTS General Rules for more information and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

FISHING DAYS & TIMES

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| <u>July 11th</u> | (Friday) | 7:00 AM till 4:00 PM | Green Buoy Start |
| <u>July 12th</u> | (Saturday) | 7:00 AM till 4:00 PM | Green Buoy Start |
| <u>July 13th</u> | (Sunday) | 7:00 AM till 4:00 PM | Green Buoy Start |

Note: See HMTS General Rules - *Section 1.03 Start Fishing*

ANGLING RULES

IGFA Rules apply to all divisions of the Skins Marlin Derby

ELIGIBLE SPECIES & SCORING

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Minimum Weight</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Blue & Black Marlin | 400 pounds | 1 Point per pound or 165 Points T&R |

No other species are scored for this event. Striped Marlin, Sailfish and Spearfish do not qualify.

Tag and Release Verification

See: HMTS General Rules *Section 2.08 Tagging and/or Gaffing* - and - *Section 3 Tag and Release Requirements*

BASE ENTRY FEES

The Base Entry Fee is \$3,000 per Team, with 75% paid out as Base Purse.

Pay Out in the Base Purse Division

The Base Purse shall be paid out via the Base “Skins” Purse, as outlined below:

| <u>Base Purse Division</u> | <u>Payout</u> | <u>Based On</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Day 1 Skin | One-Third | Largest Marlin 500 pounds or better |
| Day 2 Skin | One-Third | Largest Marlin 500 pounds or better |
| Day 3 Skin | One-Third | Largest Marlin 500 pounds or better |

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To win a “Skin” a team must weigh a Marlin pounds or better on any of the three tournament fishing days. **The single largest “Skin Fish,” (a Marlin 500 pounds or better), will take all the Daily Base Skins Purse money allocated for the day it was caught, and possibly day(s) prior if no “Skin” was caught on the previous fishing day(s).**

Roll Forward in the Base Purse Division with “Skins”

Daily Base Skins Purse money will always “roll forward” and never “roll back,” in the same way a Skins golf tournament operates – any purse not claimed goes to the next day. In golf it goes to the next hole. The single largest marlin 500 pounds or better caught on Day One will win all the Skin money for Day One. If this happens, Day Two starts anew.

If there is no “Skin” (Marlin- 500 pounds or better) caught on Day One, the money will “roll forward” and be added to that allocated for Day Two. If there are marlin 500 pounds or better caught on Day Two but not Day One, then the single largest marlin 500 pounds or better on Day Two will take all the Daily Base Skins Purse money combined from Day One and Day Two.

If there is no “Skin” (Marlin - 500 pounds or better) caught on Day One or Day Two, then the cumulative Daily Base Skins Purse money will continue to “roll forward” and be added to that allocated for Day Three. The Total Base Skins Purse money will now be up for grabs in a Winner Takes All. If there are “Skins” (Marlin - 500 pounds or better) caught on Day Three, then the single largest “Skin” will take the Total Base Skins Purse, which is the sum of the Daily Base Skins Purse money that has rolled forward from Day One and Day Two, as well as that which is allocated for Day Three.

In the event there is a “Skin” (Marlin - 500 pounds or better) caught on Day One and Day Three, but not on Day Two, then the single largest “Skin” caught on Day Three will collect the Daily Base Skins Purse money allocated for Day Two and Day Three.

Scoring Points in the Base Purse Division

Any purse unclaimed by a Skin fish from the Base Skins Purse, WILL revert from “Skins” (Marlin of at least 500 lbs.) to Total Points and WILL be awarded to teams with the Most Total Points.

Points are scored on the basis as mentioned above in the “Eligible Species & Scoring” Section.

1 Point per pound for weighed Blue or Black Marlin 400 pounds or better.

165 Points for each Tagged & Released Blue or Black Marlin, regardless of size.

Points only come into play in the *Base Purse Division* when any remaining money in the Total Base Skins Purse is not claimed by a “Skin” (Marlin - 500 pounds or better) at the end of the tournament. A 400-pound Marlin qualifies for Points, but in order to catch a “Skin” in the *Base Purse Division*, a Team must weigh a Marlin that is at least 500 pounds or better. If there is a Skin caught only on Day One, but not Day Two or Three, the purse for those days will be awarded to Most Points. If there is a Skin caught on Day One and/or Day Two, but not Day Three, the purse for Day Three will go to Most Points.

TAGGED MARLIN

Each Blue or Black Marlin will receive 165 points per tag and release, regardless of size. Verification of species must be clear through videos taken by your personal device. Teams should always employ as many back up videos from as many cameras as possible. One never knows with wild animals at sea.

Tag and Release Verification

See: HMTS General Rules *Section 2.08*

Tagging and/or Gaffing - and - Section 3 Tag and Release Requirements

Tie Breaker in the Base Purse Division

With “Skins”

Should two teams weigh Marlin over 500 pounds – of the same weight, on the same day – for a “Skin” the tie shall be split 60% to the team boating the first Marlin and 40% to the team boating the second Marlin. No more than two places will ever be paid.

With Most Points:

Should there be a tie for any money not claimed by a “Skin,” the tie shall first be split 60% to the team with the largest Marlin over 400 pounds, and 40% to the team with the second largest Marlin over 400 pounds.

Should two teams weigh marlin over 400 pounds -- of the same weight -- the tie shall be split 60% to the team boating the first Marlin and 40% to the team boating the second Marlin, based on the time that the fish was reported to tournament control radio.

Should no team have a marlin over 400 pounds on their score card, the tie shall be split 60% to the team arriving at the tag tie position first and 40% to the team arriving at the tag tie position second. No more than two places will ever be paid, and shall be based on the time catches were recorded in the radio log, as confirmed.

Refund in the Base Purse Division

If there are no qualifying fish caught (Marlin weighed or tagged) throughout the course of all three fishing days, entrants shall be entitled to receive a refund in the amount of \$2,400 from their Base Entry Fee.

OPTIONAL CATEGORIES

Once a Team has paid their Team Base Entry Fee and the Base Purse Entry Fee, they are entitled to enter the additional Optional Entry Levels. [Categories in BLUE are new in 2025.](#)

The Specific Optional Categories and Divisions are as follows:

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| Biggest Marlin of Tournament: | \$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000 |
| Biggest Marlin per Day: | \$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000 |
| Most Points of Tournament: | \$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000 |
| Most Points per Day: | \$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000 |
| Top 3 Marlin (50/30/20): | \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 |
| First Marlin Tag&Release: | \$500 |
| First Qualifying Blue or Black Marlin Weighed: | \$500 |

Optional jackpots also follow all tournament and IGFA rules.

87.5% of all optional jackpot entry fees will be returned as prize money. If a team does not receive a matching entry from another team in an optional category, that team shall be refunded 100% of the entry fee for that optional category.

Rules to Win in Optional Entry Categories

Teams compete only against the other teams entered in the same specific category and division. Teams entered in the \$100 daily compete only against other teams in the \$100 daily, etc. etc.

You cannot win an optional entry category if you are not entered into that category. Likewise, you can’t win a specific dollar level if you are not entered in that dollar level.

Dailies: You must enter all three days of any daily category; you may not enter just one or two.

Daily Optional Categories can “roll forward” and/or “roll backwards,” whereas the Daily Base Skins Purse only “rolls forward.”

There shall be only one place paid per category, unless there is a tie, in which case, the optional category purse will be split as outlined on Page 6.

SCORING

Blue or Black Marlin brought to the scales 400 pounds or better shall be judged firstly on weight, secondly on points, should points apply.

In the instance(s) that points do apply, marlin 400 pounds or better shall score 1 point per pound. For example, a 400-pound marlin will score 400 points, a 412-pounder will score 412 points, etc. Marlin weighing in less than 400 pounds will receive zero points.

Every boat that takes a marlin on board must call in a short measurement to tournament control within 15 minutes of boating the fish.

TAGGED MARLIN

Each Blue or Black Marlin will receive 165 points per tag and release, regardless of size. Verification of species must be clear through videos taken with your personal device. Teams should always employ as many back up videos from as many cameras as possible. One never knows with wild animals at sea.

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BOATED FISH

See: HMTS General Rules *Section 1.08*

Estimated Weight and Short Length

BIGGEST MARLIN OF THE TOURNAMENT

The various entry levels for the Biggest Marlin of the Tournament shall pay the team entered in each level that catches the single largest marlin, weighing 400 pounds or better, after all three days of fishing.

Should there be a tie with two teams catching marlin that weigh the exact amount, the tie shall be split with 60% going to the team boating the first marlin, and 40% going to the team boating the second fish.

Should there be no marlin weighed after three days of fishing, Biggest Marlin of the Tournament shall NOT revert to tag and release points. The teams shall receive the option of a refund or a roll forward, of 87.5% of their entry in that daily category.

BIGGEST MARLIN PER DAY

The purse allotted for each day is awarded to the single largest marlin caught that day that meets or exceeds 400 pounds.

If no marlin 400 pounds or better is caught on Day One and/or Day Two, but there is a marlin 400 pounds or better caught on Day Three, the money allotted for Day One and Two will roll forward and be added to that allotted for Day Three. Should a marlin 400 pounds or better be weighed on Day One but not Day Two or Three, the money shall roll back and be awarded to the largest marlin of Day One.

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If a marlin is weighed on two days, but not on the other day, the purse allotted for the day with no marlin will be awarded to the winners of the other two days with 60% going to the largest marlin and 40% to second largest marlin.

Should there be no marlin weighed after three days of fishing, Biggest Marlin Per Day shall NOT revert to tag and release points. The teams shall receive the option of a refund or a roll forward, of 87.5% of their entry in that daily category.

MOST POINTS OF TOURNAMENT

The purse allotted for this division shall be paid to the team that amasses the most total points of the tournament for all three days combined weighed fish and tag points.

This scoring shall be calculated at 1 point per pound for weighed Blue or Black Marlin 400 pounds or better, and 165 points for each tagged and released Blue or Black Marlin. All weighed marlin will be scored 1 point per pound if they weigh at least 400 pounds. If the marlin weighs less than 400 pounds, it will receive zero points.

Tag and Release points do apply, and both Most Points divisions may revert to only tag points in the event that no marlin are weighed, 400 pounds or better.

MOST POINTS PER DAY

The purse allotted for each day is awarded to the team with the greatest number of points earned on that day. This scoring shall be calculated at 1 point per pound for weighed Blue or Black Marlin and 165 points for each tagged and released Blue or Black Marlin. All weighed marlin will be scored 1 point per pound if they weigh at least 400 pounds. If the marlin weighs less than 400 pounds, it will receive zero points.

If no points are earned on Day One and/or Day Two, but there are points earned on Day Three, the money allotted for Day One and/or Day Two will roll forward and be added to that allotted for Day Three. Should points be earned on Day One but not Day Two or Three, the money shall roll back and be awarded to the team with the most points earned on Day One.

In the event that points are earned on two days, but not on another day, the purse allotted for the day with no points will be awarded to the winners of the other two days with 60% going to the team with the most points earned on their qualifying day and 40% to the team with the second most points earned on their qualifying day.

Tag and Release points do apply, and both Most Points divisions may revert to only tag points in the event that no marlin are weighed, 400 pounds or better.

TOP 3 MARLIN (50/30/20)

This optional category will be awarded to the teams who weigh the top three largest marlin during the tournament that exceed the minimum weight requirement of 400 pounds. 50% of the payout will be awarded to the team weighing the largest marlin, 30% awarded for second largest marlin, and 20% awarded for third largest marlin. In the event of a tie, awards will be distributed to the team(s) that arrived at the higher position first, reflected by boated time on the tournament radio log.

FIRST MARLIN TAGGED & RELEASED

This optional category will be awarded to the team who tags and releases the first blue or black marlin on fishing day one of the tournament, reflected by time on the tournament radio log. Only one team shall be awarded in this category for each respective division.

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FIRST QUALIFYING BLUE OR BLACK MARLIN WEIGHED

This optional category will be awarded to the team who boats and weighs the first qualifying blue or black marlin of the tournament, reflected by boated time on the tournament radio log. Only one team shall be awarded in this category for each respective division.

TIEBREAKER IN OPTIONAL PURSE CATEGORY

In case of a tie in an optional purse category, the optional purse for that category will be split 60% to the team that arrived at that position first, and 40% to the team that arrived at the position second. There will only be two places paid, regardless of the number of teams tied.

NOTE: The determination as to what time a fish is Boated or Tagged & Released is based upon the time reflected on the Radio Log, as recorded by Tournament Control Radio. The time a team calls in and reports the qualifying fish is when it is recorded, not the time it was gaffed or tagged.

Refunds in Optional Categories

Should no marlin be weighed 400 pounds or better by any team in the Biggest Marlin of Tournament and Biggest Marlin per Day optional category division, the jackpot portion of that category shall be refunded, or teams may opt to roll their refund into a future event. If no fish are caught or tagged in the Most Points of Tournament and Most Points per Day optional category divisions will be refunded or rolled forward.

RULES

The rules for this tournament printed herein are the Skins Marlin Derby specific tournament rules. The 2025 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series – General Tournament Rules, and the IGFA Saltwater Angling Rules are separate documents, and found in team kits.

Should a team find that there are rules in the tournament that they do not find acceptable, they may withdraw from the tournament prior to the call of “start fishing” on Day One of the tournament. Should a team withdraw prior to the call of “Start Fishing” they will forfeit their Team Base Entry, but their Base Purse and Optional Entries shall be reimbursed.

Once the tournament has started, the teams are bound by the rules identified above. Violation of one or more rules is grounds for disqualification and/or ejection from the tournament. A team may withdraw after commencement of the tournament, but all its entry fees, base and optional, shall be forfeited and remain in the purse.

In the event of any discrepancies between these rules and any information found on the tournament entry forms, these rules shall control.

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Mahalo for fishing in the 2025 Skins Marlin Derby of the Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series!