

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



KONA THROW DOWN
2025 HAWAII MARLIN TOURNAMENT SERIES
JULY 7TH, 8TH, & 9TH, 2025

TOURNAMENT RULES

Aloha and Welcome to the Kona Throw Down Tournament, the fourth tournament in the 2025 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series. Mahalo and tight lines!

FISHING DAYS AND TIMES

<u>July 7th</u>	(Monday)	7:00AM til 4:00PM	Green Buoy Start
<u>July 8th</u>	(Tuesday)	7:00AM til 4:00PM	Green Buoy Start
<u>July 9th</u>	(Wednesday)	7:00AM til 4:00PM	Green Buoy Start

(Note: See: HMT Series General Rules - *Section 1.03 Start Fishing*)

ELIGIBLE SPECIES, POINTS & PAYOUT

Species	Min. Weight	Points
Blue & Black Marlin	400 pounds	1 Point per pound or 165 Points T&R

No other species are scored for this event. Striped Marlin, Spearfish, and Sailfish do not count. All fish must be angled in accordance with IGFA Saltwater Angling Rules.

TAG AND RELEASE VERIFICATION (FOR OPTIONAL CATEGORIES)

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

BOATED FISH

See: HMTS General Rules *Section 1.08 Estimated Weight and Short Length*

BASE ENTRY CATEGORY

Base Entry is \$5000, with 75% of Base Entry paid out as Base Purse. Please refer to HMTS General Rules for the definition of a Team. A team must first pay base entry to be eligible to enter all/any optional categories.

Base Purse Award

The Base Purse shall be awarded to the Team with the Single Largest individual marlin weighed at the end of the three days of the tournament.

If no marlin are weighed through the course of all three days of fishing, the purse from the Base Entry Fee shall NOT revert from Biggest Marlin to Total Points and will NOT be awarded to teams with the most total tag points. The intention is to keep this a Biggest Fish Tournament in the Base Purse entry category.

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THROW DOWN ENTRY

Teams may choose to Throw Down an additional \$5,000 into a second 100% return purse. Teams in this division compete only against the other teams who have Thrown Down the additional \$5,000. Award of these two categories will follow the procedures outlined herein:

Throw Down Purse Award

The total purse (100%) from the Throw Down Entry Fee (\$5,000) shall be awarded to the Team with the Single Largest individual marlin weighed during the three fishing days of the tournament.

Tie Breaker in Throw Down Division

If there is a tie in weight with two boated marlin, 60% shall be awarded to the first fish caught – as recorded in the Tournament Control radio log of when the “caught fish” call was radioed in - and 40% shall be awarded to the second fish caught, per the log. If there are three marlin weighed in at the exact same weight the first shall receive 50%, the second 30% and the third 20%, as recorded by the Tournament Control radio log.

Should no Marlin be weighed 400 pounds or better by any team in the Base Purse or additional Throw Down division, 100% of that purse shall be refunded to entrants. These divisions will NOT revert to tags.

OPTIONAL CATEGORIES

To qualify in optional jackpots, fish must be caught according to tournament and IGFA rules. Entrants compete only against the specific teams entered in the same categories.

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.

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:

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

Rules to Win Optional Categories

There are a variety of divisions into which a team may choose to enter. 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 division if you are not entered in that division.

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

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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 4.

Scoring

Blue or Black Marlin brought to the scales 400 pounds or better shall be judged firstly on weight, secondly on points, where 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. Teams should always employ as many back up videos from as many cameras as possible. One never knows with wild animals at sea.

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. If marlin are weighed on only one day, the purse for the other two days will be paid to the team with the largest marlin on that one day.

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.

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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 THE 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 of 400 pounds or higher are weighed.

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 provided that 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. If points are scored on only one day, the purse for the other two days will be paid to the team with most points on that one day.

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 of 400 pounds or higher are weighed.

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 Categories

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, Biggest Marlin per Day optional category division, or First Qualifying Marlin Weighed 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.

PROTESTS

Section 4.03 of the 2025 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series General Rules applies to any and all protests in the Kona Throw Down.

RULES

The rules for this tournament printed herein are the Kona Throw Down 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 of 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 Kona Throw Down of the Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series!