# 2027 Costa Offshore World Championship Rules

## A. General Rules

This document contains the complete rules, awards and optional jackpot terms for the 2027 Offshore World Championship, presented by The Marlin Group Network LLC ("Marlin").

The official rules of the 2027 Offshore World Championship are the printed rules distributed to teams at Registration. Online and electronic versions of these rules, including any version posted to the tournament website, are provided for information only and are unofficial. Where an online or electronic version conflicts with the printed rules distributed at Registration, the printed rules control.

This document is **revision 9.21.26**. It supersedes all prior printings and postings.

**Any rule change issued after this revision — including any change announced at the registration event — will be circulated to all teams in writing via an email through CatchStat before Start Fishing on Day 1 and forms part of the official rules.**

1. **Entry:** There are two (2) different entry fee prices. The entry fee for "Champions", which are entrants who have won an Official Qualifying Event, is $4,000. The entry fee for "Invitees" is open-entry at $5,000. All entrants compete in the same division. For "Champions" pricing, at least one (1) person on the team must have been on the original first-place team of the Official Qualifying Event they are representing. All teams must pay a $165 Government Tax Processing Fee in addition to their base entry fee. The first 20 teams to **register and pay base entry on or before January 31, 2027, as reflected on OWC.Catchstat.com, will receive a $500 discount.** General entry fees are not refundable for any reason.

   This basic team entry fee covers four (4) registered anglers, four (4) angler tournament bags, and passes for up to six (6) team members to attend entertainment and social events.

Additional anglers can be added for a fee of $1,000 per angler. No unregistered anglers or guests are allowed on boats during tournament fishing, and a maximum of five (5) registered anglers are allowed aboard per day. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse tournament entry at their discretion with or without cause. **Teams are responsible for providing their own fishing licenses.**

Guests of anglers are welcome to all planned entertainment and social functions but are required to purchase guest tickets. Additional guest ticket packages can be purchased for $400 per person.

2. **Charter Boats:** Teams are responsible for ensuring that the vessel they intend to fish is lawfully entitled to be used as they intend to use it.

   Any vessel that is chartered, hired or otherwise provided to a team for compensation of any kind must hold every registration, license, permit and authorization required under Costa Rican law to carry paying passengers for sportfishing. This includes a current INCOPESCA vessel license of the correct category for commercial tourist fishing, a current certificate of navigability, and valid INCOPESCA fishing licenses for the captain and crew.

   Costa Rican law restricts the licenses available to foreign-flagged vessels. Any team intending to fish a foreign-flagged vessel is responsible for confirming that the vessel is lawfully authorized for the intended use.

   The tournament does not verify, approve or warrant the legal status of any vessel. **Compliance rests solely with the team and the vessel's owner or operator,** who indemnify the tournament, its organizers, sponsors and officials against any claim, penalty or liability arising from non-compliance.

   **We highly recommend booking a charter through MarinaPezVela.com.**

3. **Prizing:** Trophies and prizes will be awarded as follows:
   - First, Second and Third Place Teams (total points)
   - **New for 2027! OWC Nations Cup** (Gold, Silver and Bronze medals awarded to the countries whose two highest-scoring eligible teams achieve the highest combined point totals)
   - First, Second and Third Place Anglers (billfish release points)
   - Top Lady Angler (billfish release points)
   - First, Second and Third Place Charter Crews (total points)
   - Day One, Day Two and Day Three Daily Top Team (daily total points)
   - First, Second and Third Place Dorado (weight)
   - First, Second and Third Place Tuna (weight)

4. **<u>Optional Jackpots</u>** - Jackpots are completely optional, and you must be entered into each specific category in order to be eligible for cash prizes. See “26.Optional Jackpot Details” for more information.

5. **<u>Maximum Anglers:</u>** There is no limit on registered anglers; however, only four (4) anglers are covered by the base entry and only five (5) anglers are allowed aboard each boat per day. In the event there are more than five anglers on the team, anglers may be rotated daily.

6. **<u>Professional Anglers:</u>** No fishing professional based in Costa Rica may participate as an angler in the OWC. For the purposes of this clause, a “professional” is defined as any individual who, within the past three years, has earned full- or part-time wages in Costa Rica as a captain, mate, social media influencer, television personality or angler.

   The following individuals are *not* considered professionals under this rule:
   - Yacht brokers
   - Licensed captains or mates who primarily fish in locations outside of Costa Rica
   - Licensed captains not actively engaged in fishing as a primary occupation
   - Event coordinators or tournament promoters
   - Charter owners/operators who do not fish regularly as a primary occupation

   Participants will be required to declare their occupation at registration. The tournament committee will resolve any questions regarding eligibility and reserves the right to deny entry. All decisions are final, binding, and not subject to appeal.

7. **<u>Team Registration & Check-In:</u>** All teams must register on owc.catchstat.com and pay entry fees by the conclusion of the OWC Registration Event, which will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** on **April 11, 2027** at the **Parador Resort’s Orange Conference Room and Sunset Terrace.** Registered anglers will receive credentials, welcome bags, and have team photos taken during this event. Any team unable to check in during this time must notify the tournament committee in advance.

8. **<u>Registered Anglers Kickoff Party:</u>** The mandatory tournament rules briefing will be held on **Sunday, April 11, 2027**, **5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** at the **Parador Resort pool patio**. All registered anglers must attend. Those who do not attend agree to be bound by any instructions or rule changes made during the meeting, whether oral or written. Any rule changes announced at the Kickoff Party meaning shall be communicated to all participants via CatchStat prior to Lines In on Day 1. The kickoff dinner will immediately follow.

## B. Fishing Rules

1. **Eligible Species:** Blue Marlin, Black Marlin, Striped Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish, Dorado, and Tuna

2. **Fishing Dates/Times:** Tournament fishing days are **April 12, 13, and 14**.
   **Lines-in**: 7:30 a.m., **Lines-out**: 3:30 p.m. daily

   On the first day of fishing (April 12), boats are not permitted to depart from their marina earlier than 6:00 a.m.

   Start and stop signals will be announced via tournament radio—no fishing lines, dredges or teasers may be deployed before the "lines-in" call.

   Boats confirmed to have left the marina early on Day 1, or to have started fishing prior to the Lines In call on any fishing day, shall forfeit that day's points.

   Scales are open at Marina Pez Vela from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM daily for the weighing of meatfish. All fish to be weighed must be at the scale by 7:00 PM. Where a fish hooked before the 3:30 PM Lines Out is still being fought at Lines Out, the team may request an extension of weigh station hours via VHF. A fish found to be mutilated will not be weighed. Adding any foreign material to a fish, or otherwise altering a fish to increase its weight, is prohibited.

3. **Fishing Location/Boundary:** Boats may depart from any Pacific Coast marina in Costa Rica, provided they fish within a **50-nautical-mile radius of Marina Pez Vela** in Quepos.

   All teams must have GPS tracking on for the entire duration of the tournament and must not erase their GPS tracks until 24 hours after the 3:30 PM Lines Out on the final fishing day.

   Where an official protest is filed against a team, the Tournament Committee may require that team to produce its GPS tracks for all three days of the tournament. No routine reporting or submission of GPS tracks is required — tracks are requested only in connection with a protest. A team under protest that cannot produce its GPS tracks shall be deemed in violation of the boundary and its catches for the day under protest shall be disqualified.

   Where GPS tracks show that a vessel fished outside the boundary, catches made by that vessel on any day on which a boundary offense is confirmed are disqualified. Catches made on days on which the tracks show no boundary offense remain eligible for awards.

4. **Late Hook-Ups:** All fish must be hooked and reported to tournament radio control before lines-out. Hookups occurring within the final 15 minutes of fishing must be called in immediately. If a fish is still hooked at lines-out, the angler may continue fighting until released, boated, or lost—but radio control must be notified once the fight ends. Fights extending beyond Lines Out shall extend the team's deadline for catch affidavit and release video submission to Tournament Control by the duration of the fight that extends beyond Lines Out.

5. **Video Verification of Releases:** All teams are responsible for providing and operating their own video equipment to verify billfish releases. Before departing each day, teams must record video of their boat name and team number using all release cameras. Teams will be informed of the specific catch control card of the day to use prior to each day's start of fishing. *"Catch Control Cards" are in each team packet given to you at registration, and it is your responsibility to make sure they are on the boat prior to the start of fishing.*
   To score an official release, a single continuous video must include:
   1. Clear identification of the species
   2. Leader/mainline connection clearly visible inside the rod tip, swivel reeled all the way to the rod tip, OR a team member touching the leader while the fish is still hooked
   3. Date and time of catch that matches the radio log, reflected in the video metadata or shown on the boat's GPS a team member's phone screen.
   4. Display the catch control card of the day designated by the tournament
   5. Full release of the fish, showing the line being cut, hook removed, or fish swimming away freely

   After each release, the official time, species, and angler name must be recorded on the catch affidavit. The affidavit must be signed by each registered angler and the boat captain.

6. **Video Submission Methods & Deadline:** All release videos **and** the signed catch affidavit must be submitted **by 7:00 p.m. local time each fishing day via Option A or B below**, unless the Tournament Director grants a specific exception due to fighting a fish after Lines Out or other extenuating circumstances. *Electronic submission is an **option**, not a right; Tournament Control may require in-person presentation at any time.* **All meatfish (dorado and tuna) must be weighed in person at Marina Pez Vela.**

   **Submission Option A — In-Person Submission at the Marina Pez Vela Weigh Station:** Deliver the **original release video(s)** and the **signed catch affidavit** to Tournament Control at Marina Pez Vela Weigh Station **by 7:00 p.m. local time** each day.

   **Submission Option B — Electronic Submission via CatchStat (Mobile App or Web)**

1. **Access:** Electronic submission is available via the CatchStat mobile app (iOS/Android) or via the web at owc.catchstat.com. To use it, a team member's **email must be on the team roster** and correctly linked in CatchStat so that the **"My Teams"** page is visible after sign-in. *If you cannot access My Teams, you can contact Tournament Control to have your email linked or you **must** submit release media and the affidavit in person.*

2. **When & Where to Upload:** After Tournament Control adds your billfish release to CatchStat, a corresponding entry will appear in your list of catches. Upload your release video(s) to the matching **fish/angler/release time** entry.

3. **Affidavit:** The signed catch affidavit may be:
    - **Delivered in person** (see Submission Option B), or
    - **Uploaded electronically** as an attachment to **any** catch entry on the team, **or**
    - **Texted** to Tournament Control.

4. **Verification & Responsibility**
    - **Status in CatchStat -** Verified releases will be visually marked as verified within your team's Fish Log in CatchStat.
    - **Daily Review -** Tournament Control will review and verify all submitted releases each day. Due to volume, verification may take several hours after the 7:00 p.m. submission deadline.
    - **Timeliness vs. Scoring -** The submission deadline is satisfied when your release video(s) and signed affidavit are successfully uploaded/attached (or delivered in person) and correctly associated to the catch by 7:00 p.m. local time. Verification may occur later.
    - **Issues & Fallback. -** If any issues are identified (e.g., poor image quality, incomplete footage, or missing required elements), Tournament Control may require the team to present the original video in person for further review.
    - **Team Responsibility -** It is each team's responsibility to ensure uploads are complete and visible in CatchStat (or delivered in person) by 7:00 p.m. and to monitor the in-system status thereafter.

5. **Keep Originals.** Teams must retain the **original, unedited** video files until final results are posted.

**CatchStat Quick Submission Checklist**

□ BEFORE LINES-IN, make sure at least one team member can sign in and see **My Teams**.
□ After each release appears in your **Fish Log**, upload the matching video(s).
□ Submit the **signed affidavit** (upload, email, or hand-deliver).
□ If any electronic issue arises, **bring the originals in person** by the deadline.

Releases not submitted by this deadline will be disqualified, unless a specific exception has been made by the Tournament Director. Any falsified affidavits will result in disqualification from the tournament without refund. All recordings, images, and audio become the property of The Marlin Group Network LLC and may be used for promotional purposes. Tournament media (website, social channels, or video) is for entertainment and marketing only.

7. **IGFA Rules:** All IGFA angling and tackle rules apply in this tournament unless otherwise stated. All OWC registered anglers must hook and fight their own fish until it is released or boated. Registered angler teams are responsible for ensuring that IGFA and tournament rules are followed. Any angler who intentionally breaks these rules is subject to expulsion and disqualification, upon determination by the tournament committee, from this and future tournaments without a refund of any registration fees. **It is the registered angler's/team's responsibility to clarify to their captains and mates ALL rules, that this is NOT a "hook & hand" tournament. Only one registered angler can handle a rod during the entire duration of the fight, from hook-up through the official release of each fish.** For the avoidance of doubt, other team members may clear other lines.

8. **Addition to IGFA Rules**: Captains, mates, or any other non-registered people aboard are not permitted to pitch hook-rigged baits or drop back hook-rigged baits to fish. Because many fish that are caught during the tournament are teased up and pitch baited or bait and switched, we suggest that teams practice pitch baiting, drop back methods, and bait & switch in advance of the tournament. Captains and mates are permitted to use teaser reels, hookless baits, and hookless lures for bait & switch fishing methods.

9. **Sonar Classification:** There will NOT be separate overall championship categories for boats with or without sonar. All teams will compete together in the same Offshore World Championship, with adjusted billfish point values to promote an even playing field.

   For purposes of the OWC, "Sonar" includes 360-degree omni-directional sonar, 180-degree searchlight/Spotlight sonar, and any substantially similar real-time fish-finding sonar system as determined by the Tournament Committee.

   Any boat with qualifying Sonar equipment installed aboard will be classified and scored as a Sonar Boat for the duration of the tournament. A Sonar-equipped boat may not elect Non-Sonar status by powering down, sealing, locking, disconnecting, or otherwise disabling the equipment. A malfunctioning or disabled Sonar system does not convert a Sonar Boat to Non-Sonar status. Sonar is sonar.

   A team's Sonar classification is binding for the duration of the tournament except

in the case of an approved vessel substitution caused by mechanical failure or another circumstance approved by the Tournament Director. If a replacement vessel is approved, its Sonar classification will be determined by the qualifying Sonar equipment installed aboard that replacement vessel before Lines In. Points previously earned will remain scored according to the classification of the boat used on the day those fish were caught.

For Sonar Boats, Sonar devices may not be deployed before Lines In (7:30 AM) and must be turned off no later than 15 minutes after Lines Out (3:30 PM) each day.

Use of undeclared or prohibited Sonar equipment, misrepresentation of a boat's Sonar equipment, or any attempt to circumvent the Sonar classification rule may result in loss of points or disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

10. **Points:** Overall Points are determined by the combination of billfish release points and meatfish points. If there is a tie in points, rankings will be determined by which team reaches the greatest combined point total first, whether by release time, or weigh-in time. Points are attributed to both the team and to individual anglers, for the purposes of award determination.
    a. **Billfish Points:**
        - Sonar Boats:
            - Blue/Black/Striped Marlin: 350 points
            - Sailfish/Spearfish: 140 points
        - Non-Sonar Boats:
            - Blue/Black/Striped Marlin: 500 points
            - Sailfish/Spearfish: 200 points
    b. **Meatfish Points:** Points will be awarded for dorado and tuna (yellowfin tuna or bigeye tuna) weighing 20 pounds or more. Each team may weigh a maximum of two fish per species (max. 2 dorado, 2 tuna), per day. Fish will be weighed to the tenth of a pound up to 200 lbs, and to the nearest pound for fish over 200 lbs. Scoring is as follows:
        - 1 point per pound for fish under 100 lbs
        - 1.5 points per pound for fish 100–199.99 lbs
        - 2 points per pound for fish 200 lbs or more

        Examples: 40.6-lb tuna = 40.6 points, 150-lb tuna = 225 points, 201-lb tuna = 402 points

        Teams must report boated meatfish, including team number and angler number, and tournament committee may request team to provide video of the boated fish. In the event of a tie by weight, the first fish weighed by time will win. Fish must be presented whole; mutilated fish will not be weighed. Meatfish points do not count toward the optional billfish release jackpot(s).

c. **OWC Nations Cup:** In addition to the overall team and angler standings, eligible countries compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze OWC Nations Cup medals. The Nations Cup is an honorary award; it carries no cash prize and is not an optional jackpot category.

   Each team shall declare one country and flag to represent at registration. A team's declared country is fixed at registration and may not be changed, including if the team's registered anglers change. A team's declared country is independent of the Official Qualifying Event it represents. The Tournament Committee determines which countries and flags are eligible, and its decision is final.

   **Eligibility.** A country is eligible if at least two teams representing it are scored in the final official team standings.

   **Scoring.** A country's Nations Cup total is the sum of the Overall Points (as defined in Rule B.10, comprising meatfish points and billfish release points at each team's declared Omni status) of its two highest-scoring teams. A scored team that earns zero points still counts as one of the two. Where a country has more than two teams, only its two highest-scoring teams count. If a counting team is disqualified, that country's next-highest-scoring team takes its place; a country left with fewer than two scored teams becomes ineligible.

   **Medals.** The highest combined total receives Gold, the second-highest Silver, the third-highest Bronze. If fewer than three countries are eligible, only the corresponding medals are awarded.

   **Ties.** If two or more countries have the same combined total, the country whose highest-placed counting team finishes higher in the final overall team standings prevails. Any tie not resolved by that method will be resolved by the Tournament Committee applying the time-based tie-break used for the overall standings.

11. **Radio Communications:** Official VHF channels and a Whatsapp/cell phone number for communication will be provided at the captains and anglers meetings. All billfish releases and boated gamefish intended for weigh-in must be reported to tournament control with the **team number, angler number, and species.** If out of radio range, catches must be relayed via radio or cell phone as soon as possible. Tournament control's time will serve as the official time for all starts, hookups, and stops, with no exceptions. All hookups within the final 15 minutes of fishing each day must also be reported to Tournament Control. The tournament channel is reserved strictly for official announcements and release reports. Competitor conversations must occur on alternate channels.

12. **Bait:** Dead bait, lures and any combination thereof are permitted in this tournament. Live bait is NOT permitted in the tournament. Fishing for bait prior to the start of fishing is prohibited. No lines are permitted in the water prior to the start of fishing. Dead bait cannot be purchased or otherwise acquired during tournament fishing hours from another vessel.

13. **Daisy Chains:** The use of daisy chains attached in any way to the same rod as a hooked bait or hooked lure is not IGFA legal and therefore prohibited. Daisy chains are permitted when used strictly as a teaser.

14. **Hooks:** Bait must be rigged with non-offset circle hooks only. Artificial lures without natural bait may be rigged with conventional J-hooks.

15. **Line:** 130LB manufacturers stated maximum line class. All fishing line types are permitted except for wire lines. Wire leader is allowed in the tournament.

16. **Maximum Rods/Lines:** There is no limit to how many rods or lines in use.

17. **Prospecting:** Teams may not hire or use other boats, planes, helicopters, or drones to locate fish or assist in any way with catching or releasing fish.

18. **Tackle:** All fish must be caught on rod and reel, and all terminal tackle must be rigged to IGFA regulation. The length of the leader is the overall length, including any lure or hook arrangement or other device, and is measured to the bend of the last hook. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel, or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader. In all line classes exceeding 20 pounds (10 kg), the leader shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 40 feet (12.19 meters) total. The angler must furnish, upon request, the lure, leader, line, hook, rod, reel and/or any other terminal tackle with which the fish was caught.

19. **Teasers and Dredges:** Unlimited in use or numbers.

20. **CatchStat:** The Offshore World Championship uses CatchStat.com for team management, video submission, and live scoring updates. All leaderboards and payout figures on CatchStat are for entertainment purposes only and may not reflect official standings or payout amounts. For official results, please contact the tournament committee directly.

21. **Committee Rights:** The Tournament Committee has the right to investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the tournament. It shall have the right to disqualify any capture following examination. Refusal to allow the committee to examine any tackle, line and/or leaders will result in immediate disqualification

from the event without a refund of any registration fees. As part of the resolution of a protest, the Tournament Director may at his discretion require the boat captain and all registered anglers who were aboard on the day in question — that is, all signatories to that day's catch affidavit — to submit to a polygraph examination. Refusal to cooperate results in disqualification without refund. The tournament committee reserves the privilege of changing the rules and starting and finishing times for any reason it deems necessary. Any such changes will be communicated to all teams via an email through CatchStat. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final and non-appealable.

22. **Observers/Photographers:** The tournament, at its sole discretion, may assign an observer or photographer to any boat on any fishing day. If an observer or photographer is assigned, the boat is responsible for their comfort and safety. Observers do not determine official releases or catches.

23. **Weather:** There is no weather committee. The tournament is conducted on a "fish at your own risk" basis. If any portion of the tournament is fished and a team or teams land or release fish that match the tournament's eligible species and minimum weight limits, then prizes will be awarded.

24. **Protests:** Participants may lodge protests against any catch which they believe was not made in accordance with these rules. **Protests must be based on what the protesting party personally witnessed.** All protests must be stated in writing and accompanied by $1,000 USD. Protests concerning days of fishing must be in the hands of the Tournament Director no later than 7:00 PM on the day of the alleged incident. The $1,000 deposit is refunded in full if the protest is upheld.

    A protest alleging that a vessel fished outside the boundary must be jointly filed by two participating tournament vessels that both witnessed the infringement. The $1,000 deposit is split between the two protesting parties.

    Following the filing of a protest, the Tournament Committee may take whatever investigative steps it considers necessary, including examining release videos, requesting and reviewing GPS tracks, taking statements and potentially subjecting team members to a polygraph.

    Outcomes:
    **Upheld** — including where GPS tracks show a boundary violation, or tracks were not retained as required. Deposit refunded in full. The protested catch is disqualified.
    **Not sustained** — lacks evidence to uphold claim. Deposit forfeited. No further consequence for the protesting parties
    **Boundary protest disproven** — GPS tracks place the accused vessel inside the boundary. Deposit forfeited. The teams that jointly filed are disqualified from the competition.

**Knowingly false** — Any protest the Committee finds was made in bad faith. Deposit forfeited. Disqualification and ban from future competition, at the Committee's discretion.

All disputes are ruled on by the Tournament Committee and are final and binding. Decisions of the tournament organizers and Committee are final, nonappealable and nonjusticiable.

25. **Sportsmanlike Conduct:** All participants are expected to maintain a reasonable and sportsmanlike manner at all times. Unsportsmanlike, threatening, or otherwise inappropriate behavior towards the tournament committee, other participants, or staff—as determined at the sole discretion of the tournament committee—will result in immediate disqualification of the entire team without refund, and may result in prohibition from participation in future tournaments.

26. **Optional Jackpot Details:** Optional Jackpot entries may be added or adjusted by the team's Primary Contact through the end of the Registration Event. After 3pm on April 11, no Optional Jackpot entries may be withdrawn. Additional Optional Jackpot entries may be added until 7am April 12. Any Optional Jackpot entries made between 3pm April 11 and 7am April 12 must be made through CatchStat and paid by credit card. All jackpots will pay out 85% of optional jackpot entry fees, referred hereafter as the Payout. Only teams registered in each respective jackpot will be eligible for each cash award.

    Optional Jackpots are as follows: Overall Points, Billfish Release Points Jackpot (3 divisions), Daily Billfish Release Points (3 divisions), Biggest Dorado, and Biggest Tuna.

    - **Overall Points 50/30/20 Optional:** The entry amount for this category is $5,000. The Overall Points Jackpot will be awarded to the top three teams with the most cumulative points of the tournament over all three (3) days of fishing and be awarded accordingly; First place 50%, Second Place 30%, Third Place 20%. If there is a tie, Payouts will be determined by which team reaches the greatest combined point total first, whether by release time, or weigh-in time.

    - **Billfish Release Points Winner-Take-All Jackpot:** There are three (3) divisions in this category;
        - Division 1 (Entry Amount: $5,000)
        - Division 2 (Entry Amount: $2,500)
        - Division 3 (Entry Amount: $1,000)

      The Billfish Release Points Jackpot will be awarded to the team with the most overall billfish release points of the tournament over all three (3) days of fishing, and awarded 100% of the Payout. Ties between teams will go to the team that scores the greatest number of release points first according to official release time.

- **Daily Billfish Release Points:** There are three (3) divisions in this category;
  - Division 1 (Entry Amount: $6,000)
  - Division 2 (Entry Amount: $3,000)
  - Division 3 (Entry Amount: $1,500)

  The Daily Billfish Release Points optional jackpot will be divided three (3) ways among the teams that score the most billfish release points on fishing Day One, Day Two, and Day Three. For the avoidance of doubt, and as an example, the Payout from entries in each division shall be divided between the highest point total winner from Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3. Ties between teams on any fishing day will go to the team that scores the greatest number of release points on that day first, according to official release time. If no billfish are released on an individual day, the jackpot rolls over to the next day. If no billfish are released on the final day of fishing, then the final-day payout money goes to the previous day's winner(s).

- **Biggest Dorado Winner-Take-All Optional:** The entry amount for this category is $500. 100% of the biggest dorado optional Payout will be awarded to the team who weighs the heaviest qualifying dorado (20 lbs or over) by weight of the tournament over all three (3) days of fishing. If no dorado are weighed during all 3 days of the tournament, the payout for dorado goes to the team with the most overall points that has paid into the Biggest Dorado Optional.

- **Biggest Tuna Winner Take All Optional:** The entry amount for this category is $500. 100% of the biggest tuna optional Payout will be awarded to the team who weighs the heaviest qualifying yellowfin or bigeye tuna (20 lbs or over) by weight of the tournament over all three (3) days of fishing. If no Tuna are weighed during all 3 days of the tournament, the payout goes to the team with the most overall points that has paid into the Biggest Tuna Optional.

27. **Prize Disbursements for Optionals**: Each registered team representative is in control of any prize winnings and, upon winning funds, must sign a prize disbursement form specifying how the funds are to be distributed. If the funds are intended to be disbursed to multiple parties, each party must fill out a form signing off on their portion of the winnings and specifying how the funds are to be distributed (check, ACH or wire), in addition to providing a signed form W-9, if applicable. Funds will be disbursed within 30 days from receipt of all necessary documents, and confirmation that entry fees have cleared the bank. All funds will be paid from a US bank account in US dollars. Winners are responsible for paying all federal, state and local withholding taxes.

The Offshore World Championship tournament committee reserves the right to update or change these rules at any time. By entering the Offshore World Championship tournament and paying the entry fees, all participants agree to abide by the tournament rules and accept all decisions made by the Tournament Committee as final.

Tournament Contact Information:
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**FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

Every participant must accept the Tournament Participant Release before fishing. It confirms that offshore tournament fishing carries a real risk of serious injury or death, that you accept those risks, and that you give up the right to sue the tournament, its sponsors, The Marlin Group Network LLC, other participants, and vessel captains and crew — including for their own negligence. It also covers indemnification, authorization for emergency medical treatment, insurance you are expected to carry yourself, and use of photographs and video taken at the event.

You will be asked to accept it when you register. Please read it in full first — this summary is not a substitute for the release itself.

Read the Tournament Participant Release →

Registered anglers, crew and guests under 18 also require a completed Parent or Guardian Authorization →