

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

LURE MAKER'S CHALLENGE

2015 HAWAII MARLIN TOURNAMENT SERIES

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 19TH & 20TH, 2015

TOURNAMENT RULES

Aloha and Welcome to the Lure Maker's Challenge, the final tournament in the 2015 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series. This tournament fishes the same as the September Challenge. We simply added that if your team represents a Lure Maker - and you score more points than all other Lure Maker teams - your brand will win Presenting Sponsor rights (free!) for next year. Reference the HMT Series General Rules for more information. Mahalo and tight lines!

Fishing Days and Times

September 18th, 19th & 20th
7:00AM till 4:00PM

Eligible Species, Points & Payout

Species	Min. Weight	Points
Blue & Black Marlin	400 lbs	1 Point per LB or 200 Points T&R

No other species are scored for this event. Striped marlin, spearfish and sailfish do not count.

Base Entry Fee

The base entry fee is \$1,500 per team. 80% of each base entry fee will be paid out as the base purse.

Base Purse Payout

The base purse will be paid out to the two largest marlin of the tournament weighing 400 pounds or more.

The largest marlin receives 70% of the base purse and the second largest marlin receives 30% of the base purse. The same team can win both the largest and second largest marlin. If only one qualifying marlin is weighed, 100% of the base purse will be paid to the team weighing the only qualifying marlin.

If no qualifying marlin are scaled, 70% of the base purse will be paid out to the team with the most points and the remaining 30% of the base purse will be paid out to the team with the second most points.

In case of a tie, the base purse will be split 70% to the team that arrived at the tie position first, and 30% to the team that arrived at the tie position second. There will only be two places paid, regardless of the number of teams tied.

If no marlin are scaled and only one team has points, 100% of the base purse will be paid to the only team with points.

If no marlin are scaled and no points are earned by any team, the teams shall have the option to receive a refund in the amount of 80% of their base entry fee, or they can elect to roll that money over to another HMTS event.

Points Scoring

All qualifying fish weighed will receive one point per pound. A 400-pound marlin will receive four hundred points. A 399-pound marlin will receive zero points. All marlin tagged and released will receive 200 points, regardless of the estimated weight.

For “most points” purses, points for weighed fish are combined with the points received for tagging and releasing of fish to produce a team's total cumulative points.

Optional Categories

Largest Marlin Per Day

Most Points Per Day

Most Points of the Tournament

Pay Out Percentage

All optional categories shall return 90% of the total entry fees collected as optional category purse money.

Rules to Win Optional Categories

All teams have a number of entry fee price points to choose from in each optional category. Teams compete only against the other teams entered in the same specific entry level as they are entered. EXAMPLE: Teams entered in the \$100 daily compete only against the other teams in the \$100 daily.

There shall be only one place paid per optional category, unless there is a tie.

Largest Marlin of Each Day

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

In the event that no marlin 400 pounds or better are on day one and/or day two, but there is a qualifying marlin caught on day three, the money allotted for day one and day two will roll forward and be added to the purse allotted for day three.

Should a marlin weighing 400 pounds or more be weighed on day one, but not on day two or three, the money shall roll back and be awarded to the largest marlin of day one.

In the event that a marlin is weighed on two of the days, but not on the other day, the purse allotted for the day with no marlin will awarded to the winners of the other two days with 70% of the purse going to the largest winning marlin and 30% to the second largest winning marlin.

If no marlin are weighed during the tournament, the optional category of Biggest Marlin Per Day shall be awarded to the team with the most total tag points after all three days points are combined.

If there is a tie for tag points combined for all three days, and there are no fish scaled, the tie will be split among those in the tie position with 70% going to the team to arrive at the tie position first, and 30% going to the team to arrive at the tie position second.

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 200 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.

In the event that 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 the other day, the purse allotted for the day with no points will be awarded to the winners of the other two days with 70% going to the team with the most points earned on their qualifying day and 30% to the team with the second most points earned on their qualifying day.

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.

Tiebreakers in Largest Marlin of Tournament

In case of a tie in the largest marlin of tournament optional categories, the purse will be split 70% to the team that came to the tie position first, and 30% to the team that came to the tie position second. There will only be two places paid, regardless of the number of teams tied.

Tiebreaker in the Largest Marlin Per Day

In case of a tie in the largest marlin per day optional categories, the purse will be split 70% to the team that arrives at the tie position first and 30% to the team arriving at the tie position second. There will only be two places paid, regardless of the number of teams tied.

Tiebreaker in Most Points of Tournament

In case of a tie in the most points of tournament optional categories, the purse will be split 70% to the team that arrived at the tie position first, and 30% to the team that arrived at the tie position second. There will only be two places paid, regardless of the number of teams tied.

Tiebreaker in Most Points Per Day

In case of a tie in the most points per day optional categories, the purse will be split 70% to the team that arrived at the tie position first, and 30% to the team that arrived at the tie position second. There will only be two places paid, regardless of the number of teams tied.

The determination as to who arrived at the position first will be determined according to the time reflected on the radio log when the reporting team called in and reported the qualifying fish as being boated or tagged and released.

Refunds

In the event that any prize money is not awarded due to a lack of qualifying weighed or tagged fish, entrants shall be entitled to receive a refund in the amount of the purse portion of their entry fees (80% of base entry fees and 90% of optional category entry fees). If a team in a specific optional category has no matching competitors, 100% of the specific optional category entry fee will be refunded. Refunds can be applied towards entry fees in a future HMTS event, if a team wishes.

Rules

The rules for this tournament are these specific rules, the 2014 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series – General Tournament Rules, and the IGFA International Angling Rules. Should a team find that there are rules in the tournament that they do not find acceptable, they may withdraw from the tournament without penalty prior to the call of start fishing on day one of the tournament.

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 will 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.