

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



BIG ISLAND MARLIN TOURNAMENT 2017 HAWAII MARLIN TOURNAMENT SERIES

AUGUST 24, 25 AND 26, 2017

TOURNAMENT RULES

Aloha and Welcome to the Big Island Marlin Tournament, the seventh tournament in the 2017 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series. This year marks the 31st Anniversary of this Event – The event that started it all off for this Series. Mahalo and tight lines!

Fishing Days and Times

August 24

7:00AM till 4:00PM Start at Green Buoy

August 25 and 26

7:00AM till 4:00PM Start Anywhere

August 27

6:30 PM Taj Mahal and the Hula Blues Band Awards and Birthday Party

Hawaii Big Game Fishing Club

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 Team Base Entry Fee is \$700.00 per team. The entry fee allows up to 6 people (four anglers and two crew) to enjoy the food and drink for 2 nights, entertainment & administration.

BASE PURSE ENTRY FEE

The Base Purse Entry Fee is \$2,000.00 per boat 10% will be deducted for the 31st BIMT Entertainment fund - featuring Taj Mahal and the Hula Blues Band.

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Purse Distribution Example
(Based on 30 teams)

\$2,000.00 - \$200.00 (10%) = \$ 1,800.00
\$1,800.00 X 30 teams = \$54,000.00

Total Base Entry Prize Money = \$54,000.00

Biggest Marlin Split

The total purse from the base entry fee shall be awarded to the top three, largest individual marlin weighed during the three days of the tournament. Should there be fewer than three marlin weighed, then the purse distribution shall be adjusted as outlined below.

With Three or More Marlin Weighed

First Place Biggest Marlin 50%
Second Place Biggest Marlin 30%
Third Place Biggest Marlin 20%

With Two Marlin Weighed

First Place Biggest Marlin 60%
Second Place Biggest Marlin 40%

With One Marlin Weighed

Winner Take All 100%

In the event that no marlin are weighed through the course of all three days of fishing, the purse from the Base Entry Fee shall revert from Biggest Marlin to Total Points and will be awarded to the teams with the most total points.

With NO Marlin Weighed and Three Teams Scoring Points

First Place Most Points 50%
Second Place Most Points 30%
Third Place Most Points 20%

With Two Teams Scoring Points

First Place Most Points 60%
Second Place Most Points 40%

With One Team Scoring Points

Winner Take All 100%

Tie Breaking with Points: If the base purse reverts to points, the top three points scoring teams will split the purse as outlined above. If there are ties in any combination, the first three highest scores will split the purse - 50/30/20 - as recorded on the radio log. IF only two teams, or only one team, score points in the entire tournament purse is distributed as above.

SCORING

Blue or Black Marlin brought to the scales 400 pounds and better shall score 1 point per pound. For example, a 450 lb marlin will score 450 points. Marlin weighing in less than 400 pounds will receive zero points. A 400 pounder will earn 400 points but a 399 pound marlin will earn 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 200 points per tag and release, regardless of size. Verification of species must be clear through video taken with cameras provided by tournament control. Take back up video on your phones etc. Should a tournament supplied camera not function properly for any reason, backup video may be accepted, at the sole discretion of the tournament director. NOTE: A tournament specific camera check in/out document will be executed between each team and The Tournament.

OPTIONAL ENTRY DIVISIONS

Optional jackpots also follow all tournament and IGFA rules.

Entrants compete only against the specific teams entered in the same categories.

90% of all optional jackpot entry fees will be returned as prize money. In the event that 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.

LARGEST MARLIN OF THE TOURNAMENT

The various entry levels for the Largest 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 2 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, the purse shall be paid to tag points. There will be only one place paid, unless there is a tie. If there is a tie, then 60% shall go to the team arriving at the tie position first and 40% shall go to the team arriving at the tie position second. If there are no marlin tagged OR weighed, the 90% jackpot portion shall be refunded to the teams.

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.

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In the event that 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.

In the event that 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.

If there are no marlin 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 60% going to the team to arrive at the tie position first, and 40% going to the team that arrived at the tie position second – two places paid max.

Should there be no marlin tagged for points in that category, the team shall receive the option of a refund or a roll forward, of 90% 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.

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.

Blue or Black Marlin receive 200 points for each fish tagged and released.

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.

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.

Blue or Black Marlin receive 200 points for each fish tagged and released.

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

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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. Only one place will be paid per 60/40 split and will be paid to the team who arrived in the tie position first, should there be a tie on a day for points.

TIEBREAKER IN OPTIONAL PURSE CATEGORY

Except as stated in “Biggest Marlin Per Day” and “Most Points Per Day” *no points on one day* specific case, 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.

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, in all cases.

RULES

The rules for this tournament printed herein are the BIMT specific tournament rules. The 2017 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series – General Tournament Rules, and the IGFA Saltwater Angling Rules also apply, and are separate documents 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. All Purse Entry Fees will be refunded but the Team Base Entry Fee shall not be refunded.

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.