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Revision Prior to Tournament Start

## SKINS MARLIN DERBY

### 2023 HAWAII MARLIN TOURNAMENT SERIES

### JULY 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH



### TOURNAMENT RULES

Aloha and Welcome to the Skins Marlin Derby, the 5th 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. This year marks the 36th Year of The Series. Please see the 2023 HMTS General Rules for more information and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Mahalo and tight lines!

### FISHING DAYS & TIMES

<u>July 7th</u>	(Friday)	7:00 AM till 4:00 PM	Green Buoy Start
<u>July 8th</u>	(Saturday)	7:00 AM till 4:00 PM	Green Buoy Start
<u>July 9th</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 lbs	1 Point per LB 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: HMT Series General Rules *Section 2.08 Tagging and/or Gaffing* - and - *Section 3 Tag and Release Requirements*

### BASE ENTRY FEES

**The Team Base Entry Fee** is \$600.00 per Team, as Team is identified in the HMTS General Rules as comprised of up to 4 anglers, 2 crew, and captain. A Team must first pay the Team Base Entry Fee in order to be eligible to enter the Base Purse category.

**The Base Purse Entry Fee** is \$2,400.00 per Team.

100% of the \$2,400.00 Base Purse Entry Fee goes to the Base Purse. (Example: 10 Teams will generate a Total Base Purse of \$24,000.00). A Team must first pay the Base Purse Entry Fee in order to be eligible to enter any/all Optional Entry Categories.

**Pay Out in the Base Purse Division**

The total Base Purse (100% of the \$2,400.00 Base Purse Entry Fee) 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

\$800 of each Base Purse Entry Fee (1/3 of \$2,400) will be allocated to each fishing day, or the Daily Base Skins Purse. For example if there are 10 Boats (x \$2,400), the Total Base Skins Purse will be \$24,000, and the Daily Base Skins Purse (\$24,000 / 3) will be \$8,000.

In order 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 manner in which 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 lbs. 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 lbs. 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 lbs. 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 lbs. 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 lbs. 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 cameras provided by tournament control - or - with your approved 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: HMT Series 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 2 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 2 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**

In the event that 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 \$2,400.00 from their Base Purse Entry Fee.

### **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.

**Rules to Win in Optional Entry Categories**

Teams compete only against the other teams entered in the same specific category and dollar level. 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 lb 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 by cameras provided by tournament control - or - with your approved 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**

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**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 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, 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 90% 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.

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.

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 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.

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 provided that 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 of the 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 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 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 of the Most Points divisions may revert to only tag points in the event that no marlin are weighed, 400 pounds or better.

### **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 2021 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.

*Mahalo for fishing in the 2023 Skins Marlin Derby of the Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series!*