



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



LAZY MARLIN HUNT

2024 HAWAII MARLIN TOURNAMENT SERIES

APRIL 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH

PRESENTED BY



TOURNAMENT RULES

Aloha and Welcome to the 5th Annual Lazy Marlin Hunt: a Tournament honoring the Big Girls of Spring. We have combined popular elements of the Skins Marlin Derby with popular elements of the Kona Throw Down to create an event that is primarily a “Winner Take All” Big Fish Tournament, but also offers all the Optional Categories that keep everyone in the game until the very final call of “Stop Fishing.” The Base Purse and the Throw Down Categories have a 500 pound minimum qualifying weight and the remaining Optional Categories have a 400 pound minimum.

This year marks the 38th Year of The Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series. Please see the 2024 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>April 5th</u>	(Friday)	7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Green Buoy Start
<u>April 6th</u>	(Saturday)	7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Green Buoy Start
<u>April 7th</u>	(Sunday)	7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Green Buoy Start

ANGLING RULES

IGFA International Angling Rules apply to all divisions of the Lazy Marlin Hunt.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES & SCORING

Points Divisions for the Lazy Marlin Hunt tournament are scored on the basis of the following system: Both the **Base Purse** and **Throw Down Purse** Divisions have a **500 pound** minimum weight requirement. These are “Winner Take All” Divisions.

All **Optional Entry Categories** (*Biggest Marlin* and *Most Points* categories) have a **400 pound** minimum weight requirement.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Weight</u>	<u>Application</u>
<i>Base Purse & Throw Down Purse</i> Divisions	Blue & Black Marlin	500 lbs	Points do NOT apply. Scored by weight, in LBs. “Winner Take All” Divisions.
Optional Entry Categories	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.

Weighed Marlin: Blue or Black Marlin brought to the scales 400 lbs and larger shall score 1 Point per pound.
Example- a 410 pound Blue Marlin will score 410 Points.
Example- a 290 pound Blue Marlin will score 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 & Release, regardless of size.

Verification of tag and of species must be clear through videos taken by cameras provided by Tournament Control, OR teams may use their own video cameras provided that a team has the ability to text or message the video to Tournament Control.

NOTE: The determination as to what time a fish is Boated or Tagged & Released will be determined according to the time reflected on the Radio Log, as recorded by Tournament Control. This is based upon when the reporting team called in and reported the qualifying fish as being Boated or Tagged & Released.

BASE ENTRY CATEGORY

BASE ENTRY FEES

The Team Base Entry Fee is \$500.00 per Team. A Team is defined 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 \$2,000.00 per Team.

100% of the \$2,000.00 Base Purse Entry Fee goes to the Base Purse. (Example: 10 Teams will generate a Total Base Purse of \$20,000.00). 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 \$2,000.00 Base Purse Entry Fee) shall be awarded to the Team with the single largest individual Marlin weighed at the end of the three tournament fishing days — **500 pounds or better**.

Scoring in the Base Purse Division

There is a 500 pound minimum weight which will be scored by pounds, not Points. The Team weighing the single largest individual Marlin at the end of the three tournament fishing days — **500 pounds or better** — will claim the Base Purse, “Winner Take All.”

Tie Breaker in the Base Purse Division

If there are fish qualified that weigh the exact same in the Base Purse Division, they will split the Base Purse 50/50. If there are more than 2 fish tied with the exact same weight, each fish will earn an equal share of the purse.

Refund in the Base Purse Division

In the event that there are no qualifying fish caught (Marlin weighed 500 pounds or better) throughout the course of all three fishing days, entrants shall be entitled to receive a refund in the amount of \$2,000.00 - their Base Purse Entry Fee.

The *Base Purse* shall NOT revert from largest Marlin to Total Points NOR will it be awarded to teams with the Most Total (Tag) Points.

THROW DOWN PURSE CATEGORY

This is an optional jackpot category for Teams to enter after they have paid the Team and Base Purse entry fees. Teams may choose to Throw Down an additional \$5,000.00 into this second 100% return Purse. This category is also paid out as a “Winner Take All” category, and has a 500 pound minimum qualifying weight. Those teams who enter this category compete only against the other teams who have also Thrown Down the additional \$5,000.00 in this division.

Pay Out in the Throw Down Purse Division

The total Throw Down Purse (100% of the \$5,000.00 Throw Down Purse Entry Fee) shall be awarded to the Team with the single largest individual Marlin weighed at the end of the three tournament fishing days — **500 pounds or better**.

Scoring in the Throw Down Purse Division

There is a 500 pound minimum weight which will be scored by pounds, not Points. The Team weighing the single largest individual Marlin at the end of the three tournament fishing days — **500 pounds or better** — will claim the Throw Down Purse, “Winner Take All.”

Tie Breaker in the Throw Down Purse Division

If there are fish qualified that weigh the exact same in the Throw Down Division, they will split the Throw Down Purse 50/50. If there are more than 2 fish tied with the exact same weight, each fish will earn an equal share of the purse.

Refund in the Throw Down Purse Division

In the event that there are no qualifying fish caught (Marlin weighed 500 pounds or better) throughout the course of all three fishing days, entrants shall be entitled to receive a refund in the amount of \$5,000.00 from their Throw Down Purse Entry Fee. The *Throw Down Purse* shall NOT revert from largest Marlin to Total Points NOR will it be awarded to teams with the Most Total (Tag) Points.

OPTIONAL ENTRY 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 Categories.

The specific Optional Categories and Entry Levels are as follows:

Biggest Marlin of the 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 the 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

Pay Out in Optional Entry Categories

The following Optional Category Entry categories shall return 90% of the Optional Category entry levels. For example, if there are two participants in the \$100 Entry Level of the Optional Category for *Biggest Marlin of the Tournament*, the winner of that Optional Entry Category will receive \$180 (90% of \$200).

Teams compete only against the other teams entered in their same specific Optional Categories and Entry Levels. Teams entered in the *\$100 Most Points per Day* compete only against other teams entered in the *\$100 Most Points per*

Day. You cannot win an Optional Category if you are not entered into that Category. Likewise, you cannot win a specific Entry Level if you are not entered in that specific Entry Level. When entering a Daily Optional Category, you must enter all three days of the tournament, not just one or two.

Tie Breakers in Optional Entry Categories

The *Biggest Marlin* Categories will split tied Entry Levels evenly between Marlin that weigh the exact same. Because *Most Points* Categories qualify Tag Points, any tie in these Optional Entry Categories will be split 60/40 with the team arriving at the tie position first being awarded 60%, and the team arriving at the tie position second being awarded 40%. There will only be two places paid in the *Most Points* Categories, regardless of how many teams are tied.

Refunds in Optional Entry Categories

If a team in a specific Optional Entry Category has no matching competitors, 100% of their specific Optional Category Entry Level fee will be refunded.

If there is no winner in a particular Optional Entry Category, then the participants in that Optional Entry Category will be entitled to a refund equivalent to the jackpot portion (90%) of that particular Optional Category's Entry Level fee. For example, if you entered the Optional Entry Category of *\$100 Most Points per Day*, and no qualifying fish was caught, you would be entitled to a refund in the amount of \$270 (90% of \$300 — that Daily Optional Category's Entry Level fee).

See below for specifics about Refunds in a particular Optional Entry Category.

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 no qualifying Marlin weighed after three days of fishing, *Biggest Marlin of the Tournament* entry levels will NOT revert to Tag & Release Points and entrants will be entitled to a refund.

Scoring: 400 pound minimum weight, scored by pounds, not Points.

Tie Breaker: If there are fish qualified that weigh the exact same weight in a *Biggest Marlin of the Tournament* Division entry level, they will split the purse 50/50. If there are more than 2 fish tied with the exact same weight, each fish will earn an equal share of the purse.

Refunds: In the event that there are no qualifying fish caught (400 pounds or better) throughout the course of all three fishing days, entrants shall be entitled to receive a refund in the amount of the jackpot portion of their optional entry (90%)

BIGGEST MARLIN PER DAY

The purse allotted in *Biggest Marlin per Day*, for each day, in each level is awarded to the team that catches the single largest Marlin, that meets or exceeds 400 pounds, on that day.

Should there be no qualifying Marlin weighed after three days of fishing, *Biggest Marlin per Day* entry levels will NOT revert to Tag & Release Points and entrants will be entitled to a refund.

Scoring: 400 pound minimum weight, scored by pounds, not points.

Roll Forward/Roll Back: Should a qualifying Marlin (400 pounds or better) be weighed on Day Three, but not on Day One and/or Day Two, the money allotted for the first two fishing days will “roll forward” and be added to that allotted for Day Three.

Should a qualifying Marlin (400 pounds or better) be weighed on Day One, but not on Day Two and/or Day Three, the money allotted for the last two fishing days will “roll back” and be added to that allotted for Day One.

Should a qualifying Marlin (400 pounds or better) be 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 biggest Marlin and 40% to second biggest Marlin.

Tie Breaker: If there are fish qualified that weigh the exact same weight in a *Biggest Marlin per Day* Division entry level, they will split the purse 50/50. If there are more than 2 fish tied with the exact same weight, each fish will earn an equal share of the purse.

Refunds: In the event that there are no qualifying fish caught (400 pounds or better) throughout the course of all three fishing days, entrants shall be entitled to receive a refund in the amount of the jackpot portion of their optional entry (90%).

MOST POINTS OF THE TOURNAMENT

The purse allotted for *Most Points of the Tournament* shall be paid to the team that with the most cumulative Points scored at the end of all three fishing days. The points can be earned by weight (from weighed fish), Tag & Release Points, or by a combination of weight and Tag & Release Points.

Since Tag & Release Points do apply in this category, should there be no qualifying fish weighed after three days of fishing, *Most Points of the Tournament* WILL revert to only Tag & Release Points.

Scoring: 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.

Tie Breaker: Should there be a tie with any number of teams having the exact same amount of Points, the tie shall be split with 60% going to the team reaching the tie position first, and 40% going to the team reaching the tie position second, based upon the radio log of Tournament Control. No more than two positions will be paid, regardless of how many teams reach the tie position.

Refunds: 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 the jackpot portion of their optional entry (90%).

MOST POINTS PER DAY

The purse allotted in *Most Points per Day*, for each day, in each level is awarded to the team with the greatest number of Points earned on that day. The points can be earned by weight (from weighed fish), Tag & Release Points, or by a combination of weight and Tag & Release Points.

Since Tag & Release Points do apply in this category, should there be no qualifying fish weighed after three days of fishing, *Most Points per Day* WILL revert to only Tag & Release Points.

Scoring: 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.

Roll Forward/Roll Back: Should Points be earned on Day Three, but not on Day One and/or Day Two, the money allotted for the first two fishing days will “roll forward” and be added to that allotted for Day Three.

Should Points be earned on Day One, but not on Day Two and/or Day Three, the money allotted for the last two fishing days will “roll back” and be added to that allotted for Day One.

Should Points be 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 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.

Tie Breaker: Should there be a tie with any number of teams having the exact same amount of Points, the tie shall be split with 60% going to the team reaching the tie position first, and 40% going to the team reaching the tie position second, based upon the radio log of Tournament Control. No more than two positions will be paid, regardless of how many teams reach the tie position.

Refunds: 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 the jackpot portion of their optional entry (90%).

VERIFICATION GUIDELINES

Tournament Control

Team positions with Tag Points are based on the times when the call for a “Tagged fish” was radioed in by a team and logged in by Tournament Control. It is the time of the Radio Call and NOT the time of the Tagging/Release as noted on a boat or camera that shall rule. Judges can’t see you out at sea, and thus can’t verify a time on the boat.

Tag & Release Video

For teams to receive any points for a Tagged & Released fish, the tag must clearly be seen in the fish - and - the species of the fish must be able to be verified by video submission meeting the HMTS guidelines. Verification of species must be clear through videos taken by cameras provided by Tournament Control OR teams may choose to use their own video cameras, provided that a team has the ability to text, message or email the video to Tournament Control. If/When digital submission isn’t possible, video on a camera presented dock side may be accepted, on a case by case scenario.

Teams should always employ backup cameras in case of any problems. One never knows with wild animals at sea. See HMTS General Rules for more details on Tag & Release video. Judges retain the sole right to determine if video submitted is acceptable, or not. All decisions are final.

For more information on tagging, see HMTS General Rules: Section 2.08 Tagging and/or Gaffing

REFUNDS & WINNINGS

All entitled refund and winning amounts can be rolled forward as a credit and applied towards Entry Fees in future HMTS Tournaments, of the same year.

PROTESTS

Section 4.03 of the 2024 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series General Rules applies to any and all protests in the Lazy Marlin Hunt.

RULES

There are three sets of rules documents that apply for this tournament:

- (1) Those contained herein these specific tournament rules for the 2024 Lazy Marlin Hunt,
- (2) the 2024 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series — General Tournament Rules, and
- (3) the IGFA International Angling Rules – Rules For Fishing In Saltwater.

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 - see our cancellation and specific refund policies for details. A team may withdraw after the commencement of the tournament, but all of its Entry Fees - Base Purse and Optional Entries included - shall be forfeited and remain in the purse.

Teams are bound by the rules identified above. Violation of one or more rules can be grounds for disqualification and/or ejection from the tournament and/or ejection from all events in the HMT Series per HMTS General Rule 1.0.

In the event of any discrepancies between these rules and any information found through any other source, these rules shall control.

Mahalo for fishing in the 2024 Lazy Marlin Hunt in the Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series!