

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

KEWALO BIG FISH CHASE



2017 HAWAII MARLIN TOURNAMENT SERIES

JUNE 10th & 11th
TWO DAYS FISHING!

TOURNAMENT RULES

Aloha and Welcome to the Kewalo Harbor Big Fish Chase, the first tournament in the 2017 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series. As an angler, you are automatically entered in the HMTS series just by fishing in the Kewalo Big Fish Chase. Please see the 2017 HMTS General Rules for more information. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Mahalo and tight lines!

Fishing Days and Times

June 10th
7:00AM till 4:00PM

June 11th
6:00AM till 3:00 PM

Awards at Kewalo
5:00 PM on Dock

Eligible Species, Points & Payout

| Species | Min. Weight | Points |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|
| Blue & Black Marlin | 200 lbs | 100 |
| Striped Marlin | 100 lbs | 50 |
| Ahi | 50 lbs | |
| Ono | 10 lbs | |
| Mahi | 10 lbs | |

**Base Entry Division
Purse Distribution**

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|---------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| Blue & Black Marlin | 25% | Biggest Marlin of the Tournament |
| Ahi | 25% | Biggest Ahi of the Tournament |
| Ono | 25% | Biggest Ono of the Tournament |
| Mahi | 25% | Biggest Mahi of the Tournament |

Dock Time

All boats with fish to weight and/or tag cards to turn in, must be inside the Harbor by 6:30 PM on Saturday, and 5:00 PM on Sunday - unless you called in “hooked up” prior to the call of “Stop Fishing”. If you are not inside a line drawn from the red bollard on the Ewa corner of the Harbor Master Dock to the red bollard on the Makai corner of Fisherman’s Wharf Loading Dock by “dock time” your catch will not qualify. Period.

Angling Rules

The Kewalo Big Fish Chase will accept fish caught in Hawaiian style “jungle rules” (rod and reel only) – however, to win the \$75,000.00 purse for any marlin larger than Choy’s Monster the fish must be caught on an IGFA legal conventional rod and reel, with maximum of 130 pound test line. (see specific rules for Choy’s Monster Bounty)

To win the \$75,000.00 a marlin must be larger than 1,805 pounds, and the fish must be boated by hand or gaff, and no shooting, explosives, entangling devices, nets, long lines or other non-sporting devices may be used. (see specific rules for Choy’s Monster Bounty)

Guaranteed Purse

There is a guaranteed purse sponsored by the Howard Hughes Corp. of \$10,000.00. This purse will be split among the largest Marlin (\$4,000.00), Ahi (\$4,000.00), Mahi (\$1,000.00) and Ono (\$1,000.00).

If no one catches a qualifying fish in any category of the Guaranteed Purse divisions, then the applicable purse for that division shall be divided equally among the winners of the other base purse divisions - with qualifying catches.

Base Entry Fee

The Team Base Entry Fee is \$75.00 per Team, as identified in the HMTS General Rules.

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 \$425.00 and 100% of these funds will be paid out as the base purse. 40 teams will generate a total base purse of \$17,000.00. (40 X \$425 = \$17,000.00)

Base Purse and Payout

The total base purse will be split and paid out to the biggest Marlin, Ahi, Ono & Mahi of the tournament. The biggest Marlin of the tournament will receive 25% of the base purse. If no one weighs a marlin of at least minimum weight during the course of the tournament, the marlin portion of the base purse will revert to the team with the most tagged and released points for marlin. If no one weighs a marlin of at least minimum weight and there are no tagged and released marlin, the marlin portion of the base purse will be divided equally among the *winners* of the other base purse divisions.

The biggest Ahi of the tournament will receive 25% of the base purse. The biggest Ono of the tournament will receive 25% of the base purse. The biggest Mahi of the tournament will receive 25% of the base purse.

If no one catches a qualifying fish in the Ahi, Ono or Mahi base purse divisions, then the applicable base purse for that division shall be divided equally among the winners of the other base purse divisions - with qualifying catches.

Tiebreakers, Box Checks and Refunds

Tiebreaker in Base Purse Category

In case of a tie in a base purse category, the base purse for that category will be split, with 60% going to the team that arrived at the 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. Note that it is the time of the radio call and not the time of the boating or tagging that shall control. With boats at sea and tournament control on land, we can't witness catches.

Box Checks

All boats must comply with mandatory fish box checks. Each team must swing past the Kewalo Harbor Masters dock for fish box check between 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM on Saturday, and 5:00 AM and 6:00 AM on Sunday. You must still report "On the Line" to Tournament Control, and cannot fish until Control calls "Start Fishing."

The Line is from the Red Buoy outside Kewalo toward Diamond Head, not to exceed 100 fathoms in depth or 1 mile east of the Red Buoy.

Team Base Entry Fee Refund

There shall be no refunds for Team Base Entry Fees paid.

Base Purse Entry Refund

If there are zero qualifying weighed or tagged fish caught in the tournament, entrants shall be entitled to receive a refund in the amount of the Base Purse entry fee paid.

Protests

Section 4.03 of the 2017 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series General Rules applies to any and all protests in the Kewalo Harbor Big Fish Chase.

Rules

There are three sets of rules documents that apply for this tournament: (1) Those contained herein these specific Kewalo Harbor Big Fish Chase tournament rules, (2) the 2017 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series – General Tournament Rules, and (3) for those teams wishing to qualify their catches for Series Points, the IGFA International Angling Rules – Rules For Fishing In Freshwater and 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. See our cancellation and refund policy for refund structures.

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 entry fees, base and optional, shall be forfeited and remain in the purse as per normal.

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 2017 Kewalo Harbor Big Fish Chase, Leg One of the Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series!

