

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

# LURE MAKER'S CHALLENGE

**2020 HAWAII MARLIN TOURNAMENT SERIES**

**JULY 10TH, 11TH, AND 12TH**

## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

Aloha and Welcome to the Lure Maker's Challenge, the third tournament in the 2020 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series. This tournament fishes the same as the September Challenge. We simply added the opportunity via a separate category for your lure brand to win Presenting Sponsor rights (free!) for next year. Reference the Lure Makers Challenge BRANDED TEAMS DIVISION Rules for more information. Mahalo and tight lines!

### **Fishing Days and Times**

July 10th

7:00 AM til 4:00 PM Lines in anywhere

July 11th & 12th

7:00 AM til 4:00 PM Lines in anywhere

### **Eligible Species, Points & Payout**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Min. Weight</b>	<b>Points</b>
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 teams with the largest marlin of the tournament, weighing 400 pounds or more.

The largest marlin will receive 70% of the base purse and the second largest marlin will receive 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.

Should there be a tie with 2 teams catching marlin that weigh the exact amount, the base purse will be split 70% to the team that arrived at the tie position first, and 30% to the time that arrived at the tie position second. There will only be two places paid, regardless of the number of teams tied.

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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 NOT revert from Biggest Marlin to Total Points and will NOT be awarded to teams with the most total tag points. The intention is to keep this a Biggest Fish Tournament in the Base Purse entry category.

If no marlin are scaled, the teams shall have the option to receive a refund in the amount of 100% of their base purse fee, or they can elect to roll that money over to another HMTS event.

### **Optional Categories**

Biggest Marlin of the Tournament

Biggest Marlin Per Day

Most Points Per Day

Most Points of the Tournament

### **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.

### **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.

### **Biggest Marlin of the Tournament**

The purse allotted for this division shall be paid to the team that catches the single largest marlin of the tournament, for all three days combined.

The various entry levels for the Biggest Marlin of the Tournament categories 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 70% going to the team boating the first marlin, and 30% 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.

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### **Biggest Marlin of Each Day**

The purse allotted for each day is awarded to the single biggest 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 be 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 caught during the tournament.

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 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 Biggest Marlin of Tournament**

In case of a tie in the Biggest 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.

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### **Tiebreaker in the Biggest Marlin Per Day**

In case of a tie in the Biggest 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, identified their team name or number and reported the qualifying fish as being boated or tagged.**

### **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. 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 2019 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. The Team Entry Fee shall be forfeited.

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.

*Mahalo for fishing in the 2020 Lure Maker's Challenge of the Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series!*