

TOURNAMENT RULES
2021 ANGLERS ELDORADO INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT
10th – 13th FEBRUARY 2021

TIMETABLE

- Registration forms must be completed and handed in before Tues 9th February, 6.00pm.
- Briefing is on Tues 9th February, 7.00pm at the Russell Clubhouse. One member of each team must attend the briefing.
- Start fishing – Wednesday 10th February 0800 Stop fishing – Saturday 13th February 1500
- Radio Roundups will be at 12:15pm and 5:00pm on Channel 3 and 3:05pm on Saturday
- The Russell weigh station hours will be 5 - 7pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday or by arrangement with the weigh master. Saturday weigh station hours are strictly 3 - 5pm
- All weigh sheets and tag cards must be presented no later than 5pm to the Weigh Master at the Russell Weigh Station on Saturday 13th February the final day.
- Dinner and the prize giving in the Russell Clubhouse on Saturday 13th February commences at 6.30pm. Numbers needed by midday Wednesday.
- There will be a shotgun start, all boats are required to be behind the line between the northern point of Kororareka Bay and the Waitangi flag pole before 0700 on 10th February.

RULES

- 1.1 Anglers Eldorado Billfish Tournament is a Points Tournament
 - (a) Prizes and Trophies go to the team with the most points (in the event of a tie the first team to secure the points will be the winning team).
 - (b) At least 50% of an overseas team must be International anglers that do not reside in New Zealand, but are visitors only.
- 1.2 A team consists of 2 or more anglers.
2. Registration prior to the tournament can be done by contacting BOISC Russell on Ph 09 403 7857, Fax 09 403 7847, email swordfish@xtra.co.nz or on our website, www.swordfish.co.nz
 - (a) The BOISC strongly encourages registration prior to the tournament registration on the Tues 9th February 2020. The rules must be read and understood prior to start of the tournament.
3. Shotgun start, all vessels are required to be behind the line between the northern point of Kororareka Bay and the Waitangi flag pole before 0700 on 10th February. Shotgun start only occurs on the first day of fishing, thereafter the tournament is considered a stayaway.
4. Fishing area is 060 degrees from Hoopers Point to Sail Rock 36 degrees south. Please consult charts provided.
5. Fishing days: Four fishing days Wednesday to Saturday:
 - Start fishing: Wednesday 10th February 0800
 - Stop fishing: Saturday 13th February 1500

6. This is a stay away tournament at each team's option, they need not return daily to Russell.
PLEASE NOTE RULE 3 & 11
7. Line Classes: 15kg minimum to 37kg maximum.
8. All fishing must be within BOISC, NZSFC and IGFA rules. If you are unfamiliar with any rules please ask the Convener at the briefing who can advise and provide relevant information.
9. Only fish eligible for points are:
 - (a) Striped Marlin, Blue Marlin and Black Marlin must all be over 90Kg (b) Short Billed Spearfish must weigh over 10kg or over line weight.
 - (b) Broadbill Swordfish must exceed line weight.
 - (c) There is a trophy for heaviest of any other species.
10. Points calculated and awards.
 - (a) Weighed fish points are the weight x 100 divided by class of the line.
 - (b) Tagged Billfish get 500 points regardless of line weight, except for Short Billed Spearfish which receive 100 points. There are no points for just released fish. Line class has no bearing on the tagged and released points.
 - (c) Tagged Billfish that cannot be revived must be boated and do not count as tagged and released fish.
11. All weighable fish must be weighed within 36 hours of having been landed and can be weighed at any Zone 1 club except for the last day – see rule 12/(c).
12. Fishing times are from 8am on the first day through to 3pm on the last day. There are no lines out of the water time between start fishing and 3pm on the last day.
 - (a) Incomplete tag cards and or weigh sheets will result in the catch not counting in the tournament (weigh sheets must be filled in correctly and signed).
 - (b) The team captain is responsible to collect and pay for all his other teams registration fees by the first days fishing.
 - (c) If a team/angler chooses to play a fish late and the team does not make it to Russell weigh station by 5pm on the last day, that catch whether landed or tagged and released, and all other fish for the same day will not qualify for the tournament.
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 - (a) All fish hooked up must be called in by VHF Channel 3 ASAP or relayed if out of range. Also, the outcome must be advised ASAP through to Swordy Sports on VHF Channel 3.
 - (b) Hours of the weigh stations are 4:00pm - 7:00pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or by arrangement with the weigh master.
 - (c) Hours of the weigh station are 3:00pm to 5:00pm Saturday

14. Prize Categories

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| - Winning Team Most Points | - Heaviest Billfish |
| - Runner Up Team Most Points | - Heaviest Striped Marlin |
| - Overseas Team Most Points | - Heaviest Other Species |
| - Angler Most Points | - First Billfish |
| - Overseas Angler Most Points | - Last Billfish |
| - Junior Angler Most Points | - Biggest Fish of the Tournament |
| - Winning Skipper Team Most Points | |

SAFETY MESSAGE PLEASE READ BEFORE PARTICIPATING

The 2021 Angler's Eldorado International Billfish Tournament has been arranged for 4 days and it is the skipper's responsibility to determine that on any one day, the sea conditions and weather forecasts are safe for his/her boat to put to sea. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that the boat they intend to participate in is capable of putting to sea and meeting local coastguard and all Club requirements. Participation in the BOISC hosted tournament does not diminish each skipper's sole responsibility under maritime law nor shift any of the responsibility to the Club even if the event officials make the decision on the conditions for that day.

GENERAL BOISC FISHING RULES

These rules form the backdrop of the 2021 Anglers Eldorado International Billfish Tournament Rules. The Club has an obligation to recognise the skills and achievements of its members primarily in the practice of angling. One method of recognition is granting awards and trophies at the annual prize giving and the awarding of pins, patches, certificates and other prizes during the season.

The Club believes that the nature of and the reason for awards must be to recognise abilities and accomplishments that bring credit not only to the members but also to the Club, it is further believed that it will be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the Club, when awards are within reach of the members.

There are some aspects of angling that cannot be controlled through rule making. Angling regulations cannot ensure an outstanding performance from each fish; records cannot indicate the amount of difficulty in catching the fish. Captures in which the fish has not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect on the person fishing and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the catch. Only fish caught in accordance with IGFA angling rules and within the intent of these rules can be considered for world records.

HIERARCHY OF RULES

1. Eldorado Tournament Rules
2. BOISC Rules
3. NZSFC Rules
4. IGFA Rules