

**TOURNAMENT RULES**  
**2022 ANGLERS ELDORADO INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT**  
**10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**TIMETABLE**

- In order for the organizers to prepare for this tournament it would be appreciated if all **entries are in no later than 5pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022**, unfortunately we are only receiving contactless entries through our website or the Swordfish Club office this year due to the situation with Covid.
- Briefing is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm at the Russell Clubhouse. One member of each team must attend the briefing. At this stage we propose to host both briefing and prize. However, depending on the situation at the time, there may be restrictions in place. Please note that those attending briefing and prize giving will need to present their vaccination pass in compliance with government guidelines.
- Start fishing – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 0800 Stop fishing – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> February the final day.
- Dinner and the prize giving in the Russell Clubhouse on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:swordfish@xtra.co.nz) or on our website, [www.swordfish.co.nz](http://www.swordfish.co.nz)
  - (a) The BOISC strongly encourages registration prior to the tournament registration on the Tues 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 0800  
Stop fishing: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Shortbilled 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 – On the last day fish being weighed must be weighed at Russell, 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). All fish captured, tagged or measured and released must be accompanied by a correctly filled out Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Weigh sheet when handed in at the weigh station or handed into tournament control. All tagged fish claims must also be accompanied by the correctly filled out tag card with the weigh sheet.
    - (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.

- (d) All tag cards and weigh sheets must be at the Russell weigh station by 5pm in physical form, electronic submission is not accepted.

13. Inspection of fishing equipment.

- (a) 2 in 3 captures will have their equipment inspected for compliance with the fishing rules.
- (b) Inspections will be done at random; you will be notified of what equipment is required to be inspected at the weigh station on the last day.
- (c) Inspections will be done at the weigh station or onboard the vessel.
- (d) If you are not present to have your equipment inspected, or you cannot supply the requested information, your capture will be disqualified
- (e) Reuse of lure if you would like to reuse a lure.
  - i) You must take a time stamped photo of the lure being held by the leader hanging vertically to verify it is compliant with IGFA Rule G1.
  - ii) You must cut leader on a 45deg angle, 10mm back from the top crimp on the hook end.
  - iii) That leader in two pieces must then be made available for inspection should it be requested.

- 14. (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

15. **Prize Categories**

- |                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| - 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 |                                  |

## **DISPUTES:**

Any dispute should be put in writing to the convener within 24 hours of the incident. There is a Disputes Committee and this Committee has final say in the unlikely event of a dispute. Payment of the entry fee constitutes acceptance of the above rules and acceptance of any decision made by the Disputes Committee, in accordance with BOISC rule 7.4.

Disputes over a fish's weight have to be resolved before the fish is removed from the weigh station. Disputes will be resolved by the weigh master and tournament convener, and their decision will be final.

## **SAFETY MESSAGE PLEASE READ BEFORE PARTICIPATING**

The 2022 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 2022 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