

Blue Waters® BRIAN MANNING MEMORIAL CUP

October 25th, 26th & 27th 2019



Rules & Tournament Information:

Team Requirements

This is an international tournament. A team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) anglers. The BGFA reserves the right to deny the entry of any applicant into the tournament.

Entry Fees

The entry fee is \$500.00 USD per team (up to 8 anglers. \$50.00 USD Per angler after) It covers attendance at all planned entertainment and social activities and prizes and awards events. Cash, Cheque and Credit Cards accepted. *Please note a 4% convenience fee will be applied for all credit card charges.*

Online Team Registration & Video Camera Check-in

Participating teams must register and pay the entry fee by October 25th 2019. The registration check-in location will be at the Black Wood Screw Docks from 4:00 pm. until 6:00p.m on October 25th, 2019. Registration link: <https://bgfa.profishingtournaments.com/>

Captains Briefing & Party

The captains briefing will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00 p.m. on Friday 25th October, at the Black Wood Screw Docks, Bridgetown Barbados. All registered team captains, crew and significant others are invited to attend the meeting & social after party!

Rules

IGFA angling and tackle rules apply in this tournament unless otherwise stated. It is the responsibility of each team and crew member to know, understand and abide by IGFA and tournament rules during this competition. Any angler who breaks these rules is subject to expulsion and disqualification, upon a determination by the tournament organizers, from this and future tournaments without a refund of any registration fees. IGFA equipment and angling rules apply with one exception:

Teams are responsible for ensuring that IGFA and tournament rules are followed. Teams are encouraged to check tackle, leaders, hook arrangements and line prior to the start of fishing. Only fish caught on rod and reel will qualify. Live bait is NOT allowed in this tournament. No lines or teasers are permitted in the water prior to the start of fishing.

The Rules Committee has the right to investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the tournament. It shall have the right to disqualify any capture following examination and measurement of tackle and equipment used on the boat. Refusal to allow the committee to examine any tackle, line and/or leaders will result in immediate disqualification from the event without a refund of any registration fees. The tournament committee reserves the privilege of changing the rules and starting and finishing times for any reason it deems necessary. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final and non-appealable.

Marketing / Observers/ Photographers

The tournament, at its sole discretion, may assign a photographer / videographer to any boat on any fishing day, **that boat will be responsible for their comfort and safety throughout the day.**

Communications

All billfish releases are to be reported to tournament control with the fish species. If a tournament boat is out of range, the catch must be relayed via radio or cell phone as soon as possible. Tournament control's time will act as the official time for the start, catch, and end of fishing each day without exception. The official tournament VHF channels will be announced at the captains and anglers meetings. A Barbados cell-phone number through which teams can also communicate will be given at the captains and anglers meetings. All hook-ups must be reported during the last 15 minutes of fishing.

Fishing Boundary

Barbados territorial waters only

Line

All fishing line will be allowed except for wire lines. Wire leader is allowed in the tournament.

Leaders

The length of the leader is the overall length, including any lure or hook arrangement. In all line classes exceeding 20 pounds (10 kg), the leader shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 40 feet (12.19 meters) total.

Rods

Maximum of 6 rods

Teasers

Unlimited in use or numbers.

Hooks

Circle hooks and "J" Hooks are allowed for this tournament.



Baits

Dead bait, lures and any combination thereof are permitted in this tournament. **Live bait is NOT allowed** in the tournament.

Weather

There is no weather committee. The tournament is conducted on a "fish at your own risk" basis.

Protests

Participants may lodge protests against any catch which they believe was not made in accordance with these rules. All protests must be stated in writing. The protest committee may call a protest hearing in their discretion; a protest hearing is not guaranteed. All protests will be settled on the day of the incident unless the committee feel more time is necessary. All protests on October 26th, and 27th must be in the hands of the tournament's designated rules official by 6 p.m. on the day of the alleged incident. The protesting party, as well as the accused team members, captain and crew, must be present at any official protest hearing. The tournament committee may refuse to consider any protest evidence not submitted at the protest hearing in the presence of the protested team. If the protesting or protested team fails to show up for the protest hearing, that team forfeits its right to submit evidence. Decisions of the tournament organizers with regard to protests are final, non appealable, and nonjusticiable.

Sportsmanlike Conduct

All participants are expected to maintain a reasonable and sportsmanlike demeanour at all times throughout the tournament. Unsportsmanlike or threatening conduct towards tournament organizers or other participants, or any other behaviour which the tournament organizers deem inappropriate, in their sole discretion, will result in immediate disqualification of the entire team with no refund of entry fees.

Scoring Points

Billfish: Any blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish, spearfish or swordfish released in accordance with the tournament rules shall be awarded the following points:

Tournament Release Rules

Released blue marlin will receive 250 points; White Marlin, Sailfish or Spearfish will receive 125 points.

Teams may not catch the same fish twice.

All teams must provide their own video camera(s) and know how to operate them to verify releases. To score an official release, the video footage must include sufficient footage to (1) clearly identify the species; (2) show a team member, angler or crew touching the leader while the fish is still hooked. Do not delete any video taken during fishing hours, even if it does not

include the above elements and will not be used to prove a catch. After the release video is taken, species and angler name must be called into tournament control. At the end of the day's fishing, the video camera, camera connections used to plug into a computer and all video footage taken must be brought to the weigh station for verification of official release points. Cameras should be turned into tournament control by 6:00 p.m. unless a team is fighting a fish after lines out at 4:30 p.m. Failure to turn in a camera / footage will result in disqualification of that day's catch.

This is an all release tournament: ALL billfish must be released

Fishing Days/Times

There will be **NO BIMINI START**. Do not start fishing until tournament officials declare "lines in" on the radio. All fish must be hooked and called in to tournament radio control prior to the time of the stop-fishing signal each day. If, in the event a fish is still hooked up at the call of stop fishing, the angler may keep fighting the fish until it is released, or lost. Tournament radio control must be notified as soon as possible when a team has released the fish or the fish will be disqualified. The fishing days are October 26th, and October 27th.

The fishing hours are:

6:00 a.m. Start fishing

4:30 p.m. Stop fishing

Boats are allowed to leave their dock at 5:30am

All teams must turn in their video cameras no later than 6 p.m. Exception: if a fish is called in before lines out and is still being fought at the time of lines out or if the boat has mechanical difficulties and returns to the dock late.

Thank you and good luck!

