

PORT DOUGLAS MARLIN CHALLENGE

Tournament Rules

1. **Tournament Fishing Zone:** Between the top of Ribbon Reef No. 5 and the bottom of Jenny Louise Shoals.
2. **Eligibility:** Open to all Members of Clubs affiliated with GFAA or IGFA. Club membership details must be provided on entry form. If not already a financial member of a qualifying Club, Anglers may join Port Douglas Fishing Club.
3. **Eligible Species:** Black Marlin (*ISTIOMPAX indica*), Blue Marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and Striped Marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*).
4. **Eligible Tackle:** As published in GFAA angling rules and equipment regulations.
5. **Eligible Line Class:** 37kg and 60kg line may be used.
6. **TAG & RELEASE ONLY EVENT:** No fish will be weighed in the Tournament and Fishing and Tag & Release Rules are as published in the GFAA Angling Rules & Equipment Regulations.
7. **Point Score:** One (1) point per live marlin tagged & released in accordance with the Rules, irrespective of whether 37 or 60kg line was used.
8. **Number of Days Fished:** Competitors may elect to fish all or any number of competition days within the Tournament dates. There is no reduction in fees for fishing less than 4 days.
9. **Judges:** Port Douglas Fishing Club shall appoint Tournament Judges whose decision shall be final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into relating to the Judges decisions.
10. **Start Fishing:** No Tournament fishing or chumming shall commence before starting time each day. Any fish hooked after the final radio schedule but before stop fishing **MUST** be reported to the Radio Boat and acknowledged to be eligible. The fish may then be played out subject to the conditions of Rule 6.
11. **Radio Schedules:** All hook-ups, fish lost, tags & releases must be immediately reported to the Radio Ship. The time of the tag & release is deemed to be the time at which the tag & release is reported to the Radio Ship. Details of Radio Schedules will be given at the Calcutta Briefing.
12. **Tags:** GFAA only recognises NSW Fisheries Billfish Tags in Australian waters. **ONLY THESE GFAA RECOGNISED TAGS WILL BE ELIGIBLE IN THIS TOURNAMENT.** Tags are available from your local GFAA or QGFA Clubs or contact PDMC at info@portdouglasmarlinchallenge.com
13. **Protests:** A Protest must be submitted in writing to the Judges by 1900 hours on the last day of fishing.
14. **Tackle Inspection:** Equipment and tackle used by competitors may be inspected at random by the Tournament Judges.
15. **Disclaimer of Liability:** The Port Douglas Fishing Club (The Club) and its officers are the organisers of the Port Douglas Marlin Challenge (The Tournament) and all boat owners, boat captains, crew and anglers involved in The Tournament acknowledge that The Club and its officers do not accept any liability for loss, damage, injury or death to any boat entered in The Tournament or any person on board a boat entered in The Tournament.

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MEDIA CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. *Port Douglas Fishing Club ("the Club") may enter into an agreement with our sponsors which grants our sponsors exclusive rights to naming of the Tournament, sponsoring of the tournament and electronic media production rights, which includes the right to commercial production of DVDs and videos for use in filming television and DVD distribution.*
2. **It is a condition of entry to the Tournament that a competitor may not:-**
 - a. Conduct or permit to be conducted any activity during the Tournament including filming, videoing, photography or interviewing, of the activities of the competitor, the competitor's boat, crew or visitors during the Tournament or relating to the competitor's participation in the Tournament or to the activities of the Tournament which is used for or may be used for the production of any commercial electronic media release whether before, during or after the Tournament without written permission of the club
 - b. Conduct or permit any activities to be conducted either during before or after the Tournament which uses or refers to the Club, its logo, the Tournament name or relating to the participation in the Tournament which is used for or may be used for the production of any commercial electronic media release without written permission of the club
3. If in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, a competitor breaches this rule the competitor may be immediately disqualified from the Tournament and further action may be taken against you for damages suffered by the Club.

