



## TOURNAMENT RULES

- All IGFA Rules apply.
- Circle hooks must be used with natural baits.
- To qualify as a release, a photo of the shark and a photo of the leader at the tip of the rod must be provided on the board same day as caught. More details at the Captain's Meeting.
- Sharks may be shot for boating purposes but will not qualify as an IGFA record. No harpoons or use of bang sticks allowed.
- All boats must leave the Ocean City, MD or Indian River, DE inlets or Chincoteague, VA. No boat may pass the sea buoy before 5:00 am. No boat may begin fishing before 7:00am.
- Fishing hours are from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. No chunking/chumming prior to lines in. All lines must be removed from the water by 3:00pm. Fish hooked before 3:00 pm may be played until boated or released.
- A fish may be hooked by anyone. However, the rod must be transferred immediately to the angler after hook-up. The angler from that time must fight the fish alone until boated or released. In the event that a boat becomes disabled, contestants may transfer to a second boat and assume the original boat number without any additional charge or penalty. In the event a boat becomes disabled while fighting a fish, the angler may NOT transfer to another boat or get assistance in fighting or boating the fish from another boat.
- A team may declare it's "lay day" at registration. Teams not declaring their lay day or wishing to change their fishing days must inform tournament officials by phone (410-289-7438) or VHF radio between 4:00 am and 8:00 am the day that they are fishing. If a call is not received and no lay day selected, the boat will be considered FISHING. Any change of plans must be called in by 8:00 am.
- All fish must be weighed at Bahia Marina. Scales open at 3:30 pm and close at 7:30 pm. Catch may be trucked from Delaware, Maryland or Virginia marinas inside the Tournament area. In the event of a breakdown of the primary scale, fish will be weighed on a second (calibrated) manual device. All weight will be considered valid and final. No team member may fish more than two (2) days in the tournament.
- To be eligible to qualify for a release, a cell phone photo of each mako release must be shown to a Tournament Official when the catch report is turned in. The photo must have two items: a hand on the leader and a photo of the shark next to your boat. Photos must be texted to Shawn Harman at 443-497-0986 the same day as the catch report is submitted or the release does not count. These items must be turned from 3:30pm-7:30pm the same day as the release.
- To be eligible to qualify, a catch report must be turned in on the day of the catch.
- All cash prizes are determined by the Tournament Committee. All decisions are final. In the event of a protest, all parties will submit in writing their objections no later than 7:30pm on Sunday, June 6, 2021. (\$100 protest fee - non refundable)
- Tournament Officials have the right to disqualify any angler and/or team from the Tournament for any unsportsmanlike conduct or rule infraction with no monetary return. Entrance fee is non-refundable.
- Participants enter at their own risk. Bahia Marina and Bahia Marina Tournaments, Mako Marina, and all other sponsors will not be held responsible for any injury to any person or damage to any entrant or boat.
- All Tournament official rulings are final.