

CAMPEONATO PESCA DESPORTIVA DE ALTO MAR

COMPETITION RULES

1 – GENERAL

1.1 APPLICATION OF THE RULES

These rules are applicable to the eight fishing tournaments integrated in the CAMPEONATO PESCA DESPORTIVA DE ALTO MAR.

1.2 NAME AND FORMATION OF THE FISHING TEAMS

Each fishing team must consist of three or four anglers. Each team may have on board auxiliary personnel and a skipper for the necessary support but who cannot participate in direct fishing activities and fish catching such as hooking fish, fighting fish, reeling in lines or casting fishing rods, holding the leader, tagging and fighting the fish. This also applies to substitute anglers that may be on board.

Each Team may fish with substitute anglers provided these have been duly entered in the current tournament.

Each Team shall be known by the name it chooses which shall be the one recorded in the tournament registration form. The committee reserves the right to reject any Team's name that, in its opinion, is unsuitable.

The Teams that do not abide by the first paragraph shall have their day's catch disqualified.

1.3 FISHING RULES

All tournaments shall use to the most recent version of the IGFA – International Game Fish Association rules. Its Angolan representative can provide any clarification that may be required. The non observance thereof shall result in penalties as imposed by IGFA over the catch in question or the day's catch, as may be the case.

1.4 THE JURY

The Jury shall be the same for all tournaments of the Championship and consists of the following individuals:

President - Horácio Pina
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The Jury may appoint and place Observers on board the vessels and, at the time of putting to sea, the Team shall be informed that an Observer will be on board for the day. The Observer's onboard logistics shall be the Committee's responsibility. On registering for the tournament, the Teams must make provision and be prepared for this eventuality. The Organizing Club may appoint someone to be part of the Jury during their Tournament.

1.5 ENTRANCE

Entries may be accepted during the technical meeting, at a place to be designated, in the Fishing Section or secretary's office of the Organizing Club and at the Jury's table up to the time of commencement of the tournaments. The cost of each entry shall be the local currency equivalent to USD 200,00 per tournament. Teams whose names bear full or partial advertising reference to Companies shall pay double the entry fee.

1.6 PRIZES

The prizes for each tournament shall be announced and displayed during the relevant Technical Meeting.

The classification shall always be by Teams. Prizes shall be awarded to a maximum of four anglers per Team and when Teams comprise substitute anglers, the Team Captain should decide which Team members receive the prizes.

Prizes shall be awarded at the end of the last fishing day of the relevant tournament or, at the most, 7 days after the Technical Meeting. In this case the date, time and venue must be announced during the Technical meeting.

2 – TECHNICAL RULES

2.1 GENERAL

All fishing in these tournaments is with rod & reel but jigging is not allowed. Casting, drifting and the use of kites with natural, live or artificial baits is allowed.

The line shall have a maximum test of 130 lbs (Except specific rule 2.14.4).

In accordance with IGFA rules, the fish must be caught and fought by only one angler, without any assistance from any third party. Such assistance is only allowed for holding the leader, gaffing or tagging.

2.2 DEPARTURE

Prior to any vessel putting to sea, the Jury must initial and/or stamp the registration form of the tournaments that comprise the Championship, thus confirming that the register was correctly filled in and that, in each fishing day, the anglers on board are effectively the ones entered.

The entry register shall remain with the Jury at all times.

On each competition day, the vessels shall put to sea from Luanda Bay, Mussulo Bay and Lobito Bay, as follows:

2.2.1 TOURNAMENTS IN LUANDA BAY

At C.N.I.L. or at C.N.L.A. Boats may leave at 07h00 after a sound signal is given and the vessels may put to sea from that moment, after compliance with the required formalities (entry register certification). There is no cut off time for a Team to put to sea. The departure from Mussulo Bay shall be given from the Mussulo jetty between 07h00 and 08h00 by means of a sound signal after compliance with the formalities by the Jury member stationed there. Any Team wishing to put to sea after 08h00 shall do so from the Organizing Club where it must comply with the formalities with the Jury.

2.2.2 TOURNAMENTS IN MUSSULO BAY

At C.N.M. Boats may leave at 07h00 after a sound signal is given and the vessels may put to sea from that moment, after compliance with the required formalities (entry register certification). There is no cut off time for a Team to put to sea. The departure from Luanda Bay shall be given from the C.N.I.L. between 07h00 and 08h00 by means of a sound signal after compliance with the formalities by the Jury member stationed there. Any Team wishing to put to sea after 08h00 shall do so from the Organizing Club where it must comply with the formalities with the Jury.

2.2.3 TOURNAMENTS IN LOBITO BAY

At Ferrovia Lobito Sports Club or at another place to be decided at the Technical Meeting, the departure will be at 07h00 by means of a sound signal and the vessels may put to sea from that moment, after compliance with the required formalities (entries register certification). There is no cut off time for a Team to put to sea.

2.2.4 Times of these rules are subject to alterations in the 24 Hours Fishing Tournament of Luanda.

2.3 VESSELS

After registration the name and registration of each Team's vessel shall be recorded. The changing of boat is only allowed in the case of a breakdown. The new vessel must first be inspected by the Jury who must be informed of and record the event in the Team's entry book. If the breakdown occurs during the competition and the vessel has to be towed, the Team shall be awarded points on the day provided it arrives at the Organizing Club by the cut off time set in the rules.

The Team assisting a broken-down vessel, shall not be subject to cut off time to arrive at the Organizing Club and shall be awarded points for its catches of the day, so long as it informs the Jury by VHF. In tournaments without "lines out", the Team rendering assistance may continue to fish while travelling towards the broken-down vessel; however, it must remove the fishing rods from the water one hour prior to the cut off time of arrival at the Organizing Club.

2.4 COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT

- 2.4.1 Each vessel must be equipped with a VHF station in good working order. The transmission/reception channel in all tournaments will be channel 68, while channel 16 will be reserved for emergencies.

To register catches, communications can only be made through marine VHF radio.

If the equipment installed is unable to raise the Jury, a "by-pass" with another vessel or any shore station will be allowed. For tie-break purposes, the official time of catch shall be the moment when the information is transmitted to the Jury by the Team itself or by "by-pass".

If at any time the Jury's VHF has transmission or reception difficulties, the competing Teams must communicate among themselves to record the hook-ups or catches taking place, until such time as the communication with the Jury is re-established. The Jury must record the times when the difficulty began and ended, and pass this information to the Teams once the situation returns to normality.

The use of channel 68 by the competing Teams must be reserved for contacts with the Jury or among the vessels on matters relating the current tournament. Private communications among vessels must be made using other channels.

- 2.4.2 Each vessel must be equipped with a GPS, either fixed or portable. This piece of equipment must be in perfect working order.

It is compulsory that at least two persons on board each vessel be able to operate both the VHF radio and the GPS.

- 2.4.3 It is highly recommended that participating vessels have on board a first aid kit, fire extinguishers in good working order, lifejackets for the entire crew, sufficient drinking water to last at least 24 hours, vessels' and skippers' up to date documentation, and that the number of people aboard does not exceed the permitted capacity.

2.5 FIGHTING AND CAPTURE OF BILLFISH

- 2.5.1 When a Team hooks a billfish and starts the fight, it must inform the Jury by VHF. Upon receipt of this information, the Jury shall make a general announcement over the VHF and advise the name of the Team fighting a billfish. Teams failing to notify the Jury by VHF shall be subject to a penalty of 10% of the final points earned in this catch.

Immediately after the catch of this particular fish, the Jury must be informed by VHF of the species caught and the time of the catch. The Jury will transmit this information to the other Teams, indicating the official time of the catch and the billfish species caught. Failure by the Team to provide this information by VHF shall see its catch disqualified.

All catches (i.e. quantities per species) of other fish shall be declared to the Jury during the general call after "lines out", for the competitions under these rules, or at the Jury's table for those without a specific "lines out" time.

Only fish declared during the general call will be awarded points, all other undeclared catches will be excluded.

- 2.5.2 A fish is regarded as caught when brought on board and taken to the Jury for weighing or if it is tagged and released under the "Tag & Release" rules. The capture of all billfish, whether under Tag & Release or brought in for weighing, must be filmed for presentation to the Jury. All billfish brought in for weighing without the film being presented to the Jury shall be liable to a penalty of 25% reduction on the total points awarded to the fish weighed.

- 2.5.3 A Team that catches a heavy and large fish shall be allowed to seek assistance from other competitors to bring it on board. However, the said Team must obtain prior authorization to do so from the Jury, via VHF. No transfer of fish is allowed from one vessel to another.
- 2.5.4 After 15h00, the Teams should use only channel 68 to communicate a billfish fight, a billfish catch, an emergency situation or to request transfer to another communication channel.
- 2.5.5 The Jury may request a Team fighting a billfish after 16h00 to provide its geographic coordinates as indicated by GPS. Any discrepancy in the coordinates supplied by the fighting Team or the refusal to supply them shall result in the disqualification of the day catches. Any competing Team, by its own initiative or at the Jury's request, may proceed to the indicated place to observe the fight. It may also request, for statistical or advertising purposes, the coordinates of any catch of billfish during the tournament.

2.6 FISHING TIME LIMITS

- 2.6.1 At 16h00, the Jury will send out a general communication notifying them of the end of fishing (lines out) and enquiring whether any Team is fighting billfish. If any Team fighting a billfish fails to confirm this fact and the fish is eventually caught it will not qualify. On its own initiative, any Team may inform the Jury before 15h00 that it has taken "lines out" and has concluded its fishing and at the same time inform the Jury of its catches.
- 2.6.2 After the "lines out" communication, the Jury shall, at random, call all Teams, one by one, asking to be informed of their catches of the day. Each team shall await the Jury's contact to provide this information.

If any Team does not answer the Jury's call or the Team's answer does not reach the Jury, communication may be made by "by pass" through another vessel or any shore fixed station.

- 2.6.3 The Teams that do not answer the call to confirm fighting or to declare other catches of the day, in terms of paragraphs 2.5.1, 2.6.1 and 2.6.2, shall have their other catches of the day disqualified. The billfish previously declared to the Jury as caught during the fishing day shall be qualified.
- 2.6.4 The arrival time at the organizing Club is at 17h30 of each tournament day, except when another time is indicated. (Specific rule 2.14). A Team shall be regarded as having arrived when its vessel is identifiable on sight by the Jury within the organizing Club anchorage.

2.7 TAG & RELEASE

The "Tag & Release" practice is allowed in all tournaments and consists of tagging and releasing the fish. Prior to each day's fishing, the Jury shall provide each Team with the daily sheet with the necessary and confirmatory mark for the T&R.

- 2.7.1 To validate and qualify a T&R catch, it is necessary that the fish be tagged prior to being released. In the event of the fish getting loose from the hooks prior to being tagged, the Jury may award half the points, should the film reveal that one of the Team members had already held the leader. If the species of the billfish cannot be identified due to its size as it may be confused with the Blue Marlin, Sailfish or White Marlin, the Jury shall award half of the Sailfish points. Teams using "wind-on" leader may have their catches validated by the Jury provided the leader enters the top rod guide and this is clearly visible in the film.

- 2.7.2 After tagging, the fish must be released alive. The Jury must reject the T&R if, in its opinion, the fish was released dead. In this case, the points to be awarded shall be 900 for the Marlin and 400 for the Sailfish.
- 2.7.3 The T&R catch validation and qualification shall be made by the Jury after the receipt from the Team of the "tag" registration card duly filled in and after the watching of the relevant video. For the purpose, the Teams should film the fish capture as clearly and as detailed as possible. A combination of the following criteria shall help the Jury to validate a catch:
- a) The billfish species;
 - b) The tagging or view of the tag on the fish;
 - c) The daily tag sheet or another distinctive sign indicated by the Jury;
 - d) The identification of the angler with the daily sheet in view or another distinctive sign as indicated by the Jury;
 - e) In case of any doubt and within the spirit of the sport, the benefit shall always favour the angler;
 - f) Billfish may not be brought on board to be tagged. The tagging must be carried out in the water; no points will be awarded for billfish brought on board to be tagged.
- 2.7.4 In the event that one Team catches several billfish during the same fishing day, it is imperative that the release of the fish caught under T&R be well filmed and clear. The Jury may instruct Teams that perform several T&Rs to present a distinctive sign provided by the Jury in addition to the compulsory presentation of the daily sheet. The Jury is entitled to reject one or more catches if all these pre-conditions are not abided by.

- 2.7.5 The filming of a catch and T&R must be made from within the vessel itself. More than one video camera shall be allowed for the filming of the catch. Only colour films will be accepted.
- 2.7.6 Any breakdown of the filming equipment is the responsibility of the competing Team. If, for any reason, the Team is unable to show the Jury the film of their catches within the period of time allowed for the purpose, the Jury shall not qualify such catches.
- 2.7.7 For the qualification of the catches and the T&R validation, the Jury shall watch the film in a **private room** and on a colour TV set, which shall be presented by **one** representative of the Team.
- 2.7.8 It is advisable that the Teams practice T&R and that marking and tagging of fish be done on site recommended by the Billfish Foundation. It is also highly recommended that Teams pay the greatest possible care and attention to the tagging, oxygenation, release actions and especially to the removal of hooks from its mouth, in view of the risks that this may represent to the Team's members. Hooks removal should only be done by experienced persons.

For safety reasons, it is not necessary to place the daily sheet next to the fish when a T&R is being filmed.

2.8 WEIGHING

The deadline for fish weighing shall be 18h00 on each fishing day, except on the 24 hour Tournament when it will be at 18h30. The scale will close at those times and a sound signal activated.

Teams that are not by the scale at the closing time shall not have their catch qualified.

Weighing will always be carried out by elements of the Jury in the organising Club premises and the scale to weigh billfish will be the same for each tournament.

2.9 POINTS AND QUALIFICATION

During the fishing tournaments, the Teams shall be free to catch any fish desired, in any quantity, weight and species. However, for the purpose of tournament points and qualification, not all fish species and weights will earn points. The following schedule sets the points for each species based on their weight. Fish tagged and released will earn fixed points.

2.9.1 Points by weight:

MARLIN / SWORDFISH

Above 250kg: 2 Pts/kg + 500 bonus points.

From 200 to 250kg: 2 Pts/kg + 350 bonus points.

Under 200kg: 2 Pts/kg + 0 bonus points.

SAILFISH / WHITE MARLIN / SPEARFISH

Above 50kg: 5 Pts/kg + 250 bonus points.

From 40 to 50kg: 5 Pts/kg + 150 bonus points.

Under 40kg: 5 Pts/kg + 0 bonus points.

TARPON

a)

WAHOO

5 Pts/kg

TUNA *

4 Pts/kg. Minimum weight per fish: 10kg

DOLPHINFISH (*Dorado/mahi mahi*) **

3 Pts/kg. Minimum weight per fish: 8 kg

OTHER SPECIES ***

1 Pts/kg. Minimum weight per fish: 10kg **(b)**

a) No points will be awarded to fish brought on board for weighing; however, fighting and release of same shall be allowed in terms of 2.7.3 with exception of b). In the case of release, the points to be awarded will be 350 which is equivalent to a tarpon with 60kg + 50 bonus points.

* Valid only for Yellowfin, Bigeye and Albacore. Other tuna species will be awarded points under "Other Species". Each Team can only qualify and obtain points for up to 5 tuna per fishing day.

** Each Team can only qualify and obtain points for up to 3 Dolphinfish (*Dorados/Mahi Mahi*) per fishing day.

*** Each Team can only qualify and obtain points for up to 3 fish of "Other Species" per fishing day

b) For all shark species the minimum weight shall be **50kg.**

2.9.2 Points for "Tag & Release" – T&R

MARLIN / SWORDFISH

Points equivalent to a 300kg fish, i.e.:

2 Pts/kg x 300kg + 500 bonus points = 1100 points

SAILFISH / WHITE MARLIN / SPEARFISH

Points equivalent to a 50kg fish, i.e.:

5 Pts/kg x 50kg + 250 bonus points = 500 points

2.9.3 In "Other Species" category only those accepted by IGFA for line class records and that can be caught as described in 2.1 will be accepted for qualification and points.

- 2.9.4 In case of a tie between two or more Teams, the fish with greater number of points, either through weighing or tagging (T&R), shall be the decisive element for the tie-break, thus determining the classification of those Teams. In case of a single catch, the time of the first billfish caught by the drawn Teams shall give the victory to the Team that caught it. (Except specific rule 2.14)
- 2.9.5 For the case of catches of the same species in Tag & Release and with the same number of points, in a tie situation, the classification shall be based on the time of catch; the Team that caught its last billfish earlier being better classified. The time of the catch shall be the time announced by the Jury, as described in 2.5.1.
- 2.9.6 In the event that no billfish is caught during any tournament, there shall be no extra days.
- 2.9.7 The billfish and the largest specimens shall be kept within an enclosed area until the scale is closed at each fishing day. Earlier removal from the area must be authorised by the Jury.

2.10 PROTESTS

- 2.10.1 Any Team may lodge a protest against one or more competing Team if, in the said Team's opinion, there were reasons for such protest. These reasons can only be based on the following:
- Violation of any one of these Rules;
 - Violation of IGFA rules and/or the ones annexed to these Rules;
 - Unsporting conduct with violation of seamanship rules;
 - No protests against the Jury will be accepted.

- 2.10.2 The protest will have to be lodged with the Jury in writing until 18h00 of the last fishing day. The protesting Team shall provide a short description of the reasons for the protest, relating facts and occurrences that originated the protest and indicating the violated rules. Films, photographs and witness reports that may corroborate the irregularities shall be accepted by the Jury as evidence.
- 2.10.3 The protest shall be lodged with the Jury together with a monetary bond of the same value as the registration fee which shall be refunded in the event that the protest is found to be justifiable. Otherwise, that amount will not be refunded and shall revert in favour of the Tournament Organisation.
- 2.10.4 The Jury must make public its decision prior to posting the final results of the relevant Tournament.
- 2.10.5 The T&R films cannot be the object of any competing Team's protest. Only the Jury shall be entitled to decide on the matter of each film submitted.

2.11 POSTING OF RESULTS

After the weighing and registration of fish, the watching of T&R films, the signature of the score sheet by the Team Captain or representative, and the review of any protests, the Jury shall post the fishing day results and classification.

The Teams that do not sign their daily score sheet shall forfeit the right to lodge any protest.

The results and classification shall only be regarded as final after the last fishing day of the tournament and after the analysis of all pre-conditions mentioned in this clause.

2.12 DOUBTS AND OMISSIONS

Any doubt, omission or difference of interpretation of these Rules shall be decided by the Jury who have the competence to reach a suitable decision.

To analyse and decide on questions of a disciplinary nature, be it concerning violation of the Championship Rules or poor sportsmanship or civic behaviour by any individual competitor or by a Team, the Jurisdictional Committee shall meet and adopt the decisions that it may deem necessary.

This Committee shall decide upon questions concerning the interpretation of Rules or doubts or omissions that the Jury may decide to refer to it.

The Jury's and the Jurisdictional Committee's decisions shall be irrevocable.

2.13 RESPONSIBILITY

The organising Clubs, the organisation members and the Sponsors of these Tournaments shall not be responsible for any accidents, losses or damages arising during the holding of the said Tournaments.

Each Team shall assume full responsibility for their participation in these events.

Therefore, each Team's members shall be responsible to bring this fact to the notice of their guests, assistants or supporters, either ashore or at sea, and by registering in each tournament they implicitly accept the obligation and responsibility of doing so. Thus they exonerate the Organisation, the Organising Club and their Sponsors, representatives, agents or servants from any claim concerning losses and damages, moral or material, including loss of lives or of assets occurred at sea or ashore,

within or outside the installations of the Organising Club or of its Sponsors.

2.14 **SPECIFIC RULES**

In some tournaments the following specific rules shall apply:

2.14.1 **Billfish Challenge Tournament**

The departure time shall be at 07h00 and the finishing time at 17h00, the latter being the deadline for the arrival of the vessels at the Organiser's anchorage. There shall be no "Lines Out" announcement by the Jury, each Team being responsible to decide the time to stop fishing.

The scale will close at 18h00.

2.14.2 **Luanda 24 Hours Fishing Tournament**

This tournament will have 2 fishing days each of 12 hours fishing time.

The departure time shall be at 06h00 and the finishing time 18h00, the latter being the deadline for arrival of the vessels at the Organising Club anchorage. There shall be no "Lines Out" announcement by the Jury, each Team being responsible to decide the time to stop fishing.

The scale shall close at 18h30.

The vessels departing from Mussulo Bay must do so between 06h00 and 07h30. Any Team wishing to depart after 07h30 must do so from the organising Club where the relevant formalities shall be carried out with the Jury. (Certification of the entry register)

2.14.4 **Luanda Sailfish Classic**

For this tournament, the lines out time on the last fishing day shall be 15h00 and the deadline to arrive at the organising Club shall be 16h30. Other alterations of time may be introduced during the relevant technical meetings.

This tournament is specifically for T&R and to the capture of Sailfish. The points to be awarded for sailfish captures is 1,000 points per fish.

Any other billfish caught in this tournament shall be awarded 150 points only.

Fish brought on board shall not be awarded points but shall be considered for classification of the largest specimens of the Championship.

The "Top Tagger" prize shall be awarded to the Team that tags most sailfish during the Tournament.

If no sailfish is caught, this prize will be awarded to the Team with greater number of tags on other billfish.

The maximum line test for this Tournament shall be 30 pounds. The line shall be supplied by the organisers and will be handed to teams prior to the event so that anglers have sufficient time to prepare their equipment.

The organisers will provide only one line spool but, if the Teams wish to acquire more line, it will have to be Momoi Tournament 30 pounds, yellow.

2.14.5 **Lobito Big Game Fishing Tournament**

In view of this Tournament specific nature, the dates and times may be altered as well as some specific rules may be created during the Technical Meeting.

2.14.6 **Grand Slam Sportfishing Tournament**

In this Tournament, a bonus shall be awarded to the Teams that achieve a SLAM or GRAND SLAM on the same day. The SLAM shall consist of the capture of

a Marlin and a Sailfish, with 800 points bonus. The GRAND SLAM shall consist of the catch of a Marlin, a Sailfish and a Dorado with the weight of 8kg or over, with a bonus of 1 000 points.

This tournament is open to all species.

CAMPEONATO PESCA DESPORTIVA DE ALTO MAR

INTRODUCTION

The Angolan Federation for Sport Fishing has set up this offshore fishing championship to reward the Team that obtains the most points during its 8 Tournaments.

The 8 tournaments shall have only one set of rules.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The **Championship** final classification shall be the result of the total of points obtained by the Teams in the 8 (EIGHT) tournaments.

The Teams that wish to enter the Championship must register at the initial Technical Meeting or while it is running.

At the initial registration, the Team must indicate the Club that it will be representing so that the points earned are correctly allocated for the Inter Clubs Trophy, which is compulsory for those wanting to register in this Championship.

The registration books shall be used solely for the Championship's Teams. For the International Teams there will be an appropriate form for each tournament to be supplied by the relevant organisers.

All anglers that enter the Championship must be IGFA members so as to contribute to the development of this sport.

However, they can apply to join IGFA during the entire fishing season.

The Teams entered for the Trophy shall be awarded points as follows:

PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20 Pts	8 th	6 Pts
2 nd	15 Pts	9 th	5 Pts
3 rd	12 Pts	10 th	4 Pts
4 th	10 Pts	11 th	3 Pts
5 th	9 Pts	12 th	2 Pts
6 th	8 Pts	13 th	1 Pts
7 th	7 Pts	14 th to the Last	0 Pts

In case of a tie, the Team that caught the greater number of billfish (Marlin, Sailfish) during the tournament comprising the Championship shall be the winner. If the tie subsists, the classification shall be made according to the time of the catch, i.e. the Team that caught its last billfish earlier obtaining a better classification. The time of the catch shall be the time announced by the Jury.

The **provisional final results** shall be posted at the C.N.I.L. three days after the last fishing day of the Championship last tournament by 18h00 and in the presence of members of the Jury. Any protest concerning these results must be lodged, in writing, with the Trophy Jury by 19h00 at the latest on the same day. After the protest has been duly evaluated and decided upon by the Jury, the final results shall be posted and regard as final. **The Jury's final decision is irrevocable.**

TEAM COMPOSITION

The Fishing Teams shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 anglers.

For a Team to be recognized as the same during the entire Championship, it is necessary that at least one of the 4 anglers initially entered be present at all tournaments in which it participates.

The Teams may enter substitutes to replace up to three of the elements that formed part of the initial Team. Any substitution can only be carried out either at the time of entering a certain tournament or prior to the departure of each day's fishing and the Jury must be given prior notice of the fact so that the necessary information may be entered in the registration book.

During the **Championship**, the Teams may not change their names.

Prior to the departure of any vessel, the Jury shall initial or stamp the Registration Book of the Tournaments that comprise the **Championship**, in confirmation of the correct filling in thereof, as well as confirmation that, in each competition day, the entered anglers are the ones that are actually on board each vessel.

The Registration Book must remain at the **Championship** Jury's care at all times.

Prizes shall be awarded to a maximum of 4 (four) elements per Team. When substitutes are utilized, the Team Captain should decide what Team members receive the prizes.

The prizes to be awarded to the participants classified in the Championship shall be:

1 st Place	Four prizes
2 nd and 3 rd Places	(4) Prizes
4 th and 5 th Places	(4) Prizes
Largest Marlin	(1) Prize #

Largest Sailfish	(1) Prize # #
Largest Wahoo	(1) Prize
Largest Tuna	(1) Prize
Largest Dorado	(1) Prize
Greater n° of Tarpon releases	(1) Prize

To award prizes to the largest specimens, these will have to be caught and weighed.

Awarded only to
specimens with more than 300 kg

Awarded only to
specimens with more than 50 kg

MARLIN BUÉ TROPHY

Four replicas or prizes of this **Trophy** shall be awarded to the Team that, during the eight tournaments that count for this **Championship**, catch and/or tag more Marlins.

In case of a tie, the specimen with greater number of points, (weighed or tagged), shall be the decisive element for the final classification. If the tie subsists, the classification shall be made according to the time of the catch, i.e. the Team that caught its last Marlin earlier obtains better classification. The time of the catch shall be the time announced by the Jury.

The Trophy belongs to the Federation (remains in its possession) and every year a plate engraved with the winning Team's name shall be placed on it.

SAILFISH TAGGING TROPHY

Four replicas or prizes of this **Trophy** shall be awarded to the Team that, during the eight tournaments that count for this **Championship**, tag the most Sailfish.

In case of a tie, the classification shall be made according to the time of the catch, the Team that caught its last Sailfish earlier obtaining a better classification. The time of the catch shall be the time announced by the Jury.

The Trophy belongs to the Association (remains in its possession) and every year a plate engraved with the winning Team's name shall be placed on it. The Sponsor of this Trophy is **Cemtec**.

INTER CLUBS TROPHY

A prize shall be awarded to the Club who's Teams, on an average of the classifications obtained, secures the highest number of points. This average is calculated taking into account the 1st to 3rd places (where the 1st gets 3 points and the 3rd 1 point), adding the total number of points secured in each tournament by each Club's Teams and dividing by the number of the said Club's classified Teams. This Trophy, awarded annually to the winning Club, shall be won definitely upon 3 consecutive or 5 alternate victories.

To earn points for the Inter Clubs, the Teams must be entered in the Championship and their vessels registered at a Club.

When a vessel is registered in two Clubs, the Team's Captain, at the time of the initial registration, must state which Club he will be representing.

PRIZE GIVING

The prize giving shall take place during the end of fishing season party at a **venue, date and time to be announced in due course prior to the start of the new Fishing Season.**

Each Team entered for the Trophy shall be entitled to a free individual invitation for each tournament in which it participates of the eight that comprises the Championship. Teams that enter the 8 tournaments shall be entitled to two extra invitations.

CHAMPIONSHIP JURY

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RULES FOR CLUBS, SPONSORS, ORGANISERS AND FISHING TEAMS

1. The organization of a Tournament may be carried out by a Club or a Committee appointed by a Group of Sponsors who shall have the following duties:
 - a. To provide 4 prizes per Team up to and including the 3rd Place within the tournament.
 - b. One prize(s) for the Top Tagger which will be awarded to the Team that tags and releases the larger number of billfish during the Tournament (excepting specific rules 2.14.4).
 - c. All other prizes that the Sponsors or Clubs may wish to donate are optional.
 - d. All T-shirts and hats alluding to the Tournament must reflect the Tournament Name, year, Organising Club and Sponsors, other items are offered are optional.
 - e. To cover the Jury's expenses, breakfast, lunch and drinks during the fishing days.
 - f. To cover the costs of a prize giving ceremony that must take place at the end of the last fishing day or to announce the date at the Technical Meeting, but this must never more than 7 days after the said meeting.
 - g. To donate at least USD3,000 for the Sports Fishing Final Gala that will be held annually.
 - h. To appoint a Tournament Director
2. The Organisers must announce and exhibit the prizes during the Technical Meeting.
3. By entering the Tournaments, the Teams and anglers undertake to be wearing the T-shirts and hats alluding to the Tournament provided by the Organisation when coming to the podium to collect their prizes.

4. The Teams may have one or more Sponsors of their own however any publicity may only be done on board of their respective vessels or after the official ceremony of prize giving.
5. From the total subscriptions in each Tournament, 50% shall be allocated to the Organising Club and the other 50% to the End of Season Fishing Party.

IGFA World Championship Qualifying Events

1. The Organisers may register their Tournament with the **IGFA World Championship** thus becoming one of the classification tournaments for the final to be held annually at a date and place to be announced.
2. For the purpose, they will have to enter the Tournament with IGFA with the right to use the banner alluding to the event and the respective invitation for the winning Team.
3. The Tournament winning Team shall have immediate access to the annual final.
4. Should the winning Team be unable to attend, the invitation shall pass down to the Team that came 2nd.
5. The winning Team must express their interest in participating by the 31st December of each year.
6. The costs involved with the Team's registration as well as all travel expenses shall be borne by the said Team.

7. The Team shall have to bear the costs of air passages for all its members, hotel, transfers, visas, meals and other extras as well as the registration at the **IGFA World Championship**.
8. The Team that participates in the final may publicise the Sponsors that contribute towards its travel and registration.
9. All anglers that participate in a classifying Tournament must be members of IGFA. For more information contact the Representative in Angola.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEE

1. **Composition** – The Jurisdictional Committee for the Championship shall consist of 15 members:- 3 from CNIL, 3 from CNL, 1 from Lobito BGFT, 2 from Installing Committee, 1 from CNM, 1 from Clube UN, 1 from Clube Total, 1 from IGFA and 2 from the Jury.
2. **President** – At its first meeting, the Committee shall elect a President and a Secretary, the latter acting for the Chairman on his absences or impediments.
3. **Convening** – The Committee shall meet at a venue to be advised by the Chairman when convened either personally or by letter sent to the work address of each of its members, with at least 24 hours notice, except in questions of an urgent nature when the notice may be shorter and the majority of the members so approve.
4. **Quorum** – The Committee may meet and validly deliberate provided the simple majority of its members are present.
5. **Competences** – It behoves the Jurisdictional Committee:
 - a. To decide over questions of a disciplinary nature concerning the competitors, their entourage and guests.
 - b. To decide over questions of interpretation of rules and regulations, gaps and omissions brought up by the Jury.
 - c. To decide over any other matters when requested to do so by the Jury or any one of its members.

6. **Decisions** – The Committee’s decisions shall be valid and of immediate execution provided they are approved by the simple majority of votes from the members present at the meeting where such decisions are taken.
7. **Penalties** – For questions of a disciplinary nature, the Committee may apply the following penalties to the Teams:
 - a. Verbal warning
 - b. Written warning
 - c. Temporary suspension
 - d. Disqualification of the day catches
 - e. Total disqualification in one or more Tournaments
 - f. Fine (the equivalent in local currency of USD10 to USD1 000)
 - g. Expulsion
8. **Notices** – To bring its decisions or any other subject of general interest to the competitors’ attention, the Committee shall issue notices that shall be posted at appropriate locations in the Clubs.

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NB. In the event of any doubts over the interpretation of these rules the Portuguese version will prevail.