



Official Regulations of the Pura Pesca Dorado Derby Tournament

1. Eligibility and Registration

- Anglers of all ages are welcome; however, minors must be accompanied by an adult registered in the tournament.
- Each team must register before the deadline and possess a valid fishing license as required by law.
- All participants must comply with the rules and regulations established by the tournament.

2. Safety and Compliance

- Each boat must have life jackets as required by law.
- A captain must be designated for each vessel, who is responsible for the crew's safety and compliance with tournament rules.

3. Fishing Methods and Equipment

- All fish must be caught with rod and reel, using a hook and line method. Other fishing methods are not allowed.
- Fish caught using nets, spears, or other methods not involving rod and reel will not be counted.
- No more than six lines are allowed in the water at the same time per boat.
- The use of drones for fishing or exploration is strictly prohibited.
- The angler who starts the fight with the fish must be the one to bring it out of the water, although it is allowed for the crew member to hook the fish and pass the rod to the participating team member.
- A video of the fight with the fish until it is out of the water is required and must be presented to the judges at weigh-in.

4. Scoring

- The heaviest Dorado wins.
- Each Dorado must measure at least 80 cm, according to Costa Rican legislation.
- In case of a tie, the first fish weighed will take precedence.
- If there are no Dorado catches, prizes will be raffled among participants.

5. Catch and Release

- The tournament encourages the release of all non-target species.
- Anglers must use de-hooking tools to ensure the safe release of unqualified fish.
- A separate catch and release category with its own set of prizes may be included.



6. Limits and Fishing Hours

- Specific limits will be established and must be respected. Violating these limits will result in disqualification.
- Fishing will take place on October 26 from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.
- The launch will be a shotgun start at 7:00 am from the center of Flamingo Bay; this is not mandatory for boats from other areas.
- Boats from places like Nosara, Sámara, Tamarindo, El Coco, and others must report their departure by recording a video showing the time on their clock when leaving the shore; their departure time will be 7:00 am.
- Weigh-in time will be exact, without exceptions. Each boat is responsible for arriving on time within the established hours.
- Weigh-in time: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The closing ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm.

7. Weigh-in Procedures

- Each team must register in the designated area before proceeding to the official weigh-in station.
- Fish that are not in fresh, edible condition, show signs of decomposition, or have been frozen will be disqualified.
- All fish must be brought to weigh-in on the same day they are caught.
- A video showing the capture of the presented fish, where the official tournament bracelet is visible, is mandatory.
- Only the three heaviest pieces per team are allowed at the official scale. Female anglers are allowed to bring one piece to the scale, the same for junior anglers.

8. Protests

- Any participant can file a protest against another team for rule violations. Protests must be submitted in writing with evidence within one hour after the weigh-in.
- The protest committee will be comprised of tournament officials who will have the final decision on any dispute.

9. Delays and Cancellations due to Weather

- The safety of participants is paramount. In the event of severe weather, the tournament may be delayed, rescheduled, or canceled.
- Participants will be notified of any weather advisories, and it is the responsibility of each captain to decide whether to continue fishing.

10. Prizes and Awards

- Awards will be given for:
 - The heaviest dorado by teams
 - The best female angler
 - The best junior angler (under 18 years)



- The Fecop award for the winning team's crew
- A junior or female angler has the option to win all prizes if they catch the heaviest fish.
- All winners are subject to verification by the tournament committee; any cheating will result in disqualification and possible legal action.

11. Liability

- Participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the tournament organizers, sponsors, and their affiliates from any claims for injuries, losses, or damages.
- All participants are responsible for securing their own boats and are advised to have liability insurance.

12. Sponsorship and Media

- The tournament may have media coverage, and by registering, participants grant the organizers the right to use any photographs or videos for promotional purposes.
- Sponsors may have their logos displayed on participants' boats, clothing, and tournament materials.

13. Environmental Responsibility

- Participants are expected to maintain cleanliness and avoid polluting the marine environment.
- All boats must be equipped with trash receptacles, and any act of littering will result in penalties.

14. Mandatory Captain's Meeting

- A pre-tournament meeting will be held for all captains, where:
 - Rules will be reviewed
 - Weather will be discussed
 - Any questions will be answered
- **Attendance is mandatory for at least one representative from each team.**
 - **Meeting Day:** Friday, October 25
 - **Meeting Time:** 5 PM
 - **Location:** Terrazas del Pacífico

15. Tournament Discretion

- The tournament director reserves the right to make final decisions on any matters not specifically covered by the rules. Any changes to the rules will be announced during the Captain's Meeting.

Note: These rules are extensive and provide a comprehensive framework for the tournament. All participants must thoroughly review the official rules provided by the tournament organizers. Compliance with these rules is mandatory for participation in the Pura Pesca Dorado Derby.