



## GENERAL RULES

1. The Sport Fishing Events "DOS MARES BAJA CALIFORNIA" is composed of 2 independent Tournaments with a guaranteed prize purse for each, the first tournament will be held on the coast of the Gulf of California in the port of San Felipe, Municipality of San Felipe, B.C. on June 14 and 15, the second tournament will be held on the coast of the Pacific Ocean, in the Municipality of San Quintín, B.C. on August 30 and 31.
  
2. Each of the tournaments will be won by the team that registers the highest cumulative weight in pounds derived from the sum of their 1 largest species in the SURFACE FISH Class and their 1 largest species from the BOTTOM FISH Class.
  - SPECIES that will only be accepted as SURFACE FISH on the Scales: Yellowtail, Corvina, White seabass, Yellowfin Tuna, Albacore, Big Eye, Dorado, Bonito, Roosterfish, Sierra, Wahoo, Marlin, Sailfish, Swordfish and only species on scales with a minimum weight of 6 (Six) pounds will be accepted; while, in the case of Billfish in general, the minimum accepted weight will be 90 pounds. Species that are not described here will not be accepted, in addition to species that are prohibited or subject to protection by the competent authority.
  - SPECIES that will only be accepted as BOTTOM FISH at the Scales: Leopard grouper, Sawtail grouper, Spotted cabrilla, Goldspotted sandbass, Calico/Kelp bass, Barred sandbass, Star studded grouper and Gulf Coney, Sheephead and Mexican hogfish, Rockfish, Halibut, Whitefish, Lingcod, Snapper and Triggerfish, as long as they have a minimum weight of 6 (six) pounds. Species that are not described here will not be accepted, as well as those that are described exclusively for the Catch and Release class (see point number 7), in addition to species that are prohibited or subject to protection by the competent authority.
  
3. Table of prizes per tournament for the top 3 teams with the highest accumulation of weights of both species (bottom and surface). In addition to the following alternate awards: (Catch and Release, Best Child, Best Female and Best Captain)

Place per tournament	Cash Prize per Tournament	Surprise Prize Per Tournament
1st	\$200,000.00 pesos	Trophy and a special prize
2nd	\$100,000.00 pesos	Trophy and a special prize
3rd	\$60,000.00 pesos	Trophy and a special prize
1st Place Catch & Release	\$30,000.00 pesos	Trophy and a special prize
1st Place Child	\$10,000.00 pesos	Trophy and a special prize
1st Place Female	\$10,000.00 pesos	Trophy and a special prize
1st place Captain	\$10,000.00 pesos	Trophy and a special prize
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$420,000.00 pesos</b>	

4. The team that has registered the highest weigh-in of the two tournaments, will obtain the official representation of the State of Baja California in the next National Sport Fishing Championship "BIG GAME TROLLING" organized by the National Federation of Sport Fishing, A.C. to be held in 2025, (place and date to be determined). The second best team with the highest weight in both tournaments will receive a direct registration pass to the "BISBEE'S OFFSHORE" Tournament to be held in Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S. from October 14 to 19, in addition to a support of \$30,000 pesos, for general travel expenses. For these winning teams, the weigh-in pounds generated by one team is not transferable to another, even if there is a change of team members from one tournament to another, there will have to be at least one constant fisherman from the starting team for the weigh-in sum, in addition to maintaining the same team name that registered in the first tournament. In the event of a tie, it will be defined by the team that presented its best time record, that is, that weighed –in first at the scales.

5. The base registration will have a cost per team of \$7,000 pesos (Seven thousand Pesos per tournament, with the right to have on the boat up to 5 (five) anglers plus the Captain (total of 6 people), in case you need to take more anglers on the boat, you can add up to 3 additional anglers, as long as the regulatory capacity of your boat allows it and you must make an extra payment as described below: With 1 extra fisherman \$1,000.00 pesos; with 2 extra fishermen \$1,600.00 pesos; and with 3 extra fishermen \$2,200.00 pesos. Maximum total per boat is 9 people.



6. There will be optional "Jackpots" in each tournament in the two categories of species, and in case there is no winning team in any of them, the purse will be accumulated for the next tournament, therefore, the teams that have participated in the "JACKPOT" and in case it is declared as void, will have to re-enter the different "Jackpots" of their choice at the next tournament, paying the corresponding fee. Cost options for "Silver Bottom Fish" species \$2,000 pesos "Gold Bottom Fish" \$3,000 pesos costs for "Silver Surface Fish" species \$2,000 pesos "Gold Surface Fish" \$3,000 pesos.

7. In order to promote the sustainability of marine resources, there will be a special prize for each tournament for the Catch and Release class. The winning team will be the one that presents the highest number of videos with live released captures of the 3 species that participate: Gulf Grouper, Broomtail Grouper, and Black Sea Bass. The videos may be mixed between one species and another, these species do not enter the regular tournament, that is, they are only valid for this class and will not be accepted at the scales

The video must present an angle where the entire body of the fish can be seen, in order to identify it through its different fins or characteristic features of the species; Preferably rotate the body so that the complete fish can be seen, in addition, it should be seen alive, with the characteristics that this entails (upright fins, fresh general appearance, hydrated eyes) and a small short video where the release of the same is seen where it shows recovery and swimming conditions.

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8. All the people on board the boat must be registered in the tournament and have their Mexican sport fishing license printed, which can be purchased online at the link: <https://tramites.ebajacalifornia.gob.mx/ventanillaunica/tramites/pesca>

9. The format of this tournament is for teams and, at all times, the official representative regarding the registration format will be the person who may claim any type of situation that may arise regarding registration, weigh-in, award or official protest, by addressing "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE". Once a team is officially registered, with its name and folio, that information can no longer be modified.

10. With the aim of promoting family coexistence, gender inclusion and instilling the activity in the new generations, in this sense, there will be the option for the teams to be integrated in a mixed way with women, children from 8 to 14 years old and adults in general. Because the award is per team, in case the team wins from 1st to 3rd place, a cash prize incentive of both the woman and the child participant of \$10,000 pesos each will be recognized and given to the child participant. (1st place Female, 1st place Child) and in the event that women or children are not participating in the first three places as a team, this incentive will be given to the next best-positioned team that integrates a woman or a child. The woman or child does not have to catch the fish but merely be on the team.

11. In order for the registration to be fully valid, the official representative of the team will have to present himself on the day of the registration of the tournament to cover the full payment of the registration and, if applicable, with the sum of the Jackpot that he has chosen. It is mandatory that you present the current sport fishing licenses of each of the people who will be registered on the boat, once you comply with everything, you will be given a completed registration receipt, as well as the official rules and regulations and wristbands with the team number assigned by the tournament.

12. The ruling of "THE JUDGE OF THE SCALES" and, if applicable, of "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" that for the purposes of the Championship, is unappealable, contempt or lack of respect for it may be cause for disqualification.

13. It is the obligation of all participants to be carefully aware of the Rules and Regulations, and that at least one representative of the team is present at the captains' meeting, otherwise, the team accepts the agreements of said meeting, including those that imply modifications to these regulations.

14. The fishing equipment to be used will be freely chosen, as well as the type of line, except for the use of electronic reels, which are not allowed.

15. It will be the responsibility of each participating team that, through its official representative, presents its catches on the scales, which after being registered will be returned to them. In the case of capture and release videos, the representative must notify the organizers that they have videos and present them at the registration table that will be reviewed.



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16. The weighing registration desk will give the team representative his/her weighing receipt, and it will be the representative's responsibility to verify that the information (team number, weighing time, weight and score) is correct, so no subsequent modifications will be accepted, except in the event of an error in the registration system, for which the team representative must present the original copy of the weigh slip in question.

17. During fishing, once the fish bites the bait or lure and hooks up, it must be fought and brought to the boat with no other assistance than the reel, rod and line. No one will be able to help the fisherman while he fights the fish, they will only be able to help him with a net or gaff to get it on the boat. For bottom fishing, a single rod with a hook should be used, as long as this is not the lure, it being understood that, for trolling or casting, lures are usually used with one or two hooks.

18. Specimens will not be weighed as a courtesy, and only one fish per fishing category will be weighed for each team, which must be chosen by the team. For the award, the total weight resulting from the sum in pounds of the two species presented (one of the bottom and one of the surface) will be taken into account and, in the event of a tie, it will be decided in favor of the team that has first weighed in its catch before "THE JUDGE OF SCALES", likewise, The Scale Judge may request the video and photographs from the team representative at the time of weighing, in order to clear up any doubts observed.

19. In order to register the catches, the teams must appear in person before "THE JUDGE OF THE SCALES", showing their registration wristband. It is forbidden to present catches that arrive at the weighing area by land, even due to outside forces or unfortunate events.

20. Boats will depart at 6:00 a.m., the scale will open at 1:30 p.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. "THE SCALE JUDGE" will not receive, or weigh, any fish after the scale has been closed according to the official tournament clock, once the scale is closed, only anglers who are already in line or line waiting for their weigh-in will be registered. There will be an official clock in a place visible to all, by which the judge and the competing teams will be governed.

21. "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" IS NOT responsible for any accident that the competing teams had before, during and after the tournament, therefore, the participating teams and fishermen with their boats will enter the competition AT THEIR OWN RISK.

22. The tournament may be cancelled when it is due to outside forces, it may be due to bad weather or due to port closure by the competent authority, prioritizing at all times the integrity of the participants and the general public.

23. All teams must have digital video of at least 25 seconds fighting the fish, and the moment of capture getting it on the boat where the complete fish is visible AT ALL times for at least 7 seconds, the video must be configured with correct date and time and must be observed in it, the assigned team code (printed number for the boat AND the fisherman's bracelet), as well as two photographs of the catches presented on the scales, this, in case of any formal protest, or for the simple doubt of "THE JUDGE OF SCALES", who may apply the appropriate sanctions in case of confirming any fault, however, in the event that the participating team presents a video of less time than that established in this rule, it will not be a reason for disqualification as long as it complies with the fishing content requested in this rule and there is no doubt that the catch and technique in the fishing task is correct and legal.

24. The teams that win from 1st to 3rd place, winners of Jackpot's and first place for women and children, are obliged to present and deliver to the official committee of the tournament, the video and photographs already referred to, which will be reviewed 30 minutes after the last team at the scales has registered its catches; The names of the teams and/or their representatives who must present the files at the review table will be announced within 30 minutes after the official weigh-in closes, so all teams that have weigh-in catches have the strict obligation to remain in the weighing area; Teams that do not meet this requirement will be disqualified, that is, without the right to awards and scores, in case any team is disqualified for the aforementioned causes, the evidence of fishing of the 4th or even the 6th place may be received, otherwise, the prize will be declared void.

25. Any team that has any disagreement or detects any irregularity committed by a participant of another team, must report it personally with the evidence that can be shown to prove its complaint presented in writing in an official protest format assigned by the official committee and signed no later than 30 minutes after the closing of the scale, accompanied by a deposit of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Pesos 00/100 m.n.) 1.



"THE SCALE JUDGE" and/or "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" that is constituted for this purpose, will have the obligation to carry out the pertinent investigations, and, where appropriate, sanction the offense before the award ceremony. In the event that the complaint is admissible, the deposit made will be refunded. In the case of verification of the digital files presented as evidence, "THE SCALE JUDGE" and/or "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" or a representative of the latter, and a representative of the complaining team and a representative of the team identified as responsible for the fault, must be present. "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" will prepare a resolution document of the protest, which must have the autograph signatures of the participants. The lack of signatures of the complaining team or the designated team in no way nullifies the ruling.

26. By order of the Secretary of the Navy (SEMAR), as well as for your own safety, it is mandatory to bring on board the boat safety equipment, VHF radio turned on and tuned to the previously assigned frequency, which is the one authorized for all tournaments. Participating teams must refrain from misusing radio communication equipment with the understanding that the person(s) who are identified misusing the radio will be severely sanctioned, both by SEMAR and by the tournament committee.

27. The participating team that is caught committing any of the faults contemplated as grounds for disqualification, will automatically be out of the competition, as well as its members individually. All the captures that have been registered will be out of the event and depending on the offense committed, the Official Judge and the Organizing Committee may completely ban from the Dos Mares Baja California tournaments.

28. Disqualification may be decreed by "THE SCALE JUDGE" and/or by "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE"

### **Grounds For Disqualification**

- (A) Break the rules and conditions of the tournament, and the provisions written in this text.
- (B) Rest the rod on the gunwale or rod holder of the boat while fighting the fish.
- (C) Present the fish in a state of decomposition or with signs of having been frozen.
- (D) Allowing persons not registered in the tournament to fish on the boat, this infraction will result in the disqualification of all catches found in the vessel where the infraction was committed, including those already registered, as well as the registered team contestant(s) who have been on board.
- (E) Fishing by hand, i.e. without a rod and reel which is the symbol of the sport fisherman, or with electric reels.
- (F) Exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct.
- (G) Submit to the scale any fish not caught by the same team or by any person not registered in the tournament, or has been acquired in any other way.
- (H) Other causes not contemplated, which, due to their seriousness in the opinion of "THE JUDGE OF SCALES" and/or "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE", go against the sporting spirit of fishing.
- (I) By appropriate complaint.