



**2017 UMSHoF CELEBRITY FISHING TOURNAMENT
OFFICIAL RULES
OFFSHORE**

GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. DATE/TIME OF TOURNAMENT: Final tournament registration and Captain's meeting will be held Friday, June 23, 2017 at Founders Park MM 87 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The official fishing day is Saturday, June 24, 2017. Fishing will begin with lines in the water at 8:00am.

2. RULES: Unless otherwise stated in these rules, IGFA rules apply throughout the tournament. Rules of the road are to be followed at all time and are the boat captain's responsibility. All boats, anglers, crews and guests will fish at their own risk.

3. FISHING LICENSE: All participating anglers must possess a Florida Saltwater Fishing License valid on the day of fishing. The only exception to this rule is for those anglers fishing on a charter boat where the charter boat's license covers its paying anglers. Proper state registration of the boat is the responsibility of the boat captain. All Offshore boats are required to have a current Federal Tuna Permit, or the Highly Migratory Species Permit (HMSP) in the event you weigh Tuna. Permits can be obtained through the NMFS at 888-872-8862 or www.nmfspermits.com).

4. CAPTAIN/ANGLER MEETING: Final registration and Kick-off Party will be held on Friday, June 23, 2017 at Founders Park, MM 87 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, with the Captain's meeting at approximately 7:30 pm. All participating captains and anglers must be present. **The tournament committee reserves the right to make changes to the rules and/or the terms and conditions of this tournament verbally or in writing at the time of the meeting.** Anglers are responsible for being properly informed of all rules of the tournament.

5. WEATHER CONDITIONS: In the event of unsafe weather conditions, the tournament committee may choose to postpone the tournament or cancel the tournament, however there will be no refunds of entry fees. Any portion of the day's fishing will constitute the tournament. Captains are ultimately responsible for their crew, anglers and guests and should make the decision as to safe sea conditions for their team.

6. RELEASE OF LIABILITY: Hold Harmless: All registered anglers, celebrities and non-registered occupants of their boats enter and participate in this University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame Celebrity Dolphin Tournament voluntarily and at their own risk. In consideration for the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame's acceptance of his or her entry, each registered angler, celebrity and participant for his or her heirs, executors, and administrators, agrees to release, hold harmless and indemnify the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame, its officers, managers, directors, agents, polygraph examiners, sponsors, donors, the city and county where the event is held, and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the tournament, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, fees or expenses which he or she may have against any above-described party, or which his or her captains, crew members, celebrities, family members, companions or non-registered occupants of their boat may have, arising out of or in any way connected with his or her participation in this Tournament, including any injury or death suffered by any registered angler, boat captains, crew members, family members, celebrities, companions or other occupants of any boat, and including any damage to vessels and equipment, which occurs during or in conjunction with the event. Each registered angler understands and agrees that this release specifically includes and waives any claims based on libel, slander, negligence, action or inaction of any above-named party. Each registered angler further understands and agrees that this release specifically includes and waives any claims arising from the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame's use of any photographs and from the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame's administration of or interpretation of any polygraph. By entering the Tournament and being a registered angler, mate, captain, celebrity or volunteer participant you agree to follow the Tournament Rules and that the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame and/or its sponsors may use, without payment or restriction, any photographs, including video, in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. Anglers, celebrities captains and crew may be required to sign a "RELEASE FORM" prior to participation.

OFFSHORE DIVISION RULES:

- 1. TYPE OF TOURNAMENT:** This is an angler's tournament. Substitution of angler(s) will only be accepted prior to "lines in". All eligible species (Dolphin, Tuna (blackfin & yellowfin), Kingfish and Wahoo) must be entered for official weigh-in in the presence of the angler who caught it. Fishing equipment cannot consist of nets or spears. All other legal equipment for taking salt-water fish is allowed.
- 2. BOUNDARIES:** All fishing must be done in US waters only; TEAMS MAY NOT ENTER BAHAMIAN WATERS.
- 3. ELIGIBLE FISH:** Dolphin, Tuna, Kingfish and Wahoo are the only species of fish eligible for prizes. All fish presented for weigh-in must be in fresh, edible condition and caught that tournament day. Minimum acceptable fish weight of 10 pounds is required for entry in the tournament. Any fish over 25 lbs. may be cut open. Fish must be delivered to the weigh station by car or walk-up ONLY. All tournament winners may be subject to a polygraph test and must be present at 5:30 pm Saturday. No mutilated fish (based on the tournament committee's opinion) will be accepted. The tournament committee and its directors urge all participating anglers to release those fish not to be entered into the tournament. The release of fish should be in keeping with the best conservation methods to ensure continued life.
- 4. BILLFISH:** Billfish are not eligible for entry into the tournament and should be released unharmed. Any angler bringing a billfish into the weigh station shall forfeit any claim he/she may have to tournament prizes.
- 5. WEIGH IN:** The weigh station opens at 4:00 pm and closes at 6:00 pm Saturday, June 24 at Founders Park MM 87. No fish will be accepted after 6:00 pm Saturday. **ALL FISH MUST BE BROUGHT IN BY CAR. NO BOATS WILL BE ALLOWED TO DOCK AT FOUNDERS PARK.** If due to time constraints the weigh-in is not completed by 6:00 pm, an angler must be standing in line and acknowledged by either the weigh master or a judge prior to 6:00 pm in order to have a fish weighed. Any fish brought to the scale after the close of the weigh-in will not be eligible for a prize.
- 6. JUNIOR DIVISION:** Any angler age **under the age of 17** may fish in the Junior Division. Junior anglers will still be eligible for all other awards. Entry in the Junior Division is voluntary and must be declared on the entry form to entitle the angler to win Junior Division awards. An adult registered angler must accompany junior anglers.
- 7. AWARDS:** Prizes will be awarded for 1st Place heaviest Dolphin, 2nd Place heaviest Dolphin, 3rd Place heaviest Dolphin, 4th Place heaviest Dolphin, and 5th Place heaviest Dolphin and will be determined by the weight of a single fish. The "King of Fish" prize will be awarded for the heaviest fish overall of the **other** eligible species (**Tuna, Kingfish and Wahoo – NO Dolphin**). The judges have full discretion to disqualify any fish believed not to meet the rules of this tournament. All decisions made by the judges as to eligibility of a fish for weigh-in is final. The judge has the right to inspect and mark all fish presented for weigh-in and inspection may be done by any means necessary. Any protest concerning conduct or rules violation must be filed in writing with the tournament judges prior to the close of weigh-in. All anglers that may be eligible for prizes must be present on the tournament premises at 5:30 pm for a possible polygraph test. All decisions of the judges on rules questions are final. In the event of a tie in weight, the winner will be determined by the earliest weigh-in time.
- 8. OPTIONAL ADDED VALUE CATEGORIES:** The tournament will offer two additional "optional added value" categories for registered Offshore boats. All tournament rules apply. Fees to enter these optional categories are on a per-boat basis and are in addition to the tournament boat entry fees. Participating boats must register for the optional added value categories of their choice at or before tournament registration. Fifteen percent (15%) of the gross entry fee in each category will be donated to the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame. The remaining eighty-five percent (85%) will be awarded and divided in each category as described in Rules #9 and 10 below. Actual cash prize amounts of each category are dependent on the number of boats entering that category. All prizes will be paid by check at the awards presentation.
- 9. BUCKET OF BUCKS:** "Bucket of Bucks" optional added value category entry fee is **\$150 per Offshore boat**. Awards for the "Bucket of Bucks" will be distributed for first, second and third places on a fifty percent (50%), thirty percent (30%) and twenty percent (20%) basis respectively. The winners will be determined by the heaviest combined weight of **any three (3) Dolphin** caught during the fishing day. **No other species will be eligible**. A ten-pound minimum weight will be in effect. The judges have the same discretion to disqualify any Dolphin that falls outside of the rules listed above. This competition is completely voluntary and only those Offshore boats that have paid the \$100.00 by 8:00pm on Friday, June 23th are eligible to win the prize.
- 10. MASTER OF THE OCEAN:** The "Master of the Ocean" optional added value category entry fee is **\$300 per Offshore boat**. The award for the "Master of the Ocean" will be distributed on a **Winner-Take-All** basis. The winner will be determined by the heaviest combination of eligible fish weighed (**Dolphin, Tuna, Kingfish and Wahoo**). A ten pound minimum weight will be in effect for all eligible species. No more than three (3) of each eligible fish species per boat (a maximum of 12 fish) will count toward the total weight. This competition is completely voluntary and only those Offshore boats that have paid the \$100.00 by 8:00pm on Friday, June 24th are eligible to win the prize.