

1ST REGISTRATION AND TEAMS

ARTICLES

The teams in competition must be composed of a minimum of two (2) elements and a maximum of eight (8) elements.

Additional anglers 50€ each.

2ND CAPTAINS' MEETING

ARTICLE

2.1 - The Captains' meeting will be held on the day before the 1st day of the competition, at a place and time to be designated. (see event program).

2.2 - The presence of the Team Captain and/or his representative is essential.

2.3 - Its absence implies the automatic acceptance of all aspects or any specific changes to the regulation decided at the meeting.

2.4 - The organization will provide all the necessary information and clarifications and will deliver to each team the documents related to the event.

A bag containing the following documents:

RACE REGULATIONS

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

ITS CONSTITUTION AND DAILY CHANGES TO EXIST

CATCH REGISTRATION FORM (one for each day of the Race) RACE

CODE

UNLOADING LOCATION

2.5 - The registration fee is €300 per team. (boats without omni sonar)

- The registration fee is €1500 per team. (boats with omni sonar)

REGULATIONS

2.6 - The deadline for registration is up to fifteen (15) days from the start of the event.

2.7 - Payment is made to the Clube Naval de Ponta Delgada, in cash, check or bank transfer or deposit at the banking institution mentioned below:

Banco Espírito Santo dos Açores

Clube Naval de Ponta Delgada

IBAN - PT50 0160 0100 0059 7960

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2.8 - The proof, referring to the name of the team and the event, must be sent by Postal Mail or E-mail to the Headquarters of the Clube Naval de Ponta Delgada:

Clube Naval de Ponta Delgada
Av. Dr. João Bosco Mota
Amaral 9500-771 São Pedro
Azores - Portugal
Email: azoresbgt2026@gmail.com
Cc: geral@cnpdl.pt

2.9 - The Captain and/or his representative are the only links of contact with the Jury of the event for the purpose of validating the catches.

3RD MODALITY OF THE TEST

ARTICLE

3.1 - The race is exclusively trolling and will take place in three (3) heats on different days.

3.2 - The event is open to the following species:

Blue Marlin	Blue Marlin	Makaira Nigricans
White Marlin	White Marlin	Tetrapturus Albidus
Swordfish	Sword Fish	Xiphias Gladius
Imperial Needle	Long Bill Spear Fish	Tetrapturus Pfuegeri
	Roundscale Spear Fish	Tetrapturus Georgi
Bluefin Tuna	Blue Fin Tuna	Thunnus Thynnus
Bigeye Tuna	Big Eye Tuna	Thunnus Obesus
Tuna Gall aft	Yellow Fin Tuna	Thunnus Albacares
Albacore Tuna	Albacore Tuna	Thunnus Alalunga
Mahi Mahi	Dolphin Fish	Coryphaena Equiselis / Hippurs
Mackerel of India	Wahoo	Acanthocybium Solandri
Mannequin Shark	Mako Shark	Isurus Oxyrinchus

3.3 - Billfish that meet the conditions are accepted for classification and scoring mentioned in the table attached to point 9.

3.4 - The event is governed by the IGFA Fishing Rules and Regulations, so rods, carts, lines, hooks, terminals, mounts, etc., such as fishing procedures and action, must be in accordance with the IGFA Rules.

REGULATIONS

3.5 - We highlight the following aspects for clarification:

(A) **The resistance of the Reel Line cannot exceed 130 Lbs (60 Kg).**

(B) The test is trolling, with artificial Lures.

(C) **Live or Dead baits are not allowed.**

3.6 - Only RAPALA type artificial specimens may, exceptionally, have double hooks or triples.

3.7 - The organization may, whenever there is a validation of a capture, request the delivery of the equipment used in the capture of a specimen, in order to verify that it complies with the IGFA rules.

3.8 - The organization may also request the Captain of any team to authorize his presence on board (or element assigned by him), during the race. (*)

3.9 - Refusal implies the disqualification of the team in question. (see point 13)

4TH AREA OF THE TEST

ARTICLE

4.1 - There is no limit imposed on the fishing area.

4.2 - Vessels must obviously compete within the area conferred by the class in which they are registered.

5TH JURY/DIRECTION OF THE TEST

ARTICLE

5.1 - The Jury is made up of five (5) elements, the Race Director, and four elements, to be assigned, being a representative of the teams (Team Captain).

5.2 - The Race Direction will consist of the Race Director, and four stewards.

6TH TIME OF THE TEST

ARTICLE

6.1 - Start at 08:00 am and arrival at 17:00 pm.

7º OBLIGATIONS OF THE TEAMS

ARTICLE

7.1 - It is the responsibility of the teams to know and apply the IGFA Rules and Regulations, and to apply the rules expressed in these Regulations.

7.2 - It is mandatory to inform via VHF:

(A) All catches must be reported with respect to the area where they were made (Geographical Coordinate Position) species and quantities.

(B) The call frequency to be used will be the one that corresponds to Channel 16. The working frequency to be used will be the one corresponding to Channel 12.

7.3 - The service station will be: ESTAÇÃO COSTEIRA AÇORES

- The name of the team in combat (start time of the combat)
- Geographical Coordinate Position.
- The name of the Fisherman in combat.
- The End of Combat, valid capture or not (time of the end of combat).
- The capture of a fish is indicated by raising the respective flag.

7.4 - It is mandatory to present to the Race Direction (Jury) the Catch Form completed and signed by the Team Captain and the identifying Video Record, which proves the catches of the Billfish.

8TH VIDEO RECORDS

ARTICLE

8.1 - Fish catches are only validated by the Race Direction after viewing in video recording:

(A) Video record where the Code of each sleeve is visible.

- Video recording of the beginning of the fight.
- Video recording where a team member is visible touching the terminal, and the fan touching the wind-on leader, passing the terminal passer of the fishing rod.
- Video recording of the moment of liberation.

(B) Failure to comply with point (A) makes it impossible for the Race Direction to validate the capture.

(C) All rights to the videos and photographs delivered to the organization are owned by same.

9TH CLASSIFICATION AND SCORING

ARTICLE

9.1 - Fish that meet the conditions mentioned in the table attached to points 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5 are accepted for classification and Scoring.

9.2 - The final team classification will be established by the sum of the total score of the fish scores.

9.3 - For classification purposes, the following scores will apply.

TABLE OF BILLFISH

COMMON NAME		Points for Release
Blue Marlin	Nakaira Nigricans	400
White Marlin	Tetrapturus Albidus	150
Spear Fish	Kajika Audax	200
Swordfish	Xiphias Gladius	500

TABLE OF TUNA KILLED

COMMON NAME		Points per 1/2 Kg	P e s Min. kg
Bluefin Tuna	Thunnus Thynnus	1	60
Bigeye Tuna	Thunus Obesus	1	20
Tuna Gall Re	Thunnus Albacares	1	20
Albacore Tuna	Thunnus Alalunga	1	10

TABLE OF OTHER SPECIES

COMMON NAME		Points per 1/2 Kg	P e s Min. kg
Mahi Mahi	Coryphaena Equiselis	1	5
Wahoo	Acanthocybium Solandri	1	15
Mako Shark	Isurus Oxyrinchus	1	20

9.4 - Chickpeas caught and killed will be disqualified, unless it is well demonstrated (video) that resuscitation is not possible, and will then receive the same score as if they had been released.

It is also considered the hypothesis that, having been killed, he is a record, in weight (according to IGFA rules), he will also be scored as released.

9.5 - Tunas and other species, other than billfish, if caught and released will receive a score of 150 Points.

10TH CLASSIFICATION OF THE RACE

ARTICLE

10.1 - The final classification will result from the sum of the points obtained in the total of the three (3) days of fishing.

11TH TIEBREAKER

ARTICLE

11.1 - In case of a tie in the score, the tiebreaker will be made using the following criteria:

- (a) Number of Fish Released
- (b) Time of the 1st Marlin (Blue or White) that draws;
- (c) Time of the 1st fish of the tie;
- (d) Draw.

12TH PENALTIES

ARTICLE

12.1 - Any team in any of the heats that arrives at the finish line after the stipulated time will be penalized with 10 points for every fifteen (15) minutes of delay.

12.2 - Delays caused by aid to damaged vessels will not be penalized, provided that they are duly proven.

13th DISQUALIFICATION

ARTICLE

13.1 - Refusals to Points (3.8 – 3.9).

13.2 - Deliberate violations of these regulations, lack of education and improper behaviour are also grounds for disqualification.

14th DISQUALIFICATION

ARTICLE

14.1 - Any protest must be addressed to the Race Direction (Jury), in writing accompanied by the amount of €250 (two hundred and fifty euros), refundable if the protest is considered to be valid by the Race Jury.

14.2 - Protests can only be submitted under the previous conditions stipulated until 30 (thirty) minutes after the presentation of the classification of each heat or final.

14.3 - The Examination Panel, after presenting the written protest, will make an irrevocable and definitive decision within a reasonable period.

15 GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE

15.1 - The organization had a Sports insurance, according to the existing sports rules for sports events in the national territory.

15.2 - The organization may exceptionally make modifications to the Regulation, and must in this case, present them in time to the Team Captains.

15.3 - The Organization reserves the right of admission upon acceptance of registrations.

15.4 - Size Record, it is very predictable the establishment of IGFA Size Records, where it is necessary to comply with the provisions of the IGFA Regulation (Rules and Requirements for All-Tackle Length World Records)