

2009 Beyond The Breakwater TYD Tournament Rules

1. General Conduct

- a. **Use of IGFA rules for fly-fishing** (see: <http://www.igfa.org> or the tournament website for a copy of the IGFA rules):
 - i. **All fish counted for score must be caught using IGFA-compliant fly-fishing tackle.** In particular, leader tippet material or pre-made leaders must comply with IGFA tippet classes (10kg /22lb class or less), and leader construction must meet IGFA requirements for materials and dimensions.
 - ii. **All fish counted for score must be caught using IGFA-approved fly-fishing techniques**
 - iii. **Other tackle types and techniques may be used to locate fish or bring fish within fly-casting range**, as long as they comply with applicable state and federal fishing regulations. **Any fish caught using non-fly-fishing tackle or using techniques that do not comply with IGFA fly-fishing rules will not be counted for score.**
- b. **Only contestants are allowed to fly-fish on vessels participating in the tournament.** Other people on board are allowed to assist in rigging tackle, setting out and clearing trolling lines, chumming or teasing fish, bringing the fish aboard, measuring, photographing, tagging and releasing fish, and may operate the boat. They are also allowed to fish for themselves with conventional or spinning tackle. However, they may not fly-fish, and they may not cast or retrieve the fly for contestants, nor handle a contestant's rod, reel, line or leader while fighting a fish.
- c. All competing vessels must conform to California and USCG safety regulations.
- d. All contestants must follow applicable Californian and Mexican fishing and boating regulations.
- e. Any participant who is cited for a fishing regulation violation or a boating regulation violation will be disqualified.
- f. **Unsportsmanlike conduct, as determined by the Tournament Director, will be grounds for disqualification.**

2. Tournament Proceedings

- a. We must receive your registration form and entry fee by **11:59pm Friday July 31, 2009.**
- b. **This is a team event. All contestants on a boat are considered to be on one team.**
 - i. Each team member must register separately. When registering, the team member must identify which boat or team they are a part of.
 - ii. **All contestants are required to sign and return a liability release and waiver** to the Tournament Director by the end of the Contestants Meeting (see 2.d). This form is included on the entry form, or downloadable from the tournament website.
 - iii. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded to teams; the team members are responsible for determining how the prizes will be divided.
 - iv. Teams may use a captain or guide.
- c. **All teams must send a representative to the Contestants Meeting.** The Meeting will be held in the DeAnza Room of **The Dana on Mission Bay**, 1710 W. Mission Bay Dr., San Diego, CA 92109 (619) 222-6440, at 7:00p PDT on Friday, August 7, 2009. The purpose of this meeting is to collect outstanding liability waivers, review the rules, answer any questions, distribute tags and tally cards (see 2.i), and take care of any last-minute logistics. **If we have not received signed liability waivers for all team members by the end of the meeting, that team will not be allowed to compete.**
- d. Boats may leave for their fishing areas any time after the Contestants Meeting. However, they may not start fishing until "Lines In" time, which is **6:00am PDT August 8, 2009.**
- e. **Fishing is only allowed in legal fishing areas outside of harbors.** "Outside of harbors" means anything outside the harbor entrance line as shown on NOAA navigation charts for the harbor in question.
- f. All teams must have a representative check-in at the Tournament Control Center by **4:00pm PDT August 8, 2009.** Teams will lose 10% of their points for every 5 minutes or portion thereof that they are late. The Tournament Control Center will be located at the **Dana Landing Market Fuel Dock**, which is next to the Dana Landing Launch ramp in Mission Bay.
- g. **Each team may keep and submit for score THREE FISH CAUGHT ON FLY TACKLE PER TEAM MEMBER from any of the following categories, as long as they comply with applicable fishing regulations:**
 - i. **"Tuna"** – any of the following species will be classified as Tuna: Albacore Tuna, Bigeye Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Skipjack Tuna, or Yellowfin Tuna
 - ii. **Yellowtail** – (note that California size limit will apply if the fish are caught in California waters)
 - iii. **Dorado** – Also called Mahi-mahi or dolphinfish (note that Mexican bag limits will apply if the fish are caught in Mexican waters).
- h. **Fish caught on fly tackle may not be kept unless they are being submitted for score. Fly-caught fish that will not be submitted for score may not be kept, and must be released as quickly as possible, preferably without removing them from the water.**
- i. **Once a team decides to keep a fish for score, the following process must be observed in order to receive credit:**
 - i. Each team will receive a tally card and a permanent marking pen. Also, they will be given 3 randomly-numbered tagging bands for every team member. All of these items will be distributed at the Contestants Meeting.

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- ii. As soon as possible after landing the fish, one of the tagging bands will be attached around a gill raker of the fish. **Only fish with an intact tagging band properly attached will be considered for score. NOTE: these bands cannot be removed without destroying the band.**
- iii. The team must then record the catch on the tally card using the permanent marker. For each fish, the following information will be recorded: team member who caught the fish, the category of the fish, the number of the tagging band, and the time of day the fish was landed.
- iv. The team must also take a digital picture of the fish showing the end of the tagging band. See the section below for photo requirements.
- v. **When a team has used up its tagging bands, it cannot submit any more fish for score.**
- j. Fly-caught fish injured or mutilated by seals, sharks or other animals after being hooked will not be accepted for score. However, they may be kept, and do not count against the team limit.
- k. Teams may keep fish caught on non-fly tackle during the course of the tournament without penalty.
- l. Digital photography requirements:
 - i. **All photographs must be submitted to the Tournament Scorekeepers at check-in** on one of the following media: Compact Flash; micro-, mini- or regular SDHC or SD; xD-Picture Card™; Sony Memory Stick®; or a USB Flash drive compatible with Microsoft Windows®. All photo files must be JPEG, GIF, or TIF format.
 - ii. **All photo storage media should be empty at the start of the tournament.** We do not accept responsibility for any photos on the media taken prior to the start of the tournament. However, we do encourage you to take additional photos of fish caught, team members holding fish, etc.
 - iii. **All photos become the property of Tsunami Fishing Systems.**
 - iv. All media will be returned to the team at the conclusion of the tournament.
- m. Check-in: A team will be considered “checked-in” when their photo media and tally card have been returned to the Tournament Scorekeeper at the weigh-in dock. The Tournament Scorekeeper will provide the team with a slip indicating their official check-in time. Returning vessels should drop off the required materials, and then clear the dock to make room for other teams to check in.
- n. Weigh-in:
 - i. After check-in, vessels will be called to the weigh-in dock by radio to weigh their fish. If the vessel is berthed away from the weigh-in dock, the team may transport their fish to the weigh-in dock by vehicle after berthing their boat.
 - ii. The Tournament Scorekeeper may inspect team vessels and/or tackle prior to, or during weigh-in.
 - iii. The team’s fish will be weighed, and their tagging bands inspected. If a tagging band appears to have been altered or moved from another fish, the fish will be disqualified. Tournament Scorekeepers may choose, at their sole discretion, to conduct further review of a fish based on comparisons to the tally card and digital photograph.
- o. Each team’s score will be calculated as follows:
 - i. Each fish accepted for score will receive one point for each ounce.
 - ii. Teams will be credited with one “**Slam**” each time they submit one fish from each of the three categories for score (i.e. one tuna, one dorado, and one yellowtail). Each slam will double the points of the fish in the slam.
 - iii. The total points for the team will be divided by the number of team members. **The team’s score will be the quotient, rounded DOWN to the nearest point.**
 - iv. The total number of slams will be divided by the number of team members. This is the “**Slam Average**”
- p. In the event of ties, the following criteria will be used to determine a winner, in this order: highest Slam Average, then earliest check-in time.

3. Involuntary Team Withdrawal, Event Cancellation, Protests and Dispute Resolution

- a. **Teams forced to withdraw from the tournament due to circumstance beyond their control** may apply to the Tournament Director for a partial refund of their entry fee. At the sole discretion of the Tournament Director, a 50% refund may be issued.
- b. **The Tournament Director may cancel the tournament due to safety concerns.** In the event of cancellation, 50% of the entry fees will be refunded. The balance will be kept to pay non-recoverable operating costs.
- c. **Any protests must be lodged with the Tournament Director no later than 4:30pm. The Tournament Director will investigate and rule on the protest. His decision is final.**
- d. Any disputes arising between Tsunami Fishing Systems and an entrant not resolved in these rules will be submitted to mediation under the American Arbitration Association rules for mediation. The parties agree to bear their own costs of mediation. If the dispute is not settled at Mediation, the parties may file suit in the civil trial courts of San Diego, California. This agreement will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California excepting its choice of law principals.

RULES FOR FLYFISHING

Equipment Regulations

A. LINE

Any type of fly line and backing may be used. The breaking strength of the fly line and backing are not restricted.

B. LEADER

Leaders must conform to generally accepted fly fishing customs. A leader includes a class tippet and, optionally, a shock tippet. A butt or taper section between the fly line and the class tippet shall also be considered part of the leader and there are no limits on its length, material, or strength. A class tippet must be made of nonmetallic material and either attached directly to the fly or to the shock tippet if one is used. The class tippet must be at least 15 inches (38.10 cm) long (measured inside connecting knots). With respect to knotless, tapered leaders, the terminal 15 inches (38.10 cm) will also determine tippet class. There is no maximum length limitation. A shock tippet, not to exceed 12 inches (30.48 cm) in length, may be added to the class tippet and tied to the lure. It can be made of any type of material, and there is no limit on its breaking strength. The shock tippet is measured from the eye of the hook to the single strand of class tippet and includes any knots used to connect the shock tippet to the class tippet. In the case of a tandem hook fly, the shock tippet shall be measured from the eye of the leading hook.

C. ROD

Regardless of material used or number of sections, rods must conform and cast according to generally accepted fly fishing customs and practices. A rod shall not measure less than 6 feet (1.82 m) in overall length and any rod that gives the angler an unsporting advantage will be disqualified. Overall butt length may not exceed six inches when measured from the center of the reel foot to the end of the butt. Overall butt length for two-handed or spey rods longer than 11 feet may not exceed 10 inches when measured from the center of the reel foot to the end of the butt.

D. REEL

The reel must be designed expressly for fly fishing. There are no restrictions on gear ratio or type of drag employed except where the angler would gain an unfair advantage. Electric or electronically operated reels are prohibited.

E. HOOKS

A conventional fly may be dressed on a single or double hook or two single hooks in tandem. The second hook in any tandem fly must not extend beyond the wing material. The eyes of the hooks shall be no farther than 6 inches (15.24 cm) apart. Treble hooks are prohibited.

F. LURES

The lure must be a recognized type of artificial fly, which includes streamer, bucktail, tube fly, wet fly, dry fly, nymph, popper and bug. The use of any other type of lure or natural or preserved bait, either singularly or attached to the fly, is expressly prohibited. Only a single fly is allowed. Dropper flies are prohibited. The fact that a lure can be cast with a fly rod is not evidence in itself that it fits the definition of a fly. The use of any lure designed to entangle or foul hook a fish is prohibited. No scent, either natural or artificial is allowed on flies. The use of scented material in a fly is prohibited. G.

G. GAFFS & NETS

Gaffs and nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 8 feet (2.44 meters) in overall length. (When fishing from a bridge, pier or other high stationary structure, this length limitation does not apply.) The use of a flying gaff is not permitted. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. A rope or any extension cannot be attached to the gaff.

Angling Regulations

1. The angler must cast, hook, fight, and bring the fish to gaff or net unaided by any other person. No other person may touch any part of the tackle during the playing of the fish or give aid other than taking the leader for gaffing or netting purposes. Anyone assisting a shore-bound or wading angler must be within a rods length of the angler before touching the leader or netting or gaffing the fish.
2. Casting and retrieving must be carried out in accordance with normal customs and generally accepted practices. The major criterion in casting is that the weight of the line must carry the fly rather than the weight of the fly carrying the line. Trolling a fly behind a moving water craft is not permitted. The craft must be completely out of gear both at the time the fly is presented to the fish and during the retrieve. The maximum amount of line that can be stripped off the reel is 120 feet (36.57 meters) from the fly.
3. Once a fish is hooked, the tackle may not be altered in any way, with the exception of adding an extension butt. A harness cannot be attached to the fly rod.
4. Fish must be hooked on the fly in use. If a small fish takes the fly and a larger fish swallows the smaller fish, the catch will be disallowed.
5. One or more people may assist in gaffing or netting the fish.
6. The angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is weighed.

The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
2. The act of persons other than the angler in touching any part of the rod, reel, or line either bodily or with any device during the playing of the fish, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If an obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.
3. Resting the rod on any part of the boat, or on any other object while playing the fish.
4. Handlining or using a handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
5. Intentionally foul hooking or snagging a fish.
6. Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish (including sharks and halibut) at any stage of the catch.
7. Chumming with the flesh, blood, skin, or any part of mammals.
8. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
9. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
10. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.
11. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces its length below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.
12. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.
13. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.) Any mutilation on the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying the record application.

World Record Requirements

Game fish catches can only be considered for world record status if they are caught according to International Angling Rules. Following is information on world record categories, requirements, and procedures for filing claims. An application fee of \$40 U.S. for members and \$65 U.S. for non-members is required for each claim. All materials submitted become the property of IGFA.

World Record Categories

GENERAL INFORMATION

IGFA maintains world records for both freshwater and saltwater game fishes in line class, tippet class and all-tackle categories. In order to qualify for a record, a catch must be a minimum of 1 pound (.453 kg) in weight, and must outweigh the existing record by the required amount or meet the minimum weight requirements, if any, for vacant records.

No applications will be accepted for fish caught in hatchery waters or sanctuaries. The catch must not be at variance with any laws or regulations governing the species or the waters in which it was caught.

When an additional species of game fish is made eligible for IGFA world records, the effective date will be announced. Fish caught on or after the effective date will be eligible for records. Announcement of an additional species in the *World Record Game Fishes* book or in other IGFA publications will be considered proper notification in lieu of any other notice.

ALL-TACKLE CATEGORY

All-Tackle world records are kept for the heaviest fish of a species caught by an angler in any line class up to 130 lb (60 kg). Fish caught on lines designed to test over the 130 lb (60 kg) class will not be considered for record claims.

All-tackle record claims are considered for all species of fish caught according to IGFA angling rules.

Applications for species not currently included in the IGFA line class and tippet class listings must meet the following criteria:

1. The fish must represent a valid species with a recognized scientific name.
2. The fish must be a species commonly fished for with rod and reel in the general area where the catch is made.
3. The fish must be identifiable based on photos and other supporting data presented with the application.
4. The fish must be considered "trophy-sized." A rule of thumb is that the weight must fall within the top half of the estimated maximum weight of the species.

LINE CLASS & FLY ROD CATEGORIES

Line Class records are kept according to the strength of the line. *Fly Rod world records* are maintained according to tippet strength. Each species recognized for line class records is also recognized for tippet records. Records are kept in the following line and tippet classes:

Line Classes		Tippet Classes	
Metric	U.S. Customary	Metric	U.S. Customary
1 kg	2 lb	1 kg	2 lb
2 kg	4 lb	2 kg	4 lb
3 kg	6 lb	3 kg	6 lb
4 kg	8 lb	4 kg	8 lb
6 kg	12 lb	6 kg	12 lb
8 kg	16 lb	8 kg	16 lb
10 kg	20 lb	10 kg	20 lb
15 kg	30 lb		
24 kg	50 lb		
37 kg	80 lb		
60 kg	130 lb		

With the exception of all-tackle claims, line classes are limited for many species. Following are the maximum line classes acceptable for world record purposes in each species category:

Freshwater Species

Species listed under the "freshwater" category are also eligible for world records if caught in salt or brackish water. The catch must be made in accordance with freshwater equipment regulations.

	Max. Line Class
Arawana / <i>Osteoglossum bicirrhosum</i>	10 kg (20 lb)
Barramundi / <i>Lates calcarifer</i>	37 kg (80 lb)
Barbel / <i>Barbus barbus</i>	10 kg (20 lb)
Bass, Australian / <i>Macquaria colonorum</i>	08 kg (16 lb)
Bass, largemouth / <i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	10 kg (20 lb)
Bass, rock / <i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Bass, shoal / <i>Micropterus coosae</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Bass, smallmouth / <i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	8 kg (16 lb)
Bass, spotted / <i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>	10 kg (20 lb)
Bass, striped (landlocked) / <i>Morone saxatilis</i>	24 kg (50 lb)
Bass, white / <i>Morone chrysops</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Bass, whiterock / <i>Morone saxatilis x</i> <i>Morone chrysops</i>	10 kg (20 lb)
Bass, yellow / <i>Morone mississippiensis</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Bluegill / <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Bowfin / <i>Amia calva</i>	15 kg (30 lb)
Buffalo, bigmouth / <i>Ictiobus cyprinellus</i>	37 kg (80 lb)
Buffalo, smallmouth / <i>Ictiobus bubalus</i>	24 kg (50 lb)
Bullhead, black / <i>Ameiurus melas</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Bullhead, brown / <i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Bullhead, yellow / <i>Ameiurus natalis</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Burbot / <i>Lota lota</i>	10 kg (20 lb)
Carp, common / <i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	24 kg (50 lb)
Carp, grass / <i>Ctenopharyngodon idellus</i>	37 kg (80 lb)
Catfish, blue / <i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	60 kg (130 lb)
Catfish, channel / <i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	37 kg (80 lb)
Catfish, flathead / <i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>	60 kg (130 lb)
Catfish, redbtail / <i>Phractocephalus hemiliopterus</i>	60 kg (130 lb)
Catfish, sharpnose / <i>Clarias gariepinus</i>	60 kg (130 lb)
Catfish, white / <i>Ameiurus catus</i>	10 kg (20 lb)
Char, Arctic / <i>Salvelinus alpinus</i>	15 kg (30 lb)
Crappie, black / <i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Crappie, white / <i>Pomoxis annularis</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Dolly Varden / <i>Salvelinus malma</i>	6 kg (12 lb)
Dorado / <i>Maxillosus spp.</i>	24 kg (50 lb)
Drum, freshwater / <i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>	37 kg (80 lb)
Gar, alligator / <i>Lepisosteus spatula</i>	60 kg (130 lb)
Gar, Florida / <i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	10 kg (20 lb)
Gar, longnose / <i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	37 kg (80 lb)
Gar, shortnose / <i>Lepisosteus platostomus</i>	10 kg (20 lb)
Gar, spotted / <i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i>	10 kg (20 lb)