



Note: These Rules May be Subject to Further
Revision Prior to Tournament Start

It's A Wrap Tournament 2025 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series September 19th, 20th, & 21st 2025



TOURNAMENT RULES

Aloha and Welcome to the It's a Wrap - Series Championship, the Final tournament in the 2025 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series. Mahalo for a fantastic year of fishing and fun!

FISHING DAYS AND TIMES

<u>September 19th</u>	(Friday)	7:00 AM til 4:00 PM	Green Buoy Start
<u>September 20th</u>	(Saturday)	7:00 AM til 4:00 PM	Green Buoy Start
<u>September 21st</u>	(Sunday)	7:00 AM til 4:00 PM	Green Buoy Start

BASE ENTRY CATEGORY

Base Entry is \$2000, with 75% of Base Entry paid out as Base Purse. Please refer to HMTS General Rules for the definition of a Team. A team must first pay base entry to be eligible to enter all/any optional categories.

Base Purse Payout

First	-	50%	Most total points
Second	-	30%	Second most total points
Third	-	20%	Third most total points

Scoring

The total base purse will be split and awarded to the top three teams amassing the most total points. Points are scored based on the following system.

Ahi **1 point per pound for each pound over 100 pounds**
Example— a 150-pound Ahi will be awarded 50 points.

Tagged Marlin Each **Blue or Black Marlin** will receive **165 points** per tag and release, regardless of size.

Striped Marlin will receive **100 points** per tag and release, regardless of size.

Verification of species must be clear through video taken on your personal device.
Always shoot backup video. Video must clearly show that the tag process was completed.

Weighed Marlin **Blue or Black Marlin brought to the scales 400 pounds and larger shall score 1 point per pound.**

Example— a 410-pound blue marlin will score 410 points. A 290-pound blue marlin will score ZERO points.

Sailfish and Spearfish do not qualify.

If there are no qualifying weighed or tagged fish caught in the tournament, entrants shall be entitled to receive a refund of 75% of their Base Purse Entry Fee.

TAG AND RELEASE VERIFICATION

See: HMTS General Rules *Section 2.08* *Tagging and/or Gaffing - and - Section 3 Tag and Release Requirements*

BOATED FISH

See: HMTS General Rules *Section 1.08* *Estimated Weight and Short Length*

OPTIONAL ENTRY DIVISIONS:

Optional jackpots also follow all tournament and IGFA rules.

Entrants compete only against the specific teams entered in the same categories.

87.5% of all optional jackpot entry fees will be returned as prize money. If a team does not receive a matching entry from another team in an optional category, that team shall be refunded 100% of the entry fee for that optional category. [Categories in BLUE are new in 2025.](#)

The Specific Optional Categories and Divisions are as follows:

Biggest Marlin of Tournament:	\$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,000
Biggest Marlin per Day:	\$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,000
Most Points of Tournament:	\$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,000
Most Points per Day:	\$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,000
Most TAG Points per Day:	\$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,000
Biggest Ahi of Tournament:	\$300, \$900, and \$3000
Biggest Ahi per Day:	\$100, \$300, and \$1000
Top 3 Marlin (50/30/20):	\$1000, \$2500, \$5000
First Marlin Tag&Release:	\$500
First Qualifying Blue or Black Marlin Weighed:	\$500

Rules to Win Optional Categories

There are a variety of dollar value entry levels into which a team may choose to enter. Teams compete only against the other teams entered in the same specific category and dollar level. Teams entered in the \$100 daily compete only against other teams in the \$100 daily, etc. etc.

You cannot win an optional entry category if you are not entered into that category. Likewise, you can't win a specific dollar level if you are not entered in that dollar level.

Dailies: You must enter all three days of any daily category; you may not enter just one or two.

There shall be only one place paid per category, unless there is a tie, in which case, the optional category purse will be split as outlined in the "Tiebreaker" Section.

Scoring

Blue or Black Marlin brought to the scales 400 pounds or better shall be judged on weight and/or points, depending on which optional category(s) the team qualifying the fish have entered.

In the instance(s) that points do apply, marlin 400 pounds or better shall score 1 point per pound. For example, a 400-pound marlin will score 400 points, a 412-pounder will score 412 points, etc. Marlin weighing in less than 400 pounds will receive zero points.

Every boat that takes a marlin on board must call in a short measurement to tournament control within 15 minutes of boating the fish.

Tagged Marlin

Each Blue or Black Marlin will receive 165 points per tag and release, regardless of size. Each Striped Marlin will receive 100 points per tag and release, regardless of size.

Verification of species must be clear through videos taken with your personal device. Teams should always employ many backup cameras to grab as many videos as possible. One never knows with wild animals at sea.

See: HMTS General Rules *Section 2.08* *Tagging and/or Gaffing - and - Section 3 Tag and Release Requirements*

BIGGEST MARLIN OF THE TOURNAMENT

The various entry levels for the Biggest Marlin of the Tournament shall pay the team entered in each level that catches the single largest marlin, weighing 400 pounds or better, after all three days of fishing.

Should there be a tie with two teams catching marlin that weigh the exact amount, the tie shall be split with 60% going to the team boating the first marlin, and 40% going to the team boating the second fish, according to the tournament control radio log. No more than 2 places will be paid in ties.

Should there be no marlin weighed after three days of fishing, the 87.5% purse portion shall be refunded to each team in the specific category not claimed. Tags will not be considered.

BIGGEST MARLIN PER DAY

The purse allotted for each day is awarded to the single largest marlin caught that day that meets or exceeds 400 pounds.

If no marlin 400 pounds or better is caught on Day One and/or Day Two, but there is a marlin 400 pounds or better caught on Day Three, the money allotted for Day One and Two will roll forward and be added to that allotted for Day Three. Should a marlin 400 pounds or better be weighed on Day One but not Day Two or Three, the money shall roll back and be awarded to the largest marlin of Day One.

If a marlin is weighed on two days, but not on the other day, the purse allotted for the day with no marlin will be awarded to the winners of the other two days with 60% going to the largest marlin and 40% to second largest marlin.

Should there be no marlin weighed after three days of fishing, Biggest Marlin Per Day shall NOT revert to tag and release points. The teams shall receive the option of a refund or a roll forward, of 87.5% of their entry in that daily category.

Should there be a tie with two teams catching marlin that weigh the exact amount, the tie shall be split with 60% going to the team boating the first marlin, and 40% going to the team boating the second fish, according to the tournament control radio log. No more than two places will be paid in ties.

BIGGEST AHI OF TOURNAMENT

To win this optional category, a team must weigh the biggest Ahi of the tournament that exceeds 100 pounds.

Should there be a tie with two teams catching ahi that weigh the exact amount, the tie shall be split with 60% going to the team boating the first ahi, and 40% going to the team boating the second fish, according to the radio log. No more than two places will be paid in ties.

Should there be no ahi weighed after three days of fishing, the team shall receive the option of a refund or a roll forward, of 87.5% of their entry in that daily category.

BIGGEST AHI PER DAY

The purse allotted for each day is awarded to the single largest Ahi caught that day that exceeds 100 pounds.

If no ahi is caught on Day One and/or Day Two, but there is an ahi caught on Day Three, the money allotted for Day One and Two will roll forward and be added to that allotted for Day Three. Should an ahi be weighed on Day One but not Day Two or Three, the money shall roll back and be awarded to the largest ahi of Day One.

If an ahi is weighed on two days, but not on the other day, the purse allotted for the day with no ahi will be awarded to the winners of the other two days with 60% going to the largest ahi and 40% to second largest ahi.

If any daily ahi category has fish weighed of the exact same weight, that purse shall be paid to the first fish caught, according to the radio log. There shall be no 60/40 split.

Should there be no ahi weighed in any category, the team shall receive the option of a refund or a roll forward, of 87.5% of their entry in that daily category.

MOST TAG POINTS PER DAY

The purse allotted for each day is awarded to the team with the greatest number of TAG points earned on that day. Striped, Blue and Black Marlin ONLY. Tag and release only.

Blues and Blacks score 165 points per tag. Stripes score 100 points per tag.

If no points are earned on Day One and/or Day Two, but there are points earned on Day Three, the money allotted for Day One and/or Day Two will roll forward and be added to that allotted for Day Three. Should points be earned on Day One but not Day Two or Three, the money shall roll back and be awarded to the team with the most points earned on Day One.

In the event that points are earned on two days, but not on another day, the purse allotted for the day with no points will be awarded to the winners of the other two days with 60% going to the team with the most points earned on their qualifying day and 40% to the team with the second most points earned on their qualifying day. For Tie Breakers, see below.

Should there be no marlin tagged for points in this category, the team shall receive the option of a refund or a roll forward, of 87.5% of their entry in that daily category.

MOST POINTS PER DAY

The purse allotted for each day is awarded to the team with the greatest number of points earned on that day, combining tags, scaled marlin and scaled ahi.

This scoring shall be calculated in the same manner as for the base purse – 1 point per pound for each pound above 100 pounds for ahi and 1 point per pound for marlin (400-pound minimum).

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All weighed marlin will be scored 1 point per pound if they weigh at least 400 pounds. If the marlin weighs less than 400 pounds, it will receive zero points.

Blue or Black Marlin receive 165 points for each fish tagged and released. Stripes score 100 points per tag.

If no points are earned on Day One and/or Day Two, but there are points earned on Day Three, the money allotted for Day One and/or Day Two will roll forward and be added to that allotted for Day Three. Should points be earned on Day One but not Day Two or Three, the money shall roll back and be awarded to the team with the most points earned on Day One.

In the event that points are earned on two days, but not on another day, the purse allotted for the day with no points will be awarded to the winners of the other two days with 60% going to the team with the most points earned on their qualifying day and 40% to the team with the second most points earned on their qualifying day.

TOP 3 MARLIN (50/30/20)

This optional category will be awarded to the teams who weigh the top three largest marlin during the tournament that exceed the minimum weight requirement of 400 pounds. 50% of the payout will be awarded to the team weighing the largest marlin, 30% awarded for second largest marlin, and 20% awarded for third largest marlin. In the event of a tie, awards will be distributed to the team(s) that arrived at the higher position first, reflected by boated time on the tournament radio log.

FIRST MARLIN TAGGED & RELEASED

This optional category will be awarded to the team who tags and releases the first blue or black marlin on fishing day one of the tournament, reflected by time on the tournament radio log. Only one team shall be awarded in this category for each respective division.

FIRST QUALIFYING BLUE OR BLACK MARLIN WEIGHED

This optional category will be awarded to the team who boats and weighs the first qualifying blue or black marlin of the tournament, reflected by boated time on the tournament radio log. Only one team shall be awarded in this category for each respective division.

TIEBREAKERS

Tiebreaker in Base Purse and Most Points Per Day and Most Tag Points Per Day

Tie With a Scaled Marlin

A marlin shall always take precedence over an ahi at the scales.

In the case of a tie in total points, and among the tied teams there is one or more marlin that has been qualified at the scales, the tie shall first go to the team with the largest marlin, in pounds. If the marlin tie in weight, then the particular purse shall be split 60% to the team arriving at the tie position first and 40% to the team arriving at the tie position second.

Tie With No Scaled Marlin, With Tags and With Ahi Scaled

In the case of a tie where there is no marlin scaled, but there are teams with tags and ahi, the win will go to the team with the largest ahi scaled.

In the case of a tie where there are marlin tagged and ahi, and the largest ahi on each team weighs the exact same - the decision will go to the team with the greatest number of ahi.

If the teams have the same tag points, the largest ahi weighs the exact same and the number of ahi on each boat is the same -- the win will go to the team arriving at the tie position first (according to radio logs). The second team shall take the next place down, unless the tie is for Third place.

Tie With Tag Points Only

In the case of a tie with tag points only, and there are no fish scaled, there will be no 60/40 split in the Base Purse or Optional Categories. The win will go to the team arriving at the tie position first (according to radio logs). The second team shall take the next place down, unless the tie is for Third place in the Base Purse division, in which case Third Place will go to the team arriving first at the tie position for Third Place.

Tie With Ahi Only

Should there still be a tie in points the win will go to the team with the largest single ahi.

Should there be a tie and each team's largest ahi weighs the exact same, then the win will go to the team with the greatest number of ahi.

If the team's largest ahi weighs the exact same and the number of ahi on each boat is the same, the win will go to the team arriving at the tie position first (according to radio logs). The second team shall take the next place down, unless the tie is for Third Place in the Base Purse Division.

The determination as to who arrived at the position first will be determined according to the time reflected on the radio log when the reporting team called in and reported the qualifying fish as being boated or tagged and released, in all cases. In the case of total points, the team arriving in the tie position first will be the team who caught/tagged the tying fish first.

RULES

The rules for this tournament printed herein are the It's a Wrap specific tournament rules. The 2025 Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series – General Tournament Rules, and the IGFA Saltwater Angling Rules also apply, and are separate documents found in team kits.

WITHDRAW AND REFUNDS

Should a team find that there are rules in the tournament that they do not find acceptable, they may withdraw from the tournament prior to the call of "start fishing" on Day One of the tournament. All Purse Entry Fees will be refunded but the Team Base Entry Fee shall not be refunded.

Once the tournament has started, the teams are bound by the rules identified above. Violation of one or more rules is grounds for disqualification and/or ejection from the tournament. A team may withdraw after commencement of the tournament, but all its entry fees, base and optional, shall be forfeited and remain in the purse.

In the event of any discrepancies between these rules and any information found on the tournament entry forms or on the internet (regardless of where), the rules printed and distributed in the Team Kits shall control.

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Mahalo for fishing in the 2025 It's A Wrap - Series Championship of the Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series!