## **General Information**

1. The International Sport Fishing Championship " BAJA CALIFORNIA CUP 2022" groups 4 tournaments: the first in San Luis Gonzaga on June 17 and 18, the second in Bahía de los Ángeles on July 29 and 30, the third in San Quintin on August 26 and 27 and fourth and grand final in Ensenada on September 23 and 24, the tournaments will be by team.

2. The Championship will be won by the team that obtains the most accumulated points as a result of the total sum of their participations in each of the venues. Each team will have the right to submit up to one species from surface and one species of bottom fish.

• SPECIES that will only be accepted as SURFACE: Yellowtail, Corvina, White Seabass, Yellowfin tuna, Albacore, Dorado, Bonito, Roosterfish, Sierra, Wahoo, Marlin, Sailfish, Swordfish and only fish with a minimum weight of 6 (Six) pounds will be accepted; except in the case of billfish the minimum accepted will be 100 pounds. Species that are not described here will not be accepted, in addition to species prohibited or subject to protection by the competent authority. • SPECIES that will only be accepted as bottom fish: Basses, Groupers, Black Seabass, Mexican Hogfish, Sheephead, Rockfish, Halibut, Tilefish, 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, in addition to species prohibited or subject to protection by the competent authority.

3. Table of prizes for the 5 best teams with the highest accumulation of weighing in both species (bottom and surface), by tournament in addition the 5 best teams of the entire championship will be able to obtain a direct pass to represent the State of Baja Cali fornia in the National Championship of Sport Fishing "BIG GAME TROLLING" organized by the National Federation of Sport Fishing, A.C. to be carried out in 2023, (place to be defined). The best overall team of the championship with respect to the best total score, will obtain the CHAMPION CUP in addition to a direct pass to the Tournament "BISBEE'S OFFSHORE" to be held in Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S.

Place	Cash Prize in Pesos	Prizes
1st	\$65,000.00	Champion Cup & Recognition
2nd	\$45,000.00	Recognition
3rd	\$35,000.00	Recognition
4th	\$25,000.00	Recognition
5th	\$20,000.00	Recognition
Total	\$190,000.00	

4. General scoring table by teams. (the weight of both species will be added, the biggest from the bottom fish and biggest from the surface class per team, (total 2 specimens) in addition 7 extra points will be awarded for the teams that register and participate in all 4 official venues, this as an incentive to the constancy of participation. In case of a tie to define the overall champion team, it will be decided by the team that has first presented its catches on the scale in each of the venues that participated.

Place	Points obtained
1st	31 Points
2nd	28 Points
3rd	25 Points
4th	23 Points
5th	20 Points
6th	17 Points

Place	Points obtained
7th	14 Points
8th	11 Points
9th	8 Points
10th	5 Points
From 11th-20th	3 Points

5. The base registration will have a cost per team of \$ 5,500 (Five Thousand Five Hundred Pesos M.N.) per tournament, with the right to board the boat up to 5 (five) fishermen plus the Captain (total 6 people), in case you need to take more fishermen on the boat, you can add up to 3 additional fishermen, 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 \$700.00 pesos; with 2 extra fishermen \$1,100.00 pesos; and with 3 extra fishermen \$1,600.00 pesos). Maximum total 9 people.

6. There will be a "Jackpot" at each tournament in the two categories of species, and in case there is no winning team in any of them, the bag will be accumulated for the next tournament, therefore, the teams that have participated in the "JACKPOT" and in case it is declared as deserted, will have to re-enter the "Jackpots" of their choice, paying the corresponding fee. (they are not cumulative) Cost: For biggest bottom fish species \$2,000 pesos; Cost for Surface Jackpot \$2,000 pesos.

## **Rules**

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

8. The format of this tournament is by team 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, weighing, awarding or official protest, addressing at all times before "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" and at the moment that a team is officially registered with its name and folio, you may not modify that information. The score generated by each team to achieve the overall championship is not transferable to other teams and in each of the tournaments at least there will have to be a constant fisherman of the initial team for each host tournament.

9. With the aim of promoting family coexistence, gender inclusion and instilling the activity to the new generations, there will be the option so that the teams can 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 5th place, a cash prize incentive of both the woman as well as the child participant of \$5,000 pesos will be recognized and given a cash prize incentive. (1st place Woman, 1st place child) and in case that; in the first five places as a team are not participating women or children, this incentive will be given to the next best positioned team that integrates a woman or a child.

10. In order for the registration to be fully valid, the official representative of the team will have to appear on the day of the tournament registrations to cover the total payment of the registration and, where appropriate, with the sum of the Jackpots he has chosen. You must, compulsorily, present the current sport fishing licenses of each of the people who will be registered in the boat, once complying with everything, you will be given a completed proof of registration as well as the bases and official regulations and bracelets.

11. The ruling of "THE JUDGE OF SCALE" and in its case of "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" that for the purposes of the Championship is integrated, is unappealable, whose use will be cause for disqualification.

12. It is the obligation of all participants to carefully inform themselves of the Rules and Regulations, and that at least one representative of the team is present at the Captains' Meeting, or if not, the team accepts the agreements, including those that imply modifications to these regulations.

13. The fishing equipment to be used can be fly or conventional, as well as the test of line, with the exception of electric reels.

14. It will be the responsibility of each participating team that, through its official representative, presents its catches on the scale, which after being registered will be returned to them.

15. The weighing registration table will give the team representative his proof of weighing, and it will be the responsibility of the representative to verify that the information (equipment number, weighing time, weight and score) is correct, so that subsequent modifications will not be accepted, except in case of error of the registration system, for which the team representative must present the original copy of the weighing in question.

16. During fishing, once the fish bites the bait or lure and is hooked, it must be fought and brought to the boat, with no help other than the reel, rod and line. No one will be able to help the fisherman while fighting the fish, for the fishing of bottom species a single rod with a single rigged bait should be used when it is not a lure, but it is understood that for trolling or casting the lures are usually used with one or two treble hooks.

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

18. For the registration of the catches, the teams must present themselves personally before "THE SCALE JUDGE", showing their registration bracelet. It is forbidden to present catches that reach the weighing area by land, even for reasons of boat failures or unfortunate cases.

19. The departure of boats will be at 6:00 am, the scale will open from 1:30 pm and close at 4:00 pm. "THE SCALE JUDGE" will not receive, nor weigh, any fish after the scale has been closed according to the official clock of the tournament, once the scale is closed, only fishermen who are already in line waiting for their weighing 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.

20. "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" is NOT responsible for any accident that the competing teams had before, during or after the tournament, therefore, the participating teams and fishermen with their boats will enter the competition AT THEIR OWN RISK. The tournament may be canceled due to outside forces, bad weather or port closure by the competent authority, prioritizing at all times the safety of the participants.

21. All teams must have digital video of at least 25 seconds from the fight with the fish, time of capture and moment of bringing it into 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 team sign (printed number for the boat and fisherman's bracelet), as well as two photographs of the catches presented on the scale, this in case of any formal protest, or for the simple doubt of "THE JUDGE OF SCALE", who may apply the appropriate sanctions in case of confirming any fault. Now, in case the participating team presents a video of less time than established in this rule, it will not be grounds 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 catch is correct and legal.

22. The team that wins 1st. to 5th Place, winners of Jackpots, and first place women and children, are obliged to present and deliver to the official committee of the tournament, the video and photographs already mentioned, which will be reviewed after 30 minutes have elapsed since the last team in the weighing line has registered their catches; the names of the teams and/or their representatives who must submit the files to the review table will be announced for 30 minutes after the official weighing close, so all teams that have registered weighing have a strict obligation to remain in the weighing area; the teams that do not meet this requirement will be disqualified, that is, without the right to award and score, in case any team is disqualified for the aforementioned reasons, the evidence of fishing of the 6th or up to the 7th place may be received, otherwise, the prize will be declared void.

23. Any team that has any disagreement or detects any irregularity committed by a participant of another team, must report it personally with the evidence it can show to prove its complaint presented by writing in 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 m.n.) "THE SCALE JUDGE" and / or "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" that for this purpose is constituted, will have the obligation to carry out the pertinent investigations, and where appropriate, sanction the fault before the award ceremony. In the event that the complaint is appropriate, the refund of the deposit made will be made. In the case of verification of digital files submitted as evidence, they must be presented to "THE SCALE JUDGE" and / or "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE" or a representative of it, and a representative of the complaining team and a representative of the team indicated as responsible for the fault, "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 failure.

24. By order of the Ministry of Communications and Transport (S.C.T.), as well as for your own safety, it is mandatory to bring on board the boat safety equipment, VHF radio on and tuned to the frequency previously assigned, which is authorized for all tournaments. Participating teams must refrain from misusing radiocommunication equipment on the understanding that the person(s) who are identified as misusing the radio will be severely sanctioned, both by the S.C.T. and by the tournament management.

25. The participating team that is caught committing any fault of those decided to be a reason for disqualification, will automatically be out of the competition as well as its members individually. All the catches that have been registered will be outside the event and depending on the fault committed, the Official Judge and the Organizing Committee may completely remove the entire team from the whole championship.

26. The disqualification may be decreed by "THE SCALE JUDGE" and / or by "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE"

## **GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

(A) Break the rules and regulations of the tournament, and provisions written in this text.

(B) Rest the rod on part 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 people not registered in the tournament to fish on the boat, this infraction will give reason to disqualify all the catches that are in the boat where the infraction was committed, including those already registered, as well as the registered team contestant or contestants who have been on board.

(E) Fishing by hand, that is, without rod and reel, the symbol of sport fisherman, or with electric reels.

(F) Engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.

(G) Present to the scale any fish not caught by the same team, whether it has been caught by a boatmate, by people not registered in the tournament, or has been acquired in any other way.

(H) Other causes not contemplated, which due to their gravity in the opinion of "THE SCALE JUDGE" and / or "THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE", go against the sporting spirit of fishing.

(I) By appropriate complaint.