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# BONZE INTERNATIONAL MARLIN SKINS<sup>TM</sup> 2021

**WHANGAREI DEEP SEA ANGLERS CLUB | MAR 11TH-13TH | TUTUKAKA**

## **TOURNAMENT RULES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

### **Introduction**

- 1) This document contains the tournament rules and terms and conditions of entry for the Bonze International Marlin Skins Tournament 2021 (the tournament). All participants in the tournament (whether registered angler or member of crew) agree to be bound by these rules and the terms and conditions of entry.
- 2) This event is fished under IGFA, New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC) and the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club (WDSAC) rules and the rules set out in this document (collectively the governing rules). In the event of any conflict between the elements of the governing rules, the rules set out in this document are binding.
- 3) It is the responsibility of each registered angler and crewmember to know, understand and abide by the rules governing this tournament. Any angler, captain or mate who breaks any rule will be deemed ineligible for any prize, award, honor, or recognition and that individual and his or her team may be immediately expelled and disqualified from this and future tournaments without a refund of any entry fee or compensation of any form. Decisions of the tournament organizers with regard to these matters are final and cannot be appealed. Further any registered angler or crew member who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct or who acts in any manner that, in the opinion of the tournament organizers, could bring the tournament into disrepute will be deemed ineligible for any prize, award, honor, or recognition and that individual and his or her team may be immediately expelled and disqualified from this and future tournaments without a refund of any entry fee or compensation of any form. Decisions of the tournament organizers with regard to these matters are final and cannot be appealed.
- 4) This event is organized by Bonze Lures Limited and is hosted by the WDSAC. For the purposes of this document those organizations and their representatives are deemed as tournament officials and tournament organizers.
- 5) These tournament rules and terms and conditions of entry may be modified by Bonze Lures Limited at any time to correct errors and omissions or to take account of unforeseen factors or changed circumstances. Final tournament rules and terms and conditions of entry will be confirmed at the tournament briefing on Wednesday 10 March 2021.

### **Tournament Venue, Key Dates and Fishing Area**

- 6) The venue and host club will be the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club, Tutukaka.
- 7) The tournament briefing and calcutta will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 March 2021.
- 8) The fishing days are scheduled for Thursday 11, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 March 2021.
- 9) The official competition fishing times for the following days Thurs 11 March, Friday 12 March and Saturday March 13 are as follows
  - a. Start fishing at 7.00am Stop fishing at 5.00pm.
- 10) Up to 4 registered anglers plus crew (being captain and mate(s) comprise a team)
- 11) The fishing area for this event is the east coast of the North Island. (Boundary Map available on request)

Boats may fish into the tournament from any port or harbour on the first day and do not have to return to Tutukaka Harbour until the evening of Friday 12th March. Briefing is not compulsory.

### **Eligible Species and Line Class**

- 12) For the purposes of determining the team with the greatest number of points, the Daily Skin Prizes, 225 Club and Heaviest Marlin on a Bonze Lure caught include striped, blue and black marlin (hereafter billfish).
- 13) Any billfish that is brought to the scales and which weighs less than 100kg will not count for the tournament and the team that weighed that billfish will be awarded no points for its capture.
- 14) All line classes up to and including 60kg (130lb) test including braid may be used in this event.

### **Entry Fees and Attendance at Tournament Briefing**

- 15) The tournament entry fee (payable by each team) is \$1,000 including GST. Entry forms can be obtained by emailing [info@bonzelures.com](mailto:info@bonzelures.com) or online at [www.marlinfever.com](http://www.marlinfever.com).
- 16) Each registered angler must also be a member of the WDSAC or an affiliated NZSFC or IGFA club.
- 17) Anglers who do not meet these membership requirements must pay a tournament membership fee of \$15per day including GST (total 3 days \$60). That fee is paid over to the WDSAC directly and is the anglers responsibility.
- 18) All teams must be registered and all entry fees must be paid before the start of fishing on Thursday 11 March 2021. Payments can be made online at [www.marlinfever.com](http://www.marlinfever.com) , or by cheque before 4 March 2021 or in cash at the tournament briefing on Wednesday 10 March 2021. Cheques will not be accepted at the tournament briefing.

### **Substitute Anglers and Non-Fishing Guests**

- 19) The maximum number of anglers per team is four individuals. Teams are free to vary the composition of their team during the tournament by substituting anglers providing:
- On any given day only four anglers are competing.
  - Tournament control is advised of the substitution before the day's fishing commences.
  - The substitute anglers have signed and completed all applicable forms (release from liability, waiver of liability and all claims, and acknowledgment of risk that forms part of these rules).
- 20) It is up to each team to decide whether they wish to allow non-fishing guests on board to "ride along". However, each team must advise such guests they do so at their own risk and that they are not eligible to compete in this event.
- 21) If there is any Daily Skin Prize money remaining after the tournament (because it was not won on the day or when it rolled forward) then that money will be awarded to the team that has amassed the most points during the tournament (the top team). In the event two or more teams are tied on the same number of points then the remaining Daily Skin Prize money will be awarded to the team amassing their points first.
- 22) All prizes awarded in this tournament will be awarded as team prizes, irrespective of whether they are money prizes or sponsored prizes.

### **Points & Point Scoring for Billfish**

- 23) Points will be awarded to teams on the following basis:
- One hundred (100) points for each official billfish release for each billfish over the 100kg minimum weight.
  - One hundred (100) points for any billfish brought to the scales weighing between 100kg and 149.99kg
  - One (1) point per kilogram for any billfish brought to the scales weighing 150kg or more.
- 24) Any billfish boated for any reason must be weighed. Failure to weigh a boated billfish will result in immediate disqualification for the remainder of the tournament and forfeiture of all points previously earned. All billfish boated must be weighed on the day they are caught. Failure to do this will result in immediate disqualification.

### **Official Billfish Releases**

- 25) To verify releases all teams must provide their own still or video digital camera pictures. The pictures **MUST** include correct camera dated time and date stamps on the pictures for the pictures to be valid.
- 26) A release will be deemed an official release if:
- The camera images shows the billfish on the leader with the tag clearly visible in the billfish and the correct time and date on the photograph or video; and
  - The subsequent camera image or video footage shows the object on your boat. Tournament control request you photograph or record (this will prevent any discrepancies if more than one (1) billfish is tagged and released in any day's fishing).

### **Communications with Tournament Control**

- 27) All hookups must be called in to tournament control as soon as practicable after the hookup occurs.
- 28) All billfish released or boated must also be reported to tournament control as soon as practicable. Please note your fish capture time will be registered from the time tournament control is notified and acknowledged.
- 29) Tournament control will be operating on VHF Channel 7. If you are outside VHF and cell range and have boated or released a billfish you must photograph or record the vessel underway and fishing again as soon as practicable after boating or releasing the billfish and continue your attempts to reach tournament control on VHF or cell.

### **Attendance at WDSAC Weigh Station**

- 30) All teams with fish to weigh must be at the weigh station by 8pm on the day the fish was caught except on the final day of competition when the team must be at the weigh station by 6.30pm. NOTE: Fish are able to be weighed at any official club weigh station on Thursday 11 March. A clear photo of the scaled weight and signed weigh sheet from the weigh master must be produced.
- 31) If the team is not at the weigh station by the specified times then the catch for that day will not count for the tournament. Being within the 5 knot zone off Tutukaka Marina entrance constitutes being at the weigh station. However, we will also accept fish that are delivered to the weigh station at the roadside providing the fish is in the boat and the time limits for this event are observed.
- 32) All teams with tag cards and digital camera or video footage of billfish that have been tagged and released must hand those tag cards and camera or video footage to tournament control no later than 6.30pm on the final day of competition.

### **Returning to Base Each Night**

- 33) Each team's boat must return to base each night, but is free to leave the Tutukaka Harbour after 8pm each night.
- 34) There is an exception:

On the designated stayaway night which will be Thursday 11 March. On that night, and that night only, teams can elect to "stay away" but must abide by the tournament rules in all respects, especially the stop fishing time of 5.00pm on 11 March and the 7.00am start fishing time the following day (Friday 12 March). However, any team that boats a fish on 11 March must weigh their fish that day. All boats must return to base on the evening of Friday 12 March.

### **Competing in Other Tournaments**

- 35) Teams are free to compete in any other fishing tournament that is being run concurrently with this event. However, in that instance the team must still abide by the rules of this event, especially as they relate to presenting fish to the weigh station. All fish must be weighed at the WDSAC weigh station with the exception of

the stay away night. On this day the fish may be weighed at any other club weigh station. It is not acceptable to boat a fish and weigh it for another event and then proceed to the WDSAC weigh station. That would result in that fish not being counted in your team's results for this event.

### **Tournament Prize Money**

- 36) The Daily Skin Prize – A daily skin will be awarded to the team weighing the heaviest billfish of 150kg or more in weight according to the official tournament scales. A maximum of three daily skins will be available assuming three days of competition.

As indicated previously the prizes for the above categories are money prizes and will be awarded as a team prize. Cheques will be made payable to the nominated team captain. It is up to the team to decide how any tournament prize money is divided amongst the team and the tournament organizers will hear no disputes on that or any related matter.

### **Definition of Daily Skin and Optional Entry Prizes**

- 37) The Daily Skin Prize – Is a flat \$10000 cash per day.
- 38) The exact amount available for the Calcutta will depend on the number of teams competing. Prize money will not be distributed until all results are verified and until the payment of all entry fees are available as cleared funds.

### **What happens if a Daily Skin Prize is not won?**

- 39) If a Daily Skin Prize is not won on a particular day then that prize carries forward to the next day's fishing.
- 40) If more than one billfish with identical weights equal to or exceeding 150kg are landed on a particular day then the Daily Skin Prize for that day will be awarded to the team who weighs their fish first.
- 41) Any Daily Skin Prize money that has not been won during the tournament will be awarded to the team that has amassed the most points during tournament. For example, if the day 3 Daily Skin Prize was not won on the third day of fishing that money would be awarded to the top team as determined by the number of points awarded during the event.

### **What happens in the event of a tie for most points scored?**

- 42) Should two or more teams score the same amount of points over the course of the tournament then any Daily Skin Prize not already awarded will be awarded to the team who amasses the points first.

### **Protests**

- 43) All protests must be filed in writing and handed to a member of the tournament committee by 7.30pm on the day of the potential rules infraction along with a protest fee of \$100 including GST. The protest fee is non-

refundable. The tournament committee may call a protest hearing at their discretion. However, a protest hearing is not guaranteed. All protests will be settled on the day of the incident. The protesting party, as well as the accused team members, captain and crew, must be present at any official protest hearing. The tournament committee may refuse to consider any protest evidence not submitted at the protest hearing in the presence of the protested team. If the protesting or protested team fails to show up for the protest hearing, that team forfeits its right to submit evidence. Decisions of the tournament organizers with regard to protests are final and cannot be appealed.

### **Weather Committee**

- 44) A weather committee will be formed for the duration of this tournament and shall decide whether the tournament shall be fished on each day of competition. However, this is a “fish at your own risk” event and each boat captain is responsible for all decisions relating to safety at sea and for making the final “go/no go decision” as to whether his or her team competes on any given day. Importantly, responsibility for the risk of competing in this tournament cannot be shifted to the tournament organizers, Bonze Lures Limited or its representatives, or the WDSAC irrespective of the weather committee’s determination on the conditions for any given day of competition.

### **Tournament Refunds**

- 45) If the tournament is cancelled in its entirety due to weather each team will receive a refund of 50% of the total entry fee paid.

### **What if no billfish are tagged and released or weighed when only one day is fished?**

- 46) Each team will receive a refund of 25% of the total entry fee paid. This applies only where the competition is reduced to a single day and no team tags and releases or weighs a billfish in the course of that day’s fishing.

### **Safety Message**

- 47) The tournament is set down for three days of competition. However, this is a fish at your own risk event. Each team is responsible for deciding whether to compete on any given day of the event. In particular, the boat captain has overall responsibility for determining whether the sea conditions and weather forecast are safe for his or her boat to be put to sea and for ensuring the boat in which each team is competing is seaworthy and meets all Coast Guard and other regulatory requirements.