



Rules & Regulations

1. There will be a maximum of 6 anglers per team who can fish. Please note: there will only be 4 tickets available for Tuna Tuesday, Thirsty Thursday and Saturday Awards Party. No exceptions.
2. All participants must possess a valid British Columbia fishing license for the duration of the tournament. Anglers checked by DFO who do not have a valid B.C. fishing license will cause their entire team to be disqualified from the tournament. To avoid delays and other problems, it is highly recommended you obtain a valid B.C. license prior to arrival.
3. There is no limit or restriction on bait fishing.
4. All boats fly the official tournament flag. It is not grounds for disqualification, though. The official channel is 78A.
5. All boats must be behind the official starter boat prior to the 6 a.m. shot gun start on Saturday, September 8th. There will be a visual boat check-off starting at 5 a.m. at Tofino Resort + Marina.
6. Must be at official scale area at Tofino Resort + Marina by 8 pm, the official deadline for weighing in fish. The scale at Tofino Resort + Marina in front of the Marine Adventure Centre will open at 6 pm except for the final day where the weigh in time is 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
7. Any boat deemed operating in an unsafe manner will be disqualified from that day's fishing. Fishing American waters is automatic disqualification.
8. There are few restrictions on tackle other than the fish must be taken on hook and line using rod and reel. No handlines are allowed. If you are caught using handlines or a hard line attached to the boat you will be immediately disqualified. The rod may touch the boat railing during the fight. Use of outriggers, teasers, downriggers, spreader bars, kites and balloons are allowed. DRONES ARE NOT ALLOWED.
9. The use of the Green Stick/Joe Pole, a commercial rolling method with a mast, a "bird" attractor and multiple clips from the main line are not allowed. If you are found to be using this equipment on your boat you will be immediately disqualified

10. More than one angler (not guests) may fight the fish, and anglers may assist other anglers by touching the main line at any time during the fight.
11. Only four tuna may be weighed per day, per team.
12. It is the responsibility of the team to decide which fish to weigh prior to bringing them to the weigh area.
13. No vessel entered in the tournament may be involved in handing off or receiving anything from another vessel whether that vessel is entered in the tournament or not. The tournament director may choose to grant special permission in advance to a team to waive this rule in the event that someone's personal safety or health is at risk. No disabled boat can be towed back to Tofino Resort + Marina so a fish can be weighed in on time. No fish can be brought back by another boat whether it is in the tournament or not.
14. It is mandatory that all Captains attend the scheduled Angler/Captains' Welcome Meeting. If the Captain does not attend, his team will be disqualified from event.
15. Overall, the full entry fee, will be paid back to anglers. The team that catches the aggregate 4 biggest Albacore tuna over the tournament wins \$25,000.
16. The official minimum weight for Albacore tuna, 10 pounds in the overall competition.
17. In the event of a tie in the overall tournament or jackpots, the tournament director will determine the winner by largest fish between the two interested parties. If still a tie, it will be broken by who weighed their fish first. If no eligible fish are caught the first day, the prize rolls into the second day and so on. In the unlikely event that no eligible fish are caught over tournament, refunds of the entry amount (minus \$500 tournament operation fee) and jackpot amounts (minus 20 percent tournament operation fee) will be given, via mail.
18. Mutilated fish in which the ability of the fish to fight has been compromised will not be weighed in. The tournament director will make the final decision, with no protests allowed since it is a visual judgment call.
19. All fish being weighed will be inspected by Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) biologist and are property of Race for the Blue until released.
 1. Fish with a missing starboard longfin will be disqualified
 2. Fish not deemed to be properly and iced well will be disqualified (see catch handling guide)
 3. Fish that are deemed to be frozen or previously frozen will be disqualified as will team from Shoot-Out and all future Shoot-Outs.

Wristbands will identify team members and must be worn at all times. These will be distributed to team captains at check-in. The wrist bands are your ticket to the three free, hosted parties. If availability permits, special wristbands will be sold at \$85 each for non-team members or guests who wish to attend the parties or awards dinner. (Guests are not eligible for prize giveaways)

20. All decisions by the tournament directors and advisory board are final.
21. All monetary winners will be subject to a lie detector test at the discretion of the tournament director. If any angler declines to be tested, his team is automatically disqualified from receiving any monetary awards. The lie detector test will be used as one of, but not the sole, determining factor in any decision by the tournament directors and the advisory board.
22. The tournament director reserves the right to alter starting and finishing times or cancel fishing if deemed necessary to protect safety of all anglers.
23. All verbal protests and supporting evidence must be presented to the tournament director(s) immediately upon returning to Tofino Resort + Marina, followed by a written protest no more than 30 minutes after the verbal protest. Evidence will be ruled on by both tournament director and the staff advisory board prior to the next day's events. Any verbal or physical abuse or threats from entrants toward Race for the Blue staff is cause for a team's disqualification.
24. Race for the Blue reserves the right to deny any teams' or individual's entry. Also note that the above rules are subject to change prior to the event.
25. All boats that weigh in fish are subject to a thorough boat inspection at the dock by a tournament representative.
26. No spotter planes are allowed to assist teams in any way for the duration of the tournament.
27. All boats must check-in with the tournament master via text message (marina@tofinoresortandmarina.com or 250.726.6138) prior to leaving Tofino Harbor for all fishing days with planned fishing area and estimated time of return or the team will be disqualified for that day's fishing. All vessels not returning to Tofino and not weighing in fish must report via text message when they arrive at their port of destination.
28. Two overnight trips per boat are allowed. These trips must be declared to the Tournament Director prior to departure.
29. Safety is No. 1. No boats on the shot-gun start shall "shoot" between each other. Disqualification of a team or teams is up to the discretion of the tournament director.
30. All decisions on rules interpretations requested by anglers and made by ONLY by the tournament director are final.
31. By order of the fisheries department, all team members must present their fishing licenses at weigh-in when bringing a fish to the scale. They will be returned at the scale area before you leave (make sure you have them for all fishing days).
32. Prizes: All prizes must be won and accepted by a team member with a team wristband. Fellow members can accept a prize on behalf of another team member if he is not present.
33. Try to have fun, treat all anglers and crew and staff of the event with respect. (Easiest rule of all)