



### Rules & Regulations

1. Entry Fee \$1500
  - A. Entry fee will be accepted any day of the tournament. Fee will not be prorated.
  - B. Late entries are not eligible for any current carry over prizes.
2. There will be a maximum of six anglers per team and all anglers must only fish on designated team boat. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the tournament master.
  - A. All team members must fill out roster card and liability waivers.
3. All participants must possess a valid British Columbia fishing license for the duration of the tournament. Anglers checked by DFO who don't hold 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.
4. There is no limit or restriction on bait fishing.
5. All boats fly the official tournament flag. It is not grounds for disqualification, though. The official channel is 78A.
6. All boats must be behind the official starter boat prior to the 6 a.m. shot gun start on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a visual boat check-off starting at 5 a.m. at Tofino Resort + Marina.
7. 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.
8. Any boat deemed operating in an unsafe manner will be disqualified from that day's fishing.
9. Fishing American waters is automatic disqualification.
10. 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.

11. DRONES ARE NOT ALLOWED.
12. 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, your team will be immediately disqualified
13. 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.
14. Only four tuna may be weighed per day, per team.
15. It is the responsibility of the team to decide which fish to weigh prior to bringing them to the weigh area.
16. 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 case someone's personal safety or health is at risk.
17. No disabled boat can be towed back to Tofino Resort + Marina so a fish can be weighed in on time.
18. No fish can be brought back by another boat whether it is in the tournament or not.
19. 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.
20. Tuna Tuesday special event will be mandatory for all teams to attend. (no overnighters regardless of weather September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

## **21. Grand Prize**

- A. The team that catches the aggregate 4 biggest Albacore tuna over the tournament wins \$25,000.
22. The official minimum weight for Albacore tuna 10 pounds in the overall competition.
23. 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 prizing 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.

### **A. Jackpots**

1. Will roll over to following day until a team win. The team will be awarded all carryover money from the jackpot pool.

**B. Daily top tuna prizes**

1. Over \$10,000 + of prizes for biggest daily tuna.

2. In the event of a carry over the winning team will get one choice in order of day prize followed in order by other daily prize winners. Once all winning teams make their first pick any carry over winners will pick in order of day prize.

24. 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.

25. 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.

A. Fish with a missing starboard longfin will be disqualified

B. Fish not deemed to be properly bled & iced will be disqualified (see catch handling guide)

C. Fish that are deemed to be frozen or previously frozen will be disqualified as will team from Shoot-Out and all future Shoot-Outs.

26. All decisions by the tournament directors and advisory board are final.

27. 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.

28. The tournament director reserves the right to alter starting and finishing times or cancel fishing if deemed necessary to protect safety of all anglers.

29. 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.

30. 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.

31. All boats that weigh in fish are subject to a thorough boat inspection at the dock by a tournament representative.

32. No spotter planes allowed to assist teams in any way for the duration of the tournament.

33. All boats must check-in with the tournament director via text message with the names and number of people on board ([marina@tofinoresortandmarina.com](mailto: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 weighing in fish must check in at Tofino Resort and Marina Dock (B Dock) before returning to their port of destination during the tournament. Tournament director can amend this rule at his/her discretion.

- A. All teams must submit a float plan to the Tournament Master before departing the harbour.
34. Two overnight trips per boat is allowed. This trip must be declared to the Tournament Director prior to departure. Any boat to be deemed to have stopped at a port other than TRM during the tournament will be disqualified.
  35. 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.
  36. All decisions on rules interpretations requested by anglers and made by ONLY by the tournament director are final.
  37. 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).
  38. Try to have fun, treat all anglers and crew and staff of the event with respect. (Easiest rule of all)

**Please note:** there will only be 4 tickets per team available for any events that are a part of the Race for the Blue derby. Extra tickets can be purchased separately. Wristbands/lanyards will identify team members and must always be worn. These will be distributed to team captains at check-in. The wristbands/lanyards are your ticket to the three free, hosted parties. If availability permits, special wristbands/lanyards 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)