



LA PIROGUE
MARLIN
WORLD CUP MAURITIUS



Rules & Regulations

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REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

All teams must be registered prior to the Captain's briefing to be held on 9th December 2024 at La Pirogue.

Teams should comprise of a minimum of two and a maximum of four anglers. A minimum of two anglers on board on each fishing day is mandatory.

Once registered, no change will be allowed in the team. Only registered members shall fish from the boat during the tournament. Non-anglers or spectators may ride along on the boat but shall not be permitted to catch fish.

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The International Game Fish Association Rules and the Competition Rules and Regulations will apply to all catches. It is the responsibility of each team Captain and registered Anglers to know, understand and abide by the International Game Fish Association and La Pirogue Marlin World Cup Rules and Regulations.

FISHING DATES AND TIME

Fishing dates are: 10, 11, 13 and 14 December 2024. The organisers reserve the right to fish four consecutive days within the week of the tournament and/ or reduce the number of fishing days in case of "force majeure". Under such circumstances, the penalties' clause will be amended accordingly.

Fishing will start at 7 am and will finish at 4.30 pm, when all lines must be out of the water. The official time reference used for and during the competition will be the time shown on the clock at Le Morne Anglers Club.

PENALTIES

All lines must be out of the water at 4.30 pm. If a fish is hooked and reported on the radio or by phone (number) before 4.30 pm and the action is still on, and after 4.30 pm, no penalty will be imposed even if the fish is lost. There will be no specific return time if a fish is hooked before 4.30 pm except for fishing day 4 when the boats MUST be back by 6 pm. Should a fish be hooked after 4.30 pm, the entire catch of the day will be disqualified.

No team is allowed to seek help from any other boat for the purpose of gaffing and boating a fish. Should a team receive any such help, the catch will be disqualified.

CHECKING THE BOAT AND EQUIPMENT

The Organisers reserve the right to check at random any boat and its equipment.

FISHING LINES

The competition will be fished exclusively on 130 lb line test. Any lighter line used will be considered as 130 lb line test. We recommend the use of IGFA rated lines.

BAIT

The use of live or dead bait is allowed if rigged on NON OFFSET circle hooks. It is brought to attention that the use of "J" hooks on live and dead bait as may be shown as guideline in any IGFA or other illustration is not authorised in the La Pirogue Marlin World Cup.

RELEASE RULES

Any Marlin (Blue, Black, Striped) estimated to weigh 400 lb or less must be released. All Sailfish and Spearfish must be released

All sharks must be released.

All teams must provide their own camera (phone, Go-Pro, Webcam) to film the release for verification. All videos recording devices must be synchronised with the official competition time. To be eligible for points, the Team Captain must personally provide to the scorer/ weighmaster continuous video footage showing clearly:

- 1. The leader in hand**
- 2. The armband of the colour valid for the day on the arm of the person holding the leader**
- 3. The fish which should be clearly identifiable**
- 4. The release**

The video must be continuous and display the date and time of the action.

The release must be done by preferably removing the hook from the fish or by cutting the leader as close as possible to the hook.

The fish will also be considered released if :

The leader breaks while in hand.

The fish frees itself from the hook while the leader is in hand. In both cases, video footage must be submitted.

THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A RELEASE

The fish is still hooked and the leader is released by the person holding it and the fish eventually frees itself (breaks the leader or the line or the hook comes out).

If a Marlin, Sailfish or Spearfish is brought dead to the boat, it must be boated without being gaffed to be eligible for points. The fish will be inspected by the Jury for eligibility.

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POINTS FOR RELEASED FISH

Marlin (Blue, Black, Striped)	400 points
Sailfish	125 points
Spearfish	25 points
Sharks	0 Points

POINTS FOR BOATED MARLIN

Marlin gaffed and boated and weighing 400 lb or less will not be eligible for points.

Any legally-caught Marlin which has been boated and which weighs over 400 lb will be awarded 1.5 points per lb.

Any Marlin weighing 400 lb or less, any Sailfish and Spearfish brought dead to the boat without being gaffed will be awarded points as applicable to released fish.

BONUS POINTS FOR BOATED MARLIN

100 points for the heaviest Marlin on each fishing day.

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Any Marlin weighing 400 lb. or less, brought dead to the boat and boated without having been gaffed will not qualify for bonus points even if the fish is the heaviest on that day.

ADDITIONAL BONUS POINTS FOR MARLIN

A bonus will be awarded to the angler(s) and team(s) having recorded the first, second and third Marlin released or boated everyday of the Competition. The official recorded time is that reported by radio or telephone to Le Morne Anglers Club.

The bonus points awarded are as follow :

1st	40 points
2nd	20 points
3rd	10 points

In case of tie in points for the winning team and/or angler, the team and/or angler who would have first released or boated its last Marlin will be declared the winner.

NOTE: In the event of a Broadbill Swordfish being caught (boated or released), it will be treated like a Marlin.

POINTS FOR OTHER FISH

On each day of the Competition, each team will be allowed to register two specimen of each of the following fish for one point per pound :

Yellowfin and Doogtooth Tuna	30 lb or more
Dorado and Wahoo	20 lb or more

REPORTING TO THE SCORER / WEIGHMASTER

Team Captains must report to the Scorer/Weighmaster immediately after docking and by 5.30 pm latest and submit the completed scorecard and video footage of releases if any. Scorecards must be submitted even if no fish is caught. Failure to comply with the above will result in a penalty of 100 points. Note that the above rule does not apply in case where a fish is hooked before 4.30 pm and the action extends beyond 4.30 pm except on day four when the scorecard must be remitted by 6 pm, failing which the entire catch of the day will be disqualified.

SCALE

Le Morne Anglers Club has an official IGFA Weigh Station. The Club scale will be the only one used for the Competition. All fish will be weighed in pounds and weights will be rounded as follows:

From 0.1 to 0.5: no extra pound
From 0.6 to 0.9: up to the next pound

CONDITIONS

No team may take part in the Competition unless all registration costs have been paid in full or per voucher by an authorised agent. The challenge trophies remain the property of the organisers of the Competition and will remain in Mauritius.

It is brought to the attention of all participants that the words La Pirogue Marlin World Cup or MWC may not be used in any way by any party other than La Pirogue. It may not be used in the appellation of any team. La Pirogue may authorise that the Competition logo be embroidered or printed on any of the teams' wearing apparel.

CLAIMS, PROTESTS OR DISPUTES

Complaints, claims and/or disputes must be presented in writing by the team Captain to the President of the Jury as soon as possible after docking but in any event before 5.30 pm except in the case where a team has been fighting a fish hooked before lines out, fought after 4.30 pm and which has delayed its docking time on the first three days fishing and by 6 pm latest on day four. Under such circumstances a claim, complaint or dispute must be submitted within 30 minutes after docking.

The organisers reserve the right to sanction and/or exclude from the Competition any angler or participating team if found guilty of unsportsmanlike behaviour and/or allegation with the aim to harm or discredit any participant, participating team and organisers.

The decision of the Jury will be final.

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