



Carteret Community College Spanish Mackerel & Dolphin Fishing Tournament Rules

1. Weigh in location: **Ottis Landing, 707 Shepard St. Morehead City, NC 28557**
2. Fish must be caught between the tournament start and end fishing times on tournament dates.
3. No check-out required. Fishing starts at 6:00 a.m. July 10, 2021 and ends at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 11, 2021 (32 hours). Fish must be weighed prior to end of fishing time.
4. Scales are open from 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 10th AND 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 11th, 2021. All anglers weighing fish must check in at scales. Fish can be caught the first day and weighed the second day. **Each boat may not visit the scales more than once per day.** Each boat is not required to weigh fish both days.
5. Spanish Mackerel 12" FL minimum, King Mackerel 24" FL minimum.
6. In the event more than one fish of the same weight are brought in, the fish weighed first is leading.
7. Fish can be caught by boat, pier or beach. Fish can be transported by land.
8. Awards are based on weight of fish, not the length. No alterations (weights, ice, etc.).
9. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are binding.
10. All fish must be caught by hook and line. Must be caught by rod and reel to qualify for NC Saltwater citations.
11. Gaff holes and bite marks are acceptable.
12. All hooks must be removed from fish before weigh-in.
13. All times are subject to the Weigh Station official time.
14. It is encouraged and the captains' obligation to follow all U.S.C.G., State and Federal Regulations.
15. Boats may be replaced if needed. **Anglers may not be substituted.**
16. All entries and add-ons will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. – Friday, July 9, 2021.
17. Boats congregating or passing fish from boat to boat during competition time may be disqualified.
18. Any boat violating tournament rules will be disqualified for the entire event.
19. Boats will be allowed to tie-up, to unload fish.
20. All boats should be tuned to VHF channel 71 all day for instructions and updates.
21. Spanish Mackerel: Kid Angler age: 0-9, Junior Angler age: 10-17, Master Angler age: 60 and up, Lady Angler age: all ages. Anglers must accompany fish to scale. (Age as of first fishing day). A boat is not limited to angler prizes.
22. All sponsors and committee members are eligible to participate in the event.
23. Anglers can weigh the same species both days. One Spanish Mackerel and one Bluefish per person can be weighed each day (except for 3 fish aggregate). Anglers heaviest fish weight will be recorded and the least will be eliminated.

24. One Dolphin, One King Mackerel and One Wahoo per boat per day. Boats heaviest fish weight will be recorded and the least will be eliminated. Boat must be entered in species category. These are Overall boat prizes not Angler prizes.
25. Spanish Mackerel 3-Fish aggregate fish must be weighed all at the same time, together. **An aggregate is 2 or 3 fish. A total weight comprised of a single fish will not qualify for the aggregate category prize.** Spanish Mackerel can be weighed each day. Boats are NOT able to use a fish weight from the day before. Adding recorded fish weights together will not be allowed. Angler must specify if Spanish Mackerel was caught with Artificial Lure or Bait at weigh-in.
26. All fish will be returned to the angler after weight is recorded.
27. Small King Mackerel and big Spanish Mackerel are similar, know the difference. See Diagram: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/mackerel-diagram>
28. Fish that meet citation requirements will need to be taken to a certified weigh station after weight is recorded. NCWRC plans to have a weigh table for citations and samples at weigh-in (not required).
29. One event T-shirt included with each boat entry. No shirts will be mailed.
30. Each boat can place in any or all of the categories, but only place once in each of the Overall Boat categories. Boat must be registered in that category to qualify.
31. Bad weather date will be determined by Tournament Committee.
32. All fish must be fit for human consumption (Committee and NCWRC decide).
33. Cash prizes over \$600 are required to complete an IRS W-9.
34. Rules not covered will be decided by Tournament Committee.
35. Participation constitutes a waiver of liability to Carteret Community College Foundation, Inc., committees, sponsors, and related parties. Participation releases Tournament Committee to use all names, pictures, etc. for advertising purposes.
36. Once officially registered, all entry fees are non-refundable, except if the tournament is cancelled or rescheduled.
37. Prizes not claimed at Awards Party can be picked up at CCCF Boatyard within 30 days. Cash payouts are based on the number of entries in each category. No prizes will be mailed.
38. Have Fun—Be Safe!! Tight Lines!