



# Official Rules



1. **DATES:** There will be two days of tournament fishing, unless called for weather, November 9 and 10, 2018.
2. **FISHING HOURS:** All anglers must leave from and return to World Wide Sportsman by boat. No boat will leave earlier than 6:30 am. Lines in at 7:00 am and fishing will conclude at 3:00 pm. On Friday, Nov. 9, all score sheets must be turned in by 5:00 pm. *On Saturday, Nov. 10, all score sheets must be turned in by 4:00 pm.* Failure to turn in your score sheets on time will disqualify all of that day's catches. The rules committee, as a possible exception to weigh-in time, will review any mechanical failures. The rules committee will have the final say.
3. **SCORE SHEETS:** All anglers must turn in daily score sheets signed by angler and guide to the scorekeeper immediately upon docking. You must turn in your score sheets whether you score or not. Ties will be awarded to the angler who catches the last fish first. Bonus points will be awarded to the total points, at the end of the tournament, to teams/ individuals who release three or more different species. Bonus points for teams will be based on the number of species released by the team.
4. **ANGLERS:** Anglers must be accompanied by a licensed guide on their own boat or a charter, and they must fish from the same boat for both tournament days. No more than two anglers shall be allowed per boat. The rules committee may make an exception in the case of mechanical difficulties. In order to win the Grand Champion Team/Runner Up trophies the "team" must consist of two anglers fishing on the same boat. In order to win the Individual Grand Champion Angler/Runner Up, the angler must be the only angler on the boat. For best photo award, photos must be sent in highest available resolution to [lthornhill@cheeca.com](mailto:lthornhill@cheeca.com) or (305) 504.3068 by 4:00 pm on the last day of fishing. You may also provide a disk from a camera for downloading.
5. **FISHING AREA:** All federal, state and local laws must be followed. Fishing area is restricted to polable depths of water. Fishing in no motor zones and man-made canals is prohibited with the exception of East Cape Canal. No trailering of boats allowed.
6. **ELIGIBLE FISH:** BONEFISH, TARPON, PERMIT, SNOOK & REDFISH. Each angler shall be allowed no more than five total entries per specie per day. Select your five highest scoring entries, per angler for each species. Chumming is not allowed.
7. **TACKLE:** Tackle is limited to no more than manufacture stated 12-pound test. Any Tackle will be allowed on all boats and all must be used in compliance with all IGFA rules. Each angler will only be allowed one line in the water at any time. Captains may not cast for anglers or reel in any lines.
8. **BAIT:** Fishing for live bait prior to departure is permissible. Boat captains will be allowed to use cast nets to capture bait. No chumming for bait is allowed after lines in.
9. **OFFICIAL RELEASE:** Following IGFA rules, the fish is considered released when the captain or the angler grabs the leader. If there is no leader they must grab the line less than one rod length from the hook. If harm to the fish may result in removing the hook, the leader may be cut as close to the fish as possible. Try to remove all hooks and lures. Fish should not be removed from the water.
10. **GUESTS:** No guests are permitted on the boats without the approval of the tournament committee, the other angler and the captain.
11. **PROTESTS:** All protests must be presented to the Rules Committee in writing by 5:15 pm. Any team/angler found in violation of the rules will be disqualified from that year's tournament. The Rules Committee will make decisions on the same day that the complaint is received. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final.

Score sheets must be signed and turned in whether you score or not.

## 6th Annual Cheeca Lodge All American Backcountry Fishing Tournament Official Rules

### SCORING SCHEDULE

SPECIES	General	Artificial	Fly
REDFISH	80	100	120
SNOOK	100	125	150
BONEFISH	200	250	300
TARPON	100	125	150
PERMIT	250	300	350

Multiple species bonus to be added at the end of the tournament:

3 Species	50% of total points
4 Species	75% of total points
5 Species	100% of total points