

DON HAWLEY INVITATIONAL FLY TARPON TOURNAMENT RULES

SPECIFICATIONS AND RULES

- 1.** Only Fly Casting Will Be Permitted. Only Artificial Lures May Be Used. Tippet Will Be 12- And 16-pound Manufacturer's Stated Test, Furnished At No Charge By Florida Keys Outfitters.
- 2.** Angler, Unaided, Must Cast, Set The Hook, Fight And Bring The Fish To Where The Leader Can Be Taken. Any Other Person Touching The Reel, Rod Or Line Will Disqualify Entry. At No Time During The Tournament Can A Guide Cast Or Retrieve.
- 3.** Shooting Or Harpooning, Lancing Or Handling A Fish Will Disqualify The Entry.
- 4.** A Broken Rod, Above The Reel Seat, Will Disqualify The Entry.
- 5.** Trolling Is Not Permitted. No Fly Can Be Stripped Out Or Fed Out Into A Current, I.E., Fly Must Be Stripped In Only
- 6.** All Entries Must Be Approved By Tournament Committee.
- 7.** Anglers Tournament Committee Reserves The Right To Inspect Tackle And Test Line At Any Time. Committee's Decision Is Final.
- 8.** Each Angler Must Be Accompanied By A Skiff Or Backcountry Fishing Guide, Known As A Guide For Hire, Licensed By The U.S. Coast Guard.
- 9.** Charter Captains For Hire Who Are Engaged In Backcountry Guiding On A Full Or Part-time Basis, Will Be Ineligible As An Angler. No Person Shall Be Allowed To Fish In The Tournament If They Have Taken A Fee For Guiding For A Flats Species Fish Within A Five-year Period Preceding The Tournament Dates.
- 10.** Any Fish Under Four Feet Is Not Eligible As A Release Fish. A Four-foot Tarpon Gauge Will Be Provided For Each Angler.
- 11.** In Case Of A Tie For A Trophy, The Last Fish Caught First Shall Be Judged The Winner.
- 12.** All Igfa Rules And Regulations Will Be Followed Except Where Tournament Rules Will Supersede Them.
- 13.** Regular Daily Guides Fees Will Be Paid By Angler. Boat To Be Occupied By Angler And Guide, And If Desire, One Guest. Guest Shall Not Assist Angler Or Guide In Any Way. 6/02
- 14.** In The Case Of Physical Impairment To The Guide Before Or During The Tournament That May Hinder The Guide's Ability To Successfully Perform The Duties Of A Guide, A Formal Review Must Be Made By The Anglers Tournament Committee If An Exception To The Rules Is Requested. The Tournament Committee Is Charged With Maintaining The Integrity Of Tournament Competition And Adhering To Its Tradition Of Sportsmanship.

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RELEASE FORMAT

1. Motors Must Be Disengaged At Time Of Release.
 2. At The Discretion Of The Guide, Motors May Be Used To Fight A Fish.
 3. At The Discretion Of The Guide, Motors May Be Used To Return To Position After Fighting A Fish.
 4. Motors Cannot Be Used To Intercept Fish Before Casting.
 5. Electric Motors May Not Be Used At Any Time For Any Purpose.
 6. Traditional Courtesy On The Water And Gentlemanly Conduct Should Be Observed At All Times.
 7. A Release Occurs Only When The Guide Grabs The Line Below The Knot Connecting The Fly Line To The Butt Section And Breaks The Fish Off
 8. Sportsmanship Will Be The Key To Making A Decision Not Covered By The Rules.
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SCORING

12-pound Tippet - 1,000 Points 16-pound Tippet - 750 Points

You Must Use The Current Year Tippet Material From
Florida Keys Outfitters

DISAGREEMENTS

In Case Of Disagreements, The Anglers Tournament Committee Decision Will Be Final. All Complaints Must Be Submitted In Writing By 5:00 P.M. To The Anglers Tournament Committee On The Day Of The Complaint.