

# SWORD FEST RULES

## Sword Fest Entry Fee \$600

- Winner will be determined by the heaviest Swordfish, min size to weigh 50" LJFL
- TOURNAMENT Prize payouts will be 80% of entry fees collected. (70% for first place and 30% for second place).
- 30 boat payout – 1<sup>st</sup> place **\$10,000** & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **\$4,000**

## Optional Entries

Level 1 - Level 2

- Heaviest Hand Cranked Sword **\$500** (15 boat payout – 1<sup>st</sup> place) **\$6,000**
- Heaviest 2 Sword Aggregate **\$500** (15 boat payout – 1<sup>st</sup> place) **\$6,000**
- Heaviest 3 Sword Aggregate **\$350** (15 boat payout – 1<sup>st</sup> place) **\$4,200**
- Heaviest 4 Sword Aggregate **\$250** (15 boat payout – 1<sup>st</sup> place) **\$3,000**
- Most Sword releases **\$250** (15 boat payout – 1<sup>st</sup> place) **\$3,000**
- Wild Card - **\$350** (15 boat payout – 1<sup>st</sup> place) **\$4,200**

\*Electric Reels Permitted

- 3 Rod Limit to fish at a time

-Leave anywhere out of Monroe County, and permitted to use personal vehicle to transport catch to the weigh in at Big Time Bait & Tackle

- Captains Meeting

Thursday September, 28th 6pm, located at Big Time Bait-Tackle, 11499 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050. Lines in at 0500 on 9/29

- Tournament Date: September 30th, Saturday. Weigh Station @ Two Conchs /Big Time Bait-Tackle, 11587 Overseas Hwy. Marathon, FL 33050 weigh in will run from 3pm -6pm (must report to weigh master)
- The team is permitted to work collectively when landing the fish.
- You must pay main entry fee to fish optional entries
- Scoring by weight: Scoring in the tournament for main entry is based on the weight of single fish entered by registered anglers.
- Vessels must depart & return from Monroe County and fish in US waters. Fishing boundaries from Key Largo to Key West.

- Polygraph: All winning teams will be subject to and must pass polygraph testing. Refusal to take the test will result in disqualification. Any person aboard the boat also may be subject to and must pass the polygraph test. Refusal to take the test will result in disqualification. Polygraph tests will include but will not be limited to questions on angling and landing procedures and species of fish. Polygraph tests are final and winners are not official until test results are obtained.
- All protests must be in writing and submitted to the Tournament Kelsey Duffy on the day of the alleged violation by 6:00 p.m. with a deposit of \$500.00. If the alleged violation is found to have occurred, the deposit of \$500.00 will be refunded. If the Rules Committee finds no violation, the deposit will not be refunded. The decision of the Rules Committee will be final.
- PRIZES: Redemption of all prizes must be claimed by the winner in person, at the time and place the prize is scheduled to be awarded. In cases of special hardship only, the tournament board may permit prizes to be claimed by a representative of the winner. Prizes not claimed in accordance with these rules remain property of the tournament.
- LIABILITY: It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the Participants) participate in the Sword Fest Tournament at their own risk. The participants hereby indemnify and agree to be held harmless the Tournament, Big Time Bait & Tackle/ Two Conchs Tackle, Isla Bella Beach Resort, Two Conchs Marina, & Tournament Sponsors, and all Directors, Volunteers, agents, partners, members, sponsors, attorneys or any other person associated with this tournament from and against any and all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the Tournament Indemnified Parties. All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Sword Fest, Warriors On The Water, Big Time Bait & Tackle/ Two Conchs Tackle, Isla Bella Beach Resort, Two Conchs Marina, whether individual or corporation, shall have no liability whatsoever for any special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary and/or any other damage including without limitation, any damages arising from libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury and death. Participants specifically consent to the use of any photography in which they appear, or audio recording by the tournament for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to: resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind. This Liability Release shall be binding upon the participants and their heirs, representatives, successors and assigns. By entering the above stated tournament and paying entry fee, participants acknowledge that they have read and are bound by same. Questions? Call Evan Fernandez (941) 225-3256 Or email [evan@warriorsfish.org](mailto:evan@warriorsfish.org) OR Kelsey Duffy (305) 619-6863 or email [kelsey@warriorsfish.org](mailto:kelsey@warriorsfish.org)
- RULINGS AND RULES COMPLIANCE: Rules violations, the eligibility of entrants or entered fish, disqualifications, and any other matters not specifically covered by these rules will be decided by the Tournament Judge in consultation with the Tournament staff.
- ENTRY FEES: Entry fees for Marathon Offshore Sword Fest Tournament are as follows: \$600 entry fee per boat

- **WEATHER CONTINGENCY:** The tournament will not be canceled or postponed due to weather or sea conditions. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- **SAFETY AND CONDUCT:** Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws and rules for safe boating, including those regarding USCG equipment requirements. Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws pertaining to the taking of marine fish. Participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy. Any participant who exhibits threatening behavior or who otherwise engage in disorderly, illegal or improper conduct of any kind is subject to immediate disqualification from the Tournament. Willful violations of marine laws or other violations of safe and proper conduct may lead to disqualification. Fishing must be performed in accordance with principles of good sportsmanship, and in compliance with these and IGFA rules as published in the IGFA World Record Game Fish book under "International Angling Rules." Sword Fest Tournament rules will be strictly adhered to. Any angler(s), captain(s), or mate(s) found to be in any violation of any tournament rule may be disqualified from this tournament.
- All fishing must be on the US side of the EEZ line. Any boats that past the EEZ line will be disqualified.
- Award Ceremony will be at the Key Colony Inn at 8pm

