



TOURNAMENT RULES 2010

The Tournament

The 2010 Sinbad Classic is a two-day, big-fish event with Top honours going to the angler that lands the biggest fish within the approved species list.

If two fish weigh the same the fish that was caught first will be adjudged to be the winner.

Captain's Meeting

All anglers and boat captains must attend the scheduled angler/captain's meeting the Thursday night before the tournament starts.

1. Decisions

The decision of the tournament referee or the tournament director is final.

2. Boats

Any boat may be used but must fall in line with international safety standards and contain all necessary safety equipment. Any boat failing these standards may run the risk of being disqualified from the event and entrance fees forfeited.

3. Anglers

All persons (**including skippers and mates**) must be fully paid up competitors. All competitors must be fully registered and paid up **prior to the start** of the event.

Any boat found with extra members on board that have not paid the entrance fee will be disqualified and forfeit their entrance fees.

4. Prizes

The 1st prize for the event will be given to the heaviest game fish, under the eligible species list in Rule 5, caught and weighed during the event.

The 2nd prize for the event will be given to the next heaviest game fish of another species under the eligible species list, to the winning fish.

In the event that two or more fish weigh the same, the first fish weighed will be deemed to be the winning fish.

No mutilated fish will be weighed. Any challenge arising herein shall be referred to rule number 1 of these rules.

All prize winners must be at the prize giving to collect their prize otherwise the prize will be forfeited.

A fish can only win one prize, i.e. 'One fish - one prize'

Prize classifications as follows:

- **1st Prize**
- **2nd-10th Prizes**
- **Best Female Angler**
- **Best Junior Angler (if there are any)**
- **Biggest Tuna (Floating trophy)**
- **Best Angler Overall (Tally of fish weighed over the three days)**
- **Best Team (Tally of fish weighed over two days) – Will win opportunity to attend the IGFA Offshore World Championships**
- **Best Skipper**
- **Billfish Catch and Release Prize**

5. Eligible Species

Division 1: Marlin, Swordfish, Sailfish (catch and release)

Division 2: Yellow fin Tuna, all other Tuna, Kingfish, Dorado (Mahi-Mahi), Trevally, Barracuda, Giant Barracuda, Wahoo, Rainbow Runner

6. Weight and weigh station

The minimum weight on all fish will be **6kg**. All fish will be weighed to the first decimal point only. The weigh station will be open on day 1 and 2 from 2pm – 5:30pm. No late fish will be weighed and a representative of a team wishing to weigh fish must be inside the weigh station boundary ropes prior to the cut off time to be eligible.

NO EXCEPTIONS AT ANY POINT WILL BE ENTERED INTO

7. Catch limits

Strict limitation will be enforced for the 2010 event as below. Anyone found to have more than the allowed number of fish on their boat will be disqualified immediately and forfeit any prizes and or entrance fees.

Billfish: No limits **(catch and release only as per rulings below)**

Yellow fin Tuna: 4 per boat per day

Other tuna: 4 per boat per day

Kingfish: 4 per boat per day

Dorado: 4 per boat per day

Trevally: 4 per boat per day

Giant Barracuda: 4 per boat per day

Barracuda: 4 per boat per day

Rainbow Runner: 4 per boat per day

Any fish that is found to be under the required weight limit will not count to points tally and will be immediately confiscated and given to charity.

8. Scoring

Billfish Division

Two Hundred and fifty (250) points for every marlin officially released.

One Hundred and Fifty (150) points for every sailfish officially released.

PLEASE NOTE: [The billfish division is a separate division and will have separate prizes allocated to the division.](#)

Any Billfish that is landed (for whatever reason) will not count towards the event and will not be weighed at the event. The fish will also be confiscated immediately.

Release Rules – Billfish Only. All teams must provide their own digital still camera for catch verification. The camera must show the correct time and date stamp on each photo or video. To score an official release, an identifiable photo must be taken of the fish. The organisers of the event will inform competitors at the event venue, of additional controls that must be implemented to validate any released billfish.

At the end of the day's fishing, the camera, catch report affidavit and **ALL** photos/video taken must be brought to the weigh station for verification of official release points. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of that day's catch.

Each team must ensure that the specified camera is brought along to the skippers briefing and final registration so that the organisers can link the camera to their laptop computer. This camera must then be used during the tournament.

9. Catch Reports Affidavit

All catches that are weighed will be recorded on a catch report affidavit sheet at the weigh station. The official date, species and angler will be written on the catch report affidavit. The angler weighing the fish must then sign the catch report affidavit.

10. Baits

Live bait, dead bait, lures and any combination thereof are permitted in this tournament. Live bait may be purchased or caught at any time, so long as these times fall within the fishing hours of the event.

11. Line

80lbs test maximum; tournament or non-tournament lines are eligible. If the stated line test is 80lbs or less, it is allowed in the tournament.

12. Hooks

Only circular hooks will be allowed to be used during any form of fishing or trawling with live baits or dead bait. If lures or plugs or any other artificial materials are being used, IGFA rulings apply but it is **not** required that circular hooks are used. (Please see IGFA rulings below.)

13. Rods

Any number of rods can be in the water at any given time.

Hand lining in this event is not permitted at any point. Any team found to be using a hand line shall be disqualified immediately and will forfeit entrance fees and will be banned from any future competition. **This includes live bait fishing. Fly fishing is permitted but it is solely the choice of the angler and does not count for any extra points or prizes.**

PLEASE NOTE: NO OTHER FORM OF FISHING IS ALLOWED DURING THE TOURNAMENT (DAY OR NIGHT). I.E. NO SPEARFISHING, USE OF NETS ETC.

IF A TEAM IS FOUND TO BE FISHING IN ANY OTHER FORM THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND BANNED FROM ANY FUTURE EVENT. THEIR DETAILS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE IGFA FOR GLOBAL PUBLICATION.

14. Leaders

As per IGFA rulings attached

15. Daily Fishing Hours

Day 1 and 2:

5am – 5pm

Boats back by 5pm

All fish at weigh in by 5:30pm or they do not count. (See rule 6)

There will be no exceptions to these rules. If you are 1 second late to the weigh station your fish does not count. The tournament time is taken from the Tournament Director's and Tournament Referee's watch only.

16. Late hook up's

No Late hook up's at any time.

17. IGFA rules

IGFA rules apply to the Sinbad Classic 2010 unless otherwise stated. It is the responsibility of each team and crew member to know, understand and abide by IGFA and tournament rules during the competition.

18. Disqualification

Any angler, captain or mate who deliberately breaks these rules (as laid out above) will be immediately expelled and disqualified from the competition as well as any future competitions and shall not be eligible to a refund of any registration fees.

For the complete list of IGFA rules, go to www.igfa.org

19. Weather

A decision will be taken on the weather each morning by the tournament referee and the tournament director. Fishing will either be given the **GO** signal, **WAIT** signal or **NO GO** signal.

If a **NO GO** or **WAIT** signal is given, boats may not leave the Marina until such time as it is deemed safe to do so. Boats choosing to ignore this will be disqualified from the competition.

20. Registration

Registration is open to anyone wishing to fish in the event and needs to be completed online at www.sinbadclassic.com Payment should be made as early as possible and once registered each angler will be liable for the entrance fee amount.

21. Entry Fee

The entry fee is RO 80/- per angler and RO 50/- per skipper, with a maximum of six anglers per team. It covers attendance at all planned entertainment and social activities for each registered angler. Guests of anglers are welcome but are required to purchase participation tickets for entry to all planned entertainment and social functions. **The cost is RO 20/- per head.** Names and Identification cards (Oman residents only) of these 'non-anglers' are required when registering the 'non-angler' for social events or if the non-angler is to join the team onboard the boat.

22. Protests

All protests must be stated in writing and accompanied by an RO 50/- fee. All protests will be settled the day of the incident. All protests on the, 1st, 2nd and 3rd day of the tournament must be received by the tournament's designated rules official no later than 5:30 p.m. the day of the alleged incident.

The protesting party, as well as the accused team members, captain and crew, **MUST** be present in any official protest hearing. If the accused or protesting teams fail to show up for the protest hearing, they forfeit their right to be heard and will abide by the decision made by the tournament director or referee.

If the protest is upheld the RO 50/- fee will be refunded.

The organisers of the Sinbad Classic 2010 reserve the right to amend the rules at any time. Any amendments will be communicated to the teams verbally or through official bulletins.

Disclaimer

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INTERNATIONAL GAME FISH ASSOCIATION SALT WATER ANGLING RULES

International Angling Rules

The following angling rules have been formulated by the International Game Fish Association to promote ethical and sporting angling practices, to establish uniform regulations for the compilation of world game fish records, and to provide basic angling guidelines for use in fishing tournaments and any other group angling activities.

The word "angling" is defined as catching or attempting to catch fish with a rod, reel, line, and hook as outlined in the international angling rules. There are some aspects of angling that cannot be controlled through rule making, however. Angling regulations cannot insure an outstanding performance from each fish, and world records cannot indicate the amount of difficulty in catching the fish. Captures in which the fish has not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect credit on the fisherman, and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the record.

Only fish caught in accordance with IGFA international angling rules, and within the intent of these rules, will be considered for world records.

Following are the rules for saltwater fishing.

RULES FOR FISHING IN SALT WATER

Equipment Regulations

A. LINE

1. Monofilament, multifilament, and lead core multifilament lines may be used.
2. Wire lines are prohibited.

B. LINE BACKING

1. Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material.
2. If the fishing line is attached to the backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the two lines. The backing may not exceed the 130 lb (60 kg) line class and must be of a type of line approved for use in these angling rules.

C. DOUBLE LINE

The use of a double line is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.
2. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double to the farthest end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure or hook to the double line.

In all line classes up to and including 20 lb (10kg), the double line shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet (6.1 meters).

The double line on all classes of tackle over 20 lb (10kg) shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 40 feet (12.19 meters).

D. LEADER

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement or other device. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

In all line classes up to and including 20 lb (10 kg), the leader shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet (6.1 meters).

The leader on all classes of tackle over 20 lb (11) kg) shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 40 feet (12.19 meters).

E. ROD

1. Rods must comply with sporting ethics and customs. Considerable latitude is allowed in the choice of a rod, but rods giving the angler an unfair advantage will be disqualified. This rule is intended to eliminate the use of unconventional rods.
2. The rod tip must be a minimum of 40 inches (101.6 cm) in length. The rod butt cannot exceed 27 inches (68.58 cm) in length. These measurements must be made from a point directly beneath the centre of the reel. A curved butt is measured in a straight line. When the rod butt is placed in a gimbal, the measurement from the centre of the reel seat to the pivot point of the

gimbal can be no more than 27 inches. (The above measurements do not apply to surfcasting rods.)

F. REEL

1. Reels must comply with sporting ethics and customs.
2. Power driven reels of any kind are prohibited. This includes motor, hydraulic, or electrically driven reels, and any device which gives the angler an unfair advantage.
3. Ratchet handle reels are prohibited.
4. Reels designed to be cranked with both hands at the same time are prohibited.

G. HOOKS FOR BAIT FISHING

1. For live or dead bait fishing no more than two single hooks may be used. Both must be firmly imbedded in or securely attached to the bait. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 18 inches (45.72 cm) apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook.
2. The use of a dangling or swinging hook is prohibited. Double or treble hooks are prohibited.
3. A two-hook rig for bottom fishing is acceptable if it consists of two single hooks on separate leaders or drops. Both hooks must be imbedded in the respective baits and separated sufficiently so that a fish caught on one hook cannot be foul-hooked by the other.
4. A photograph or sketch of the hook arrangement must accompany all record applications made for fish caught on two-hook tackle.

H. HOOKS AND LURES

1. When using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing material, no more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader, or trace. The hooks need not be attached separately. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than an overall hook's length (the overall length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 12 inches (30.48 cm) apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. The trailing hook may not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt of the lure. A photograph or sketch showing the hook arrangement must accompany a record application.
2. Gang hooks are permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specifically designed for this use. Gang hooks must be free swinging and shall be limited to a maximum of three hooks (single, double, or treble, or a combination of any three). Baits may not be used with gang hooks. A photograph or sketch of the plug or lure must be submitted with record applications.

I. OTHER EQUIPMENT

1. *Fighting chairs* may not have any mechanically propelled devices which aid the angler in fighting a fish.
2. *Gimbals* must be free swinging, which includes gimbals that swing in a vertical plane only. Any gimbal that allows the angler to reduce strain or to rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.
3. *Gaffs and nets* used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 8 feet (2.44 meters) in overall length. In using a flying or detachable gaff the rope may

not exceed 30 feet (9.14 meters). The gaff rope must be measured from the point where it is secured to the detachable head to the other end. Only the effective length will be considered. If a fixed head gaff is used, the same limitations shall apply and the gaff rope shall be measured from the same location on the gaff hook. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. Tail ropes are limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). (When fishing from a bridge, pier, or other high platform or structure, this length limitation does not apply.)

4. *Entangling devices*, with or without a hook, are prohibited, and may not be used for any purpose including baiting, hooking, fighting, or landing the fish.
5. *Outriggers, downriggers, spreader bars and kites* are permitted to be used provided that the actual fishing line is attached to the snap or other release device, either directly or with some other material. The leader or double line may not be connected to the release mechanism either directly or with the use of a connecting device. Spreader bars are also acceptable when used strictly as a teaser.
6. *Daisy chains, birds, floats and similar devices* may only be used if they do not unfairly hamper or inhibit the normal swimming or fighting ability of the fish, thereby giving the angler or crew an unfair advantage in fighting, landing or boating the fish.
7. A *safety line* may be attached to the rod provided that it does not in any way assist the angler in fighting the fish.

Angling Regulations

1. From the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight, and land or boat the fish without the aid of any other person, except as provided in these regulations.
2. If a rod holder is used and a fish strikes or takes the bait or lure, the angler must remove the rod from the holder as quickly as possible. The intent of this rule is that the angler shall strike and hook the fish with the rod in hand.
3. In the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the first fish fought by the angler will be considered for a world record.
4. If a double line is used, the intent of the regulations is that the fish will be fought on the single line most of the time that it takes to land the fish.
5. A harness may be attached to the reel or rod, but not to the fighting chair. The harness may be replaced or adjusted by a person other than the angler.
6. Use of a rod belt or waist gimbal is permitted.
7. When angling from a boat, once the leader is brought within the grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the rod tip, more than one person is permitted to hold the leader.
8. One or more gaffers may be used in addition to persons holding the leader. The gaff handle must be in hand when the fish is gaffed.
9. The angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is weighed.

The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
2. The act of persons other than the angler in touching any part of the rod reel or line (including the double line) either bodily or with any device, from the time a fish strikes or takes the bait or lure, until the fish is either landed or released, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If an obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides

has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle (whether chum, float line, rubber band, or other material) shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.

3. Resting the rod in a rod holder, on the gunwale of the boat, or any other object while playing the fish.
4. Hand lining or using a hand line or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
5. Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish (including sharks and halibuts) at any stage of the catch.
6. Chumming with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin, or any part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.
7. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
8. Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.
9. Splicing, removing, or adding to the line while the fish is being played.
10. Intentionally foul-hooking a fish.
11. Catching a fish in a manner that the double line never leaves the rod tip.
12. Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.
13. Attaching the angler's line or leader top of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
14. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.

The following situations will disqualify a catch:

1. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.
2. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.) Any mutilation on the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying the record application
3. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.

Common violations of IGFA rules

- Mate touching the angler's reel while assisting in connecting it to harness.
- Anyone other than the angler touching rod, reel or line while angler is booking and fighting fish.
- Angler striking the fish while rod is in the arm of the fighting chair or in a striking rod holder.
- Mate touching the angler's line with hand or any other object to keep the line from rubbing on gunwale, swim platform, or outrigger lines.
- Mate touching double line instead of leader.
- One angler fighting two fish at same time.
- Mate adjusting drag while angler is fighting a fish.
- Mate touching the line to remove any obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides.