

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**All IGFA rules and regulations apply. See [www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org) for more information.**

**Eligibility:** The tournament is open to all anglers ages 16 and under. IGFA recognizes ages 11-16 years old for the junior division and age 10 and under for the small fry division.

**Fishing Dates:** The tournament will take place on Saturday, February 14, 2026. In the event of poor weather conditions, the tournament will be moved to Sunday, February 15, 2026. If this date also has poor weather conditions, the tournament will be cancelled. Lines in for fishing will begin at 8:00 am. Lines out will be 3:00 pm. No exceptions to these time limits will be allowed.

**Fishing Location:** Fishing boundaries are based on GPS latitude and longitude. The northerly boundary is the shoreline and the southerly boundary is the 100-fathom curve. The easterly boundary is 80.17.85W and the westerly boundary is 80.51.30W. All fish must be hooked-up within these boundaries. Other than bait catching with the proper permits, no vessel will be allowed to engage in any fishing activity inside of a special preservation area.

**Species Targeted:** The tournament will focus on the catch and release of sailfish. Prize winners will be determined by the number of sailfish released. Prizes will also be given for the top scoring angler in each division as well as most outstanding catch. Crew members are permitted to cast baits, however, the rod and reel may not be passed directly to the angler. It must first be placed in a neutral position (most commonly a rod holder) in free-spool. If the fish is hooked-up, even accidentally by the crewmember, the fish is disqualified.

**Scoring:** This is a BOAT tournament. Although point scoring will be on both a cumulative and individual basis for trophy purposes. The angler(s) on the BOAT accumulating the most release points first will be judged the winner. All vessels and/or anglers must possess the proper licenses and permits.

**Equipment:** All legal fishing gear may be used. All IGFA rules apply. Must use 20 lb. manufacturer's stated line, or under.

**Boat Limit:** A maximum of 6 registered anglers are allowed on each boat. There are no restrictions regarding crew members.

**Safety:** All participating boats must follow safe boating practices, including carrying the necessary safety equipment as required by the Coast Guard and local authorities.

**Registration:** All anglers must register prior to 7:00 pm on February 13, 2026.

**Reporting:** All sailfish released must be called in to the committee boat at the time of release. A release is considered when the 15' leader is touched and the fish is turned loose.

**Sportsmanship:** All participants must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Any form of unsportsmanlike behavior may result in disqualification from the tournament.

RELEASE: All participants, sports fishermen, their companions and boats enter at their own risk, and hereby release, discharge and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Tackle Center of Islamorada their sponsors, advertisers and other participants and any agents, employees, officers, directors, contractors and successors of the above mentioned organizations from any and all claims, losses, damages, demands, causes of action, suits and liability of every kind arising out of, connected to, or resulting from the tournament event, including without limitation, any claim for loss, damage or destruction of property, or injury (including death), regardless of whether such loss arises in whole or in part from the negligence of Tackle Center of Islamorada, its officers, employees, agents, sponsors, Keys Kids Sailfish Tournament directors, contractors, or successors for any loss arising out of, connected to, or resulting from this event. We also understand that this release binds our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns as well as ourselves. By signing above, my team and I and our participants and attendees acknowledge that we have read and understand the release terms and conditions and agree to be legally bound by these terms and conditions. We also agree to authorize Tackle Center of Islamorada the freedom to use any of our likenesses in any video or print whether for advertisement or profit without compensation of any kind.