

The **KONA CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT** is the first event of the Maui Jim Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series. Please see your *Series Rule Booklet* to find specifics on scoring, and rules for qualifying your catch in The Series. **YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED** in the Maui Jim Series just by fishing the Kona Classic — however, Series rules are not the same as the Kona Classic Rules, so please read carefully.

In order to win prize money in the Kona Classic, all fish of all species can be angled to “Modified Jungle Rules” specifications. ***This means that a fish must not be angled from a rod holder.*** A fighting chair, waist belt for stand up fighting, or a free swinging gimble must be used. Gimbles can be mounted to a fish box or gunwale.

In the Kona Classic, team members may help the angler, and the angler may be switched if needed, but no slide gaffs, seal bombs, gill nets, hand lines, long lines, flag lines, floaters, etc. *nor guns of any sort*, may be used on any fish whatsoever. If you have a question about what you may or may not do other than what is written on this page – ***call and ask tournament control before you screw up!***

Fish must be caught on rod and reel only. Period.

In order to qualify your catch for the Maui Jim Series and to possibly earn an invitation to the Series Championship tournament, you **MUST** catch your fish to the IGFA angler specs for saltwater. A copy of the IGFA saltwater angling rules is included in each team kit, provided at registration.

It is a good idea to have your angling strategy mapped out before the tournament starts.

IMPORTANT NOTE! In order to qualify your catch for ***Series points***, it must be angled to specifications outlined in the IGFA Rule Book. In addition, Series catches face different minimum weight requirements than the Kona Classic. Please consult the Series Rule booklet and plan your strategy according to your interest. To qualify for Series points, IGFA allows lines up to 65kg/130 lbs breaking strength and no stronger.

If you are interested in the Kona Classic only, the rules are simple and aimed at having a good time on the water. The more prizes you want to qualify for, the more guidelines.

SPECIFICS

1.FISH:	<u>ELIGIBLE SPECIES</u>	<u>MINIMUM WEIGHT</u>	<u>% OF BASE PURSE</u>
	Largest Marlin	300 lbs.	25%
	Largest Ahi	30 lbs.	25%
	Largest Ono	10 lbs.	25%
	Largest Mahi Mahi	10 lbs.	25%

- 2.If no one catches a qualifying fish in one (1) specie category, the money will be awarded to the second largest fish caught of all specie categories. If no qualifying fish are weighed for two (2) specie categories, the money will go to second place for the two species categories with the two largest fish. The Marlin Division will revert to tag and release before paying a different species. If no marlin are weighed or tagged and released, the prize money for the marlin division will then go to the second largest fish weighed.
- 3.The tournament reserves the right to weigh only the largest fish of each category, from each boat.
- 4.Teams can win up to two places, but no more—from the purse generated from the Base Entry. A team may win as many optional categories as they are entitled to.
- 5.Modified Jungle Rules - fish must be caught standing up holding the rod, from a fighting chair or by using a free swinging gimble mounted to a fish box, engine box or to a part of the boat.
- 6.Tag points follow Series Rules and tags must be confirmed by photos from the exact cameras provided by tournament control. Tag and release qualifies blue, black or striped marlin. Spearfish do not count for anything, nada, zip.
- 7.Boats must be prepared to comply with a random fish box check, should they be asked to do so by Tournament Control. You could be asked to allow inspection from either the fuel dock or from the tournament control Security Vessel. If your box is checked, you must still report “On the Line” to tournament control – and can not go fishing until Control calls “Start Fishing”.
- 8.**FISHING HOURS:** Start 8:00 AM (North of Green Buoy) to 4:00 PM—Dock Time 6:00PM
- 9.**RADIO CHANNEL - VHF Channel 68**

All teams must call in “On Line” and be acknowledged before fishing. All teams must call in “Secure” at the end of the day when the vessel is either in the harbor, or no longer requests radio contact from tournament control. Radio control shall be shut down when all teams report “secure”, regardless of their actual physical location.
- 10.HOOK- UPS All hook ups, losses of fish, captures of fish and tag and releases **MUST BE** confirmed by tournament control radio. If confirmation from Tournament Control is not possible due to distance or radio failure, a confirmation must be made via relay. Any fish brought to the scales that tournament control has not confirmed will not be allowed to qualify in any manner.
- 11.RADIO ROUND UP's: 10:00 AM 12:00 NOON 3:00 PM
- 12.DISPOSITION OF FISH: Anyone wishing to weigh their catch must make their own arrangements. Tropicdilla is not responsible for sale of fish, nor do we involve ourselves in the proceedings.
13. Entry Fee includes 4 tickets to the awards luau. Extra tickets are available for \$25.00 for each adult, and \$5.00 for kids under 10 years of age.
14. Protests must be filed *in writing* by 6:00 PM on the day of the infraction.
15. All fish must be weighed by 6:00 PM. If a boat wishing to qualify a fish is not at the scale or waiting in line at the scale by 6:00 PM they will not qualify. The only way you can be

late to weigh in a fish is if you are hooked up prior to "Stop Fishing" and this has been confirmed by Tournament Control.

16. Tropidilla Productions, LLC reserves the right to disqualify anyone that is found cheating. Any

one disqualified will forfeit their base entry fee along with any optional categories entered.

17. Line Testing: Lines will be tested randomly.

18. Payoffs to winners will be available Monday afternoon.

PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION

There are two prize money "pots" in the Kona Classic. There is a purse generated from the "base entry fee" total collected, and there are purses generated from a number of "optional entry fees". The pay off from the "base entry fees" is generated from a percentage of the \$375.00 paid per team to enter the Kona Classic. A team is defined as a maximum of four (4) anglers and one (1) captain and one (1) crew.

The tournament returns \$275.00 from each base entry fee paid to the purse. The total amount of money in the pot will be divided evenly among the 4 specie categories. The largest fish weighed in the 2 days of the tournament – of each category – will be paid the same amount of prize money.

All prize money not claimed by a fish of minimum qualifying weight will be awarded to the Second Largest weighed fish of the tournament. If two (2) species categories are not claimed, then the prize money for each missing category will be paid to the second largest fish of the 2 largest categories.

The Marlin Division can be won by the most tag points if no marlin are scaled. Tag & release of blue or black marlin equals 200 points and striped marlin equals 100 points, in case two teams tie with equal tag points, the purse will be split 60/40 with 60% going to the team arriving at the tie position first. A tie will pay two places and no more.

OPTIONAL DAILY JACKPOT TOURNAMENT

In addition to the base entry fee, there will be optional daily jackpots that teams can enter. A team must be entered in the base entry fee department before entering an "optional". These jackpots will be paid out to the largest fish of each species category, each day. Only teams that have entered the optional category can win. If you catch the largest marlin in the world, you will still only win in the categories that you entered. If you enter a daily, you must enter both days, as the prize money will roll back or forward in the event that only one fish qualifies in the category.

90% of each optional entry will be paid back as prize money. If there is/are qualifying fish weighed in any category on one fishing day but not on the other fishing day, the purse for both days will be paid to the one heaviest qualifier in that category.

In the event that no one weighs a qualifying fish in a non-marlin category, the teams will receive the jackpot portion (90%) as a refund. A team may elect to apply the 90% to a future tournament as well.

However, in the **marlin division** of the optional entry jackpots, should there be no marlin weighed but there are marlin tagged and released, the optional levels shall be paid to the top two teams with the most tags and released points of the two days. The total purse shall be split 60% to 40%. There will be two places shall be paid with 60% going to the team arriving at the tie position first, based upon the time recorded by tournament control when the tag was reported on the radio.

If there are no marlin weighed OR tagged and released, then the teams will receive the jackpot portion (90%) as a refund. A team may elect to apply the 90% to a future tournament as well.

Marlin tagged do not have to be angled to IGFA Rules for the Classic, but they must be proven by a photograph (see Specifics #6). To qualify for Series points, marlin tagged must be angled to IGFA specifications (see Series Rule Booklet).

Optional Dailies are available for Marlin, Ahi, Ono and Mahi Mahi in the following entry fee levels;

\$ 50.00 per day	Total = \$ 100.00
\$100.00 per day	Total = \$ 200.00
\$300.00 per day	Total = \$ 600.00
\$500.00 per day	Total = \$1000.00
\$1000.00 per day	Total = \$2000.00
\$2000.00 per day	Total = \$4000.00

Please see the registration table to enter the optional categories.

Mahalo for fishing the **12th Annual KONA CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT!**