



## **2010 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

January 09:	Trout (& New Member Tournament)	July:	Snook (Month Long)
February 06:	Sheepshead	August 07:	Trash Can Slam
March 13:	Mangrove Snapper	September 11:	Redfish
April 10:	Kingfish & Mackerel (2 Fish Total)	October 09:	Spanish Mackerel
May 08:	Grouper	November 06:	Kingfish
June:	Tarpon (Month Long)	December 11:	Grouper

## **RULES FOR TOURNAMENTS AND AWARDS**

1. The rules will be followed so all members are treated fairly and equally. Please don't ask for preferential treatment.
2. All fish must be caught on a hand-held rod and reel that complies with sporting ethics and customs. Power driven reels of any kind are forbidden.
3. Unless announced at a meeting, all tournaments require the fish to be brought to the weigh-in. All fish must be in the legal slot.
4. If fishing by boat, departure and return must be in "Florida waters only."
5. All fish taken in Florida and Federal waters must abide by those rules and regulations.
6. All tournaments will use I.G.F.A. rules.
7. For tournaments only, the legal size limit will prevail. For catch and release tournaments, a photograph will suffice for fish above the minimum. For conservation purposes, the club recommends that all other fish for personal consumption must be two inches over legal minimum size.
8. 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 when gaffing. Gaffing can be done when the leader is wound to the tip of the rod or the leader can be touched.
9. No mammal blood may be used for bait or chum.
10. ENTRY: Entry to the tournaments is accomplished by signing up at a club meeting, calling the Tournament Directors or the President. The tournament Director must be notified of your intent to enter not later than 10 pm the night before the tournament.
11. CANCELLATIONS: Entry cancellations must be made to the tournament Director by 10 pm of the night before the tournament. Refunds will be given at the next meeting. Any refunds not collected at the next meeting will be added to the tournament funds.
12. FEES: A \$15 entry fee per angler is collected prior to any fish being entered in the tournament. Fees for special tournaments will be announced at the meetings. Use of checks is strongly discouraged. Membership and Tournament fees must be current in order to fish in the tournament, i.e., you cannot owe money on a previous tournament and compete in the next one.
13. POSTPONEMENT: The tournament may be postponed by 10 pm of the previous evening by the Tournament Director at his discretion. Primary considerations are inclement weather, likeliness of small craft advisories and seas over five (5) feet. The postponed tournament will be held the following week with no further postponements. Safety is a primary consideration.
14. HOURS: Tournament hours are 6 am to the 5 pm weigh-in during winter months and 5 pm weigh-in. Special tournament times will be announced as needed.
15. ELIGIBILITY: Members, wives and children under 18 years old can enter tournaments and are eligible for the "Angler of the Year" and "Top Gun" awards. Once a child turns 18, they must join the club to be eligible for awards. Guests may fish during tournaments, but are not eligible to compete or win awards. Fish caught on charter boats can be entered. Professional guides who

are members may enter tournaments.

16. AWARDS: For all regular tournaments, there will be 100% cash payback, minus food expenses, at the rate of 50% / 30% / 20%. If only one fish is entered, the winner takes all prize money. Two (2) entries will split Third Place money. If no fish are entered, 50% of the prize money goes to the Club, 50% goes into the next tournament's prize money. The Cost of food will be deducted from the tournament entry fee prior to payout. Any plaques awarded will be at the clubs expense.
17. JACKPOTS: At the discretion of the Tournament Directors, a boat jackpot is held. A \$15 entry fee per boat is put into the jackpot. Entering the jackpot is at the option of each Captain. The jackpot criteria will be defined at the meeting prior to the tournament.
18. The official channel for all Club tournaments is 72.
19. If fishing for the primary fish of the tournament is expected to be difficult, the Tournament Director will announce a secondary fish at the meeting prior to the tournament.
20. Each tournament entrant may only enter one (1) fish in each of the approved categories.
21. For the special month long tournaments, each member will be issued a HPAC Certified Yardstick (a \$5 deposit is required). The tournament fee is \$15 for members. The tournament will run from meeting to meeting. The angler will fill out the required weigh-in slip and take a picture of the fish with the yardstick showing the length. All entries must be received **prior** to the beginning of the meeting, as determined by the meeting being called to order, to be eligible for the month long tournament. First, Second and Third Places will be awarded by length as recorded with a picture.
22. HPAC tournaments and awards contests will accept a weigh-in slip from another tournament provided the slip is certified and is received at an HPAC weigh-in by the deadline.
23. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make rule changes with the approval of the Board of Directors.
24. A minimum of six (6) entrants is required for a tournament to be held.
25. The use of stringer treble hooks will be allowed in HPAC Kingfish tournaments.

## **RULES FOR "ANGLER OF THE YEAR"**

1. Awards will be given for First, Second and Third Places for "Angler of the Year." Points for this award are determined by adding up points earned in each of the Club tournaments. Tournament rules will prevail. Points will be determined by the following:
  - a. 10 Points - 1st Place finish in each tournament
  - b. 07 Points - 2nd Place finish in each tournament
  - c. 05 Points - 3rd Place finish in each tournament
  - d. 01 Points - Entered the tournament
2. The "Angler of the Year" will receive a special hat and shirt as well as a plaque or trophy.
3. Points will be given on all tournaments including special tournaments that take the place of monthly tournaments, such as month long Tarpon/Snook and two (2) fish total tournaments.

## **RULES FOR "TOP GUN" AWARDS**

1. The "Top Gun" Award is recognition for the largest fish caught in each approved species. Approved species are shown on the HPAC Top Gun Species List included in this packet and on the "Top Gun" board in the meeting room.
2. In the event of a tie, an award will be given to both.
3. An HPAC official weigh-in slip must be turned in to the club President by the first club meeting following the catch. After his approval, they will go to the Awards Chairman who will approve and retain slips until year end. Leader's names will be posted on the "Top Gun" board located at the front of our meeting room. Please get the stub initialed by President in case the slip is lost.
4. Weigh-in slips must be filled out in full; including length, girth, weight and witness.
5. Fish over 50 lbs. can be measured. The weight will be calculated by the Awards Chairman using the standard formula:  $\text{girth} \times \text{girth} \times \text{length} / 800 = \text{weight}$ . Measure the fish from tip of the nose to the middle of the tail fork, then around the fish in front of the pectoral fins.

6. A picture of the angler with the fish must accompany the weigh-in slip or the fish must be photographed such that a measuring device clearly depicts the size of the catch.
7. Catches made on charter boats are eligible.
8. A plaque will be awarded to the winner with the heaviest fish exceeding the legal minimum.
9. One award plaque may list several categories if won by the same angler.
10. New Junior Member Top Gun Awards (starts January 2005) for junior members 12 years of age and under. The 12 and under group will follow the same rules as the rest of the club.
11. Junior members aged 13 through 18 will still compete with the senior members.

**Helpful Hint:** Purchase an inexpensive disposable camera and take it with you, especially if you want to release your catch, yet turn in a weigh-in slip.

**NOTE:** All rules apply to all events, if appropriate.

## **OTHER CLUB RULES - GUIDELINES - INFORMATION**

1. Host Captain Awards are given at the Annual Awards Banquet to the member that has hosted the most different members on his boat. The First Place winner gets his name on the permanent plaque. First and Second Place winners get a years' free membership. Each member who is a guest on the "Host Captain's" boat can only be counted once for the year.
2. A "Rookie of the Year" award will be given to a new member making the most outstanding catch during his/her first year in the Club.
3. At the discretion of the Awards Committee, additional awards may be given for sportsmanship, hard luck, club services, etc.
4. New Member Tournament: To encourage new members to fish, this will be held with the January Trout tournament. It will run simultaneously with the regular tournament. To qualify as a "New Member" you must have joined the club as a first time member between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior year. You **must** indicate your "New Member" eligibility status when signing up for the January Trout Tournament. New members have two (2) tournament options:
  - a. You can enter both the Trout Tournament and New Member Tournament by paying the \$15 entry fee making you eligible to win both the Trout and New Member Tournament. If you place in the tournament, you would receive both the monetary winnings and the New Member Plaque at February's meeting.
  - b. Or, you can sign up for the New Member Tournament ONLY without paying the entry fee. The New Member with the biggest trout weighed in will be awarded the "New Member" tournament plaque at February's meeting.

The New Member Tournament will roll over to next month if no new members participate in the January Trout Tournament. All club rules apply for the new member tournament.

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