



Sport Fishing Championship | Championship Fish Competitions

1. Angler Competition.

- (a) An “Angler” is defined as an individual person competing in the Sport Fishing Championship (“SFC”) “Championship Fish Competition.” An Angler is permitted to have any role on a competing boat, including Captain, Mate, Team Member, Teammate or Angler. An Angler may be male or female (SFC does not have gender-specific competitions).

2. Registering an Angler with Sport Fishing Championship Angler's Association.

- (a) All competitors above the age of 18 years old will be required to register and create a Competitor Profile at **SportFishingChampionship.com** and register by providing the minimum information requirements for registration with SFC. Minors (younger than 18 years of age prior to the first date of fishing for an SFC Qualifying Event) must have a parent or guardian complete a SFC Minor Competition Waiver prior to competing. Registration for a Qualifying Event will be available until 11:59pm local time on the day prior to the start of the tournament.
- i. Registration for an Angler to participate in the 2024 SFC Championship Fish competitions will be free. Anglers must be members of SFC in order to be eligible for the competition. To be clear, if an Angler is a member of SFC they will be eligible for the SFC Championship Fish competitions and will remain eligible across all 2024 Qualifying Events.
 - ii. Angler's must be registered as members of SFC prior to lines in to begin the Qualifying Event as outlined below in Section 3. Tournament Officials may refer to the time and date stamped registration at SFC.org in order to verify the Angler's eligibility.
 - iii. 2024 Registration Fees are:
 1. \$250.00 per angler, or,
 2. \$750 per boat (includes up to five anglers);

3. SFC Qualifying Events. The following events will be recognized as SFC Qualifying Events in the 2024 SFC Regular Season:

- i. Hurricane Hole Louisiana Open (Gulf), Grand Isle, LA, May 2-4, 2024
- ii. NEFMA Salt Life Bluewater Tournament, St. Augustine, FL (Atlantic), May 9-11, 2024
- iii. Walker's Cay Open, Walker's Cay, BS (Atlantic), May 30 – June 1, 2024
- iv. Alabama Offshore Open, Orange Beach (Gulf), AL, June 13-15, 2024
- v. Bay Point Billfish Open (Gulf), Panama City Beach, FL, June 27-29, 2024
- vi. Oak Bluffs Bluewater Classic, Martha's Vineyard, MA (Atlantic), July 11-13, 2024
- vii. Montauk Canyons Challenge, Montauk, NY (Atlantic), July 18-20, 2024
- viii. Tri States Canyons Shootout, Block Island, RI (Atlantic Championship), July 24-26, 2024
- ix. To Be Announced, Gulf Division Championship, July TBA, 2024

- (a) In the event of an event cancellation, the event will be removed from the SFC Regular Season and will not be considered an SFC Qualifying Event for the current SFC Regular Season. SFC has the sole right to add or remove SFC Qualifying Events to the SFC Regular Season at any time at its own discretion.

4. Registering A Championship Fish Catch.

- (a) A “Championship Fish Catch” is defined as a Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, Bigeye Tuna or Yellowfin Tuna catch recorded by a registered Angler at an SFC Qualifying Event, registered within the Tournament's Official Rules and recognized by the Tournament Director as a scoring fish. It is the Angler's responsibility to register with both the Qualifying Event and the Sport Fishing Championship in order to be eligible to compete in the Championship Fish Competitions.



- (b) A Championship Fish Catch must be weighed on a Qualifying Event's official scale, the time of catch must be logged with the Tournament and the fish measured for length from the lower jaw to the fork of the tail ("LJFL") in order to be eligible for the SFC's Championship Fish Competition.
- (c) It is the sole responsibility of the Angler to register their Championship Fish Catch with the Sport Fishing Championship's online scoring system or in-person at the SFC Registration Desk within (24) hours of the conclusion of the Qualifying Event's official tournament competition hours.
- (d) One Angler per Championship Fish Catch will be recognized by the SFC.
- (e) Sport Fishing Championship Qualifying Event Officials reserve the right to reject and Championship Fish Catch due to poor fish condition and/ or one that does not meet the scoring requirements of the Qualifying Event's official rules.

5. Awarding A Winner:

- (a) SFC will award one Angler the winner of the four Championship Fish Competitions in the categories of Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, Bigeye Tuna and Yellowfin Tuna at the end of the SFC's Regular Season and the conclusion of the final Qualifying Event.
 - i. In general terms, the SFC will award one winner for the Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, Bigeye Tuna and Yellowfin Tuna Championship Fish Competitions across all Qualifying Events.
 - ii. Tiebreakers: In the event that two or more Championship Fish Catches are registered with equal weight, the following tiebreakers will be applied:
 - 1. Tiebreaker 1: The longest fish shall win as outlined in section 3.b. above.
 - 2. Tiebreaker 2: The fish that was caught and registered earliest/ fastest in respect to the Qualifying Event's tournament competition hours. For clarity, Tiebreaker 2 takes into account the Qualifying Event's competition hours – if a tournament allows fishing to continue overnight, those hours will be considered competition hours and considered when determining the earliest/ fastest fish caught during competition. If a tournament requires lines out at a certain time of day, the hours between lines out and lines back in will not be considered competition hours.
- (b) Below is an example of how a winner may be calculated using the two Tiebreakers above:

Team A: *WINNER*

Fish Weight	Fish Length	Tournament Start Time	Time Fish Was Caught & Registered
55.5. lbs	40 1/8"	0800 Thursday	1200 Friday

Team B:

Fish Weight	Fish Length	Tournament Start Time	Time Fish Was Caught & Registered
55.5. lbs	40 1/8"	0800 Thursday	1400 Saturday

- 6. **Release of All Claims.** In consideration of being accepted for participation in the Sport Fishing Championship, each Teammate hereby releases, forever discharges, and agrees to hold harmless SFC and its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, partners, members, and or attorneys (collectively the "Releasees") for any and all losses, claims, or demands of any kind or character whatsoever arising from the negligence or gross negligence of the Releasees or from any other cause connected with or occurring during any SFC Qualifying Event. Each Teammate expressly acknowledges that he/she has received reviewed and agrees to abide by the SFC rules and regulations and this release. Furthermore, each Teammate expressly acknowledges that activities relating to deep sea fishing are extremely dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury or death, and each Teammate hereby assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury or death due to the negligence of the Releasees or any other cause connected with or occurring during any SFC Qualifying Event.

