

**DTD Fishing Tournament
2017 Tournament Rules & Regulations**

Deliver the Dream, Inc. ("DTD") is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, providing retreats to families going through a crisis, giving them time to regroup and heal. You can help by becoming a sponsor, fishing in the tournament, participating in the silent auction, or by donating cash or goods for the silent auction. Sponsorship packages include, depending on the level of sponsorship: recognition, display of promotional materials, boat and angler entries, and participation in the captains meeting and awards banquet. **Sponsorship information is available at www.deliverthedream.com or (954) 564-3512.**

1. Early Registration Fee: \$400 per boat, which includes up to 4 anglers, or a team of 4 kayakers or 4 jet-skiers. Each additional angler/kayaker/jet-skier is \$100. **Maximum is six (6) anglers per boat or team.** An angler may also serve as a Captain or Mate. There is no limitation as to how many poles may be used. If you register after April 1, 2017 registration will be \$450 and additional anglers will be \$125 each. Entry fees are not refundable, except for kayakers and jet-skiers but only if small craft warnings are posted on the morning of the tournament.

2. Registration: Teams may pre-register for the tournament at www.deliverthedream.com, or by email, Mail, or fax (954) 564-4385. You can also register at the Captain's Meeting. Mail in registrations should be sent to Deliver the Dream 3223 NW 10th Terrace, Suite 602 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Payments can be made by check or credit card, payable to: Deliver the Dream.

3. Eligibility: The tournament is open to all fishermen, including professionals, guides, and elite amateurs. Current or former employees, director's, officers, and family members of Deliver the Dream and sponsors are eligible. The weigh master for the tournament is not eligible. DTD reserves the right to refuse tournament applications or entry from any prospective entrant or sponsor with or without cause in its sole discretion. Any applicant refused entry shall be entitled to a refund of any entry fee it has paid.

4. Entry Forms: Must be completely filled out and signed by all anglers, crew, and other participants. Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse any application at their discretion with or without cause. All registered anglers must have a valid Florida Saltwater Fishing License, unless exempted by law.

5. Captain's Meeting & Kick-off Party: will be held on April 28th between 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club 2701 NE 42nd Street Lighthouse Point, FL 33064. You can also register at the Captain's Meeting. All Captains are required to attend the Captain's meeting. The Captain's Meeting will include a cash bar and a silent auction. The Tournament Committee will review the rules and check out and check in requirements. Any last minute changes will be announced.

6. Fishing Rules: All fish must be caught on a rod and reel. All applicable IGFA rules, Federal and Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations, and the following tournament rules apply. All eligible fish must be caught in the Atlantic Ocean within 25 miles of the coast of Florida or any connecting inlet within tournament hours and weighed in the tournament. No electric reels are permitted except kite rods and downriggers, No commercial nets, illegal techniques, shocking, explosive or other unnatural causes (dynamite, bleach, etc.) permitted. Fish must be captured alive, using single angler IGFA techniques. Fish must be captured alive, using single angler IGFA techniques. All anglers (except Pee Wee Anglers) must hook, fight, and catch their own fish without assistance of any kind, except for operation of the boat and gaffing of the fish at boat side. Once a fish is hooked, that angler must fight the fish until it is properly boated. Anglers may not pass the rod to anyone once a fish has been hooked.

7. Fishing Boundaries: Fishing area is the **Atlantic Ocean within 25 miles of the coast of Florida** or any connecting inlet. Please note the maximum distance offshore is 25 miles off the coast of Florida.

8. Bait & Bait Fishing: Fishing with live bait is permitted in the tournament; however, live chumming is not permitted. Live baits may not be removed from live-well or a hook, then cut in half and thrown into the water. All bait should be kept on board. Frozen chum is acceptable. No fishing for live bait is allowed between the time of check out and tournament start time of 7:00 am. After 7:00 am, boats may catch their own live bait anytime during the tournament.

9. Weather: If a small craft advisory is in affect on the NOAA website or other unsafe conditions for the area, the tournament **maybe** postponed until the following day or later at the sole discretion of the fishing committee. In the event of cancellation due to bad weather or any other reason, all efforts to reschedule will be made. Captains will be notified at the Captain's meeting. If the weather is worse than expected the morning of the tournament, the fishing committee may postpone the tournament, Captains will be notified on VHF Channel 74 - Check your radios! As always, it's up to the Captain to determine if the conditions are safe for their boat, crew and guests. A Captain may cancel their participation in the tournament at any time, however as this is a charity event; there will be no refund of the entry fee.

10. Check Out 6:30 – 8:00 am: All boats must begin the tournament on **Saturday, April 29th** in the water at **Palm Beach, Boynton, Boca, Hillsboro, or Port Everglades Inlets.** Check out will be **by phone (954) 304-6320 (text message with Boat & Captain's name and boat number acceptable)** from 6:30 am - 8:00 am on Saturday. Once checked out, Boats may proceed to fishing grounds, however, no lines are allowed in the water until the **official start at 7:00 am.**

11. Lines In: 7:00 am. No fishing (including for live bait) is allowed between check out and tournament start time of 7:00 am.

12. Check In – visual by 3:00 pm at Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club: When you are in sight of the Club, **call DTD Committee on VHF Radio Channel 74** and you will be given a check-in confirmation number. Be sure to leave adequate time to clear the Hillsboro Inlet Bridge. Any boat not checking in by 3:00 pm will be automatically disqualified. **Be sure to get your confirmation number from the check in crew.**

13. Weigh In: The scales will be open from 12:00 pm until the last boat visually checked in has weighed in. Weigh station is at the Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club. All fish must be brought to the weigh station in the boat, kayak, or jet-ski in which they were caught. Transferring of fish from one boat to another boat will result in disqualification. Boats will be called to the weigh station by boat number. **ALL FISH TO BE WEIGHED IN MUST BE PRESENTED AT ONE TIME TO WEIGH MASTER.** Any fish not weighed in at that time are disqualified. **All participants and guests must abide by and follow all rules and requests of the Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club.**

14. Eligible Species: Dolphin, Kingfish, Wahoo, Cobia, Bonita, Blackfin Tuna, and Yellowfin Tuna

15. Scoring: All weighed fish must adhere to applicable Federal and Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations, size and bag limits.

➤ **Top Boat** is scored by total weight of eligible fish weighed.

- **A maximum of four (4) fish per species**, per boat, kayak team or jet-ski team may be weighed.
- **A maximum of ten (10) fish per boat**, kayak team or jet-ski team can be weighed.

➤ **Top Male, Female and Pee Wee anglers** are scored by the weight of the heaviest eligible fish they caught. This fish may also be included in the fish weighed for the Top Boat and IGFA All-Tackle World Record Kingfish* prizes (*Pee Wee: as long as all IGFA rules were followed – especially no assistance).

- **IGFA All-Tackle World Record Kingfish prize.** Will be awarded to the eligible participant who catches a record breaking IGFA All-Tackle World Record Kingfish (**Scomberomorus cavalla**) according to IGFA rules and the rules stated herein, and the record catch is accepted by IGFA as a record catch. Participant is responsible for weighing the fish on an IGFA certified scale or one that meets IGFA requirements and filing all the necessary paperwork with IGFA. The award will be delivered upon acceptance and acknowledgment by the IGFA of the new All Tackle World Record Kingfish.
- Mutilated fish are not eligible; no fish may be tampered with to increase its weight (automatic disqualification).
- The weigh master's decision is final.

16. Tournament Prizes: All winning anglers must provide a social security number prior to receiving their prize. All prizes are subject to applicable tax laws. **In case of a tie, the money will be evenly split between the winning parties.** Ties are not broken by time.

- **Top Boat: 1ST Place \$2,500, 2nd Place \$1,500 , 3rd Place \$1,000**
- **Top Angler – \$200 male, \$200 female, \$100 pee wee.**
- **IGFA All-Tackle World Record Breaking Kingfish: \$10,000**

17. Optional Entry (\$200 per team). Prize Categories and Amounts: (a) Top boat (total weight of eligible fish weighed - 30%), **(b) Heaviest eligible fish weighed (50%), (c) Heaviest eligible Mystery Fish** weighed (20%) (A fish species will be selected from a sealed container). Prizes are based on the number of entries, 20% of the amount collected is paid to Deliver the Dream as a donation. The remaining funds are distributed as described above. If there is a category without a winner the money collected will be donated to Deliver the Dream. **In case of a tie, the money will be evenly split between the winning parties.** Ties are not broken by time.

18. Pee Wee Division: Is for anglers 10 years and under. Pee Wee anglers may be assisted with reeling in their fish. Fish caught with assistance will only be eligible for the Pee Wee Angler Award. Fish must meet Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations. There is no restriction on species (except sharks and billfish). Non-eligible species fish caught by Pee Wees will not qualify nor be eligible for any other awards. **NOTE: If Pee Wee is assisted with catching their fish, it will not qualify under IGFA and the tournament rules stated herein and will not be eligible for the \$10,000 IGFA All-Tackle World Record Kingfish prize.**

19. IGFA All-Tackle World Record Kingfish, \$10,000 prize: Contestant(s) must break the IGFA All-Tackle World Record for a Kingfish (Scomberomorus cavalla). The Record Kingfish must be caught by an eligible participant according to IGFA rules and the rules stated herein. Deliver the Dream will initially weigh the fish on their scale which may not be certified. It is the responsibility of the participant to have the fish weighed on an IGFA certified scale (or one that meets IGFA requirements), document the catch, pictures (angler with fish, rod & reel, and fish on scale) prepare and send the appropriate forms to IGFA, and take all necessary steps to have the Record Fish world record entered in the IGFA records. Only after the IGFA accepts the catch as a world record will the prize be awarded. One (1) Independent witness required, unless fishing alone on a boat, Jet Ski or kayak, or other vessel, in which case no witness will be required. **In case of a tie, the money will be evenly split between the winning parties.** Ties are not broken by time.

20. Polygraphs: As a condition of the entry in the tournament, each captain and angler specifically understands, agrees and consents to a polygraph examination if requested by the tournament committee. Refusal of any angler to submit to a polygraph examination shall result in disqualification. In the sole opinion of the tournament committee, any untruthful response in the examination shall result in disqualification. Any participant so disqualified shall not be entitled to any prize, award or entry fee refund. The decisions of the tournament committee will be final.

21. Protests: Any protest must be submitted in writing with a non-refundable \$200.00 fee per incident and delivered to the tournament committee before the awards ceremony. The decisions of the tournament committee will be final.

22. Hold Harmless & Publicity Release: It is expressly understood by all participants, their guests, captains and other occupants of their boats that they enter into the Deliver the Dream Fishing Tournament Event ("Event") voluntarily and at their own risk. For and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Event, all participants hereby for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, unconditionally and voluntarily release, indemnify, save and hold harmless, acquit and forever discharge Deliver the Dream, Inc., Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club, the City of Lighthouse Point, Pompano Beach and Broward County, tournament officials, volunteers, any and all sponsors of the Event, all other persons connected directly or indirectly with operation of said Event, and any and all of their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, shareholders, beneficiaries, successors, and assigns, from any liability for liable, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, guests, entrant, sport fisherman, their companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, vessels, guests and equipment which may occur before, during, and after the Event. Participants further agree that any photographs, voice recording or videotaping of them, their family, crew or guests at the Event may be used without further compensation or approval by Deliver the Dream, Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club, and sponsors in whole or in part for any advertising, promotion, commercial or informational purposes whatsoever.