

## **Deliver the Dream Fishing Tournament 2018 Tournament Rules & Regulations**

Deliver the Dream is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, providing retreats to families dealing with critical illness or bereavement and post 9/11 combat veterans, 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](http://www.deliverthedream.com) or call (954) 564-3512.

- 1. Early Registration Fee:** By June 1 \$250 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 \$50; by June 15 \$275 per boat, additional anglers are \$100; after June 15 \$350 per boat, additional anglers are \$125. Maximum is six 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. Entry fees are not refundable, except for kayakers and jet-skiers but only in the event of small craft warnings the morning of the tournament.
- 2. Registration:** Teams may pre-register for the tournament at [www.deliverthedream.com](http://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 credit card or check, payable to: Deliver the Dream.
- 3. Entry Forms:** Must be completely filled out and signed by all anglers. Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse any application at their discretion with or without cause. All registered anglers over the age of 14 must have a valid Florida Saltwater Fishing License, unless exempted by law.
- 4. Captain's Meeting & Kick-off Party:** will be held on June 29th between 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club 2701 NE 42nd Street Lighthouse Point, FL 33064. Captains may register at the captain's meeting. The Captain's Meeting will include a cash bar and a silent auction. All Captains are required to attend the Captain's meeting. The Tournament Committee will review the rules, check out and check in requirements and boat numbers will be distributed. Any last minute changes will be announced.
- 5. Check Out:** All boats must begin the tournament on **Saturday, June 30th** in the water at either Hillsboro or Port Everglades Inlet. Check out will be **by phone (954) 461-1167** 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. No fishing for live bait is allowed between the time of check out and tournament start time of 7:00 am.
- 6. Check In:** All boats that have fish to weigh in the DTD Fishing Tournament must be visually checked in at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club **by 3:00 pm**. When you are in sight of the Club, **call (321) 948-0710** and you will be given a confirmation number. Be sure to leave adequate time to clear the Hillsboro Inlet Bridge. Any boat not checking in will be automatically disqualified. Be sure to get your confirmation number from the check in crew.
- 7. Fishing Boundaries:** Fishing area is Florida waters only. Maximum distance offshore is 25 miles.
- 8. Fishing Rules:** IGFA rules, Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations, and the following tournament rules apply: No wire lines or electric reels are permitted except kite rods and downriggers, a wire stinger rig may be used but it must be a single hook, hooked into the fish (no treble hooks). All anglers (Except Pee Wee Anglers) must hook, fight, and catch their own fish. Once that fish is hooked, that angler must fight the fish until it is properly boated or lost. Anglers may not pass the rod to fellow anglers once a fish has been hooked.
- 9. 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. Registered boats may catch their own live bait anytime during the tournament.
- 10. Eligible Species:** Dolphin, Kingfish, Wahoo, Cobia, Blackfin & Yellowfin Tuna.
- 11. Scoring:** All weighed fish must adhere to Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations, size and bag limits.
  - One point will be awarded per pound per fish.
  - A maximum of four (4) fish per species, per boat, kayak or jet-ski team may be weighed.
  - A maximum of ten (10) fish per boat, kayak or jet-ski team can be weighed.
  - Mutilated fish are not eligible; no fish may be tampered with to increase its weight (automatic disqualification).
  - The weigh master's decision is final.

**12. Weigh In:** The scales will be open from 1:00 pm until the last boat visually checked in has weighed in. Weigh station is at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club. All fish must be brought to the weigh station in the boat / kayak/jet-ski in which they were caught. Transferring of fish from one boat to another 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.

**13. Ties:** In case of a tie, the money will be evenly split between the winning parties. Ties are not broken by time.

**14. Weather:** If a small craft advisory #1 flag is flying, the tournament will be postponed until the following day.

**15. Junior Division:** Is for anglers 12 years and under. Junior anglers may be assisted with reeling in their fish. Fish caught will only be eligible for the Junior Anglers prize. Only three fish may be weighed per Junior angler. Fish must conform to Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations. There is no restriction on species (except sharks and billfish). Fish caught by Junior Anglers will not qualify nor be eligible for any other awards.

**16. 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.

**17. Protests:** Any protest must be submitted in writing with a non-refundable \$200.00 fee per incident and delivered to the tournament committee by 3:30 Saturday afternoon. The decisions of the tournament committee will be final.

**18. Hold Harmless:** It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their guests and non-registered occupants of their boats enter into the Deliver the Dream Fishing Tournament voluntarily and at their own risk. Further, each registered and nonregistered participant for themselves and on behalf of other family members and/or executors agrees to release and hold harmless Deliver the Dream, tournament officials, sponsors, the city of Lighthouse Point, Pompano Beach and Broward County and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with operation of said tournament from any liability for liable, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, sport fisherman, their companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, vessels and equipment which may occur during the tournament.

**19. Prizes:** All winning anglers must provide a social security number prior to receiving their prize. All prizes are subject to applicable tax laws.

**20. Optional Entry Prize Categories:** Heaviest fish caught (50%); Top boat (total weight of fish caught - 30%); mystery category (20%) (a fish species will be selected from a sealed container) - the winner of this category wins the heaviest fish caught of the selected fish. All cash prizes will be paid out. If there is a category without a winner the money collected for that category will be donated to Deliver the Dream. Entry fee is \$200 per team.