



RULES OVERVIEW:

The Buds & Suds Saltwater Challenge is a billfish tournament for points.

Tournament Fish for Points: Blue/Black/Striped Marlin, Sailfish

1. Monitoring: Each team is provided a score card each day to register their fish caught.
2. The Tournament Start Time is 7:00am. Boats leave the dock at 6:55am.
3. Lines out at 3:00pm
4. Boundaries: All fishing must take place within 50 miles from Los Sueños marina.
5. All billfish are catch and release. Each team must be able to provide a video or digital photo (with a date/time stamp) showing a leader touch, clear identification of billfish species, and a clear release of all billfish caught. Make sure your video time/date profiles are accurate to Costa Rica time zone!
6. Teams must hand in their score cards, **completed and signed** with the species of fish caught and **time of catch** to a tournament official at the docks no later than 5:00pm.
7. Anglers may receive assistance from their captain/crew in hooking and landing fish.
8. Points are awarded as follows:

Sailfish – 100 points per fish caught. As these species are catch and release, a “leader touch” and a video or digital photo with time & date stamp and clear fish identification is required to verify the catch.

Black/Blue/Striped Marlin – 300 points per fish caught. As these species are catch and release a “leader touch” and a video or digital photo with time & date stamp and clear fish identification is required to verify the catch.

The TEAMS with the highest point total over the 2 days win.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Total Fish</u>	<u>Score</u>
Sailfish	6	4	10	1000
Striped Marlin	-	1	1	300
Blue Marlin	-	2	2	600
Black Marlin	1	-	1	300
			Overall Score	2200

*If fish species identification cannot be 100% verified with the video/photo, the team will be awarded 100 points.

Tiebreakers:

In the event of a tie on billfish points between multiple teams, rankings will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of catch.

Example: If Team “A” reached their point total at 1:17pm and Team “B” reached their point total at 2:16pm, Team “A” beats Team “B”.

PLEASE NOTE: Make sure your video time/date profiles are accurate to Costa Rica time zone!

Note: In Costa Rica, you are not allowed to bring any Billfish (sailfish or marlin) out of the water. You can however take photo's/videos of the Billfish along-side the boat before the leader is cut and the Billfish is released.

PURA VIDA JACKPOT



Teams have the option of raising the stakes and putting skin in the game by placing a bet in the Pura Vida Jackpot.

\$2,000 per Team

The total cash collected will be evenly split between the **4 Jackpots!**

****Tuna Jackpot***

****Dorado Jackpot***

Day 1 Billfish Release Jackpot

Day 2 Billfish Release Jackpot

*Note: If a Team elects not to enter the jackpots, their boat can be “bought” by any of the other teams.

Tuna & Dorado Jackpot Rules:

The Team that catches the single largest Tuna and the single largest Dorado during the 2-day tournament will win the cash in those 2 respective pots.

Minimum weight to qualify for both Tuna & Dorado is 20lbs.

In the event that no qualifying Tuna is caught on either day, the cash rolls to the Dorado Jackpot.

In the event that no qualifying Dorado is caught on either day, the cash rolls to the Tuna Jackpot.

If neither a qualifying Tuna nor Dorado are caught, the money for both pots roll into the overall billfish tournament and the cash is split between 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers at a 50/30/20 split.

If there is a tie on the weight of either Tuna or Dorado, the cash pot is split evenly between the teams that tied.

Daily Billfish Jackpots Rules:

Day 1 & Day 2 Billfish Release Jackpot will be paid out to the Team that scores the most billfish release points on each day. Same billfish release rules from above apply.

Tiebreakers:

In the event of a tie on billfish points between multiple teams, the daily winner will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of catch.

Example: If Team “A” reached their point total at 1:17pm and Team “B” reached their point total at 2:16pm, Team “A” beats Team “B”.

Payouts:

90% payout to the winning team(s).

10% of the winnings go to the winning boats captain and crew.

Entry into the optional Pura Vida Jackpot is cash only and will be collected on opening night.