1) Each participating Club may enter an unlimited number of teams, with a maximum of 4 boats per team. Only the scores of the Top team will count for each Club for the Top Club trophies.

2) Anglers may use substitute boats if necessary.

3) Above mentioned angler and boat changes must be reported and confirmed each day that they occur to one of the following:

   A. The Tournament Chairman
   B. The BAC office (949) 673-6316 or (949) 673-6384 FAX
   C. The Tournament Committee boat - Channel 65 – or Cell 949-922-3463
   D. A member of the Protest Committee

4) All anglers must have a valid California fishing license.

5) The entry fee is $175.00 per angler. The limit for the amount of anglers per boat is as follows:

   24 feet and under - minimum 2 anglers
   25 feet to 34 feet - minimum 3 anglers
   35 feet and up - minimum 4 anglers

   There are no maximum anglers per boat.

6) There is no limit on trolling or casting lines. Only Team Members shall be allowed to handle rods, gaffs, tagging sticks, tail ropes, etc.

7) The “MABT Marlin Count Verification Slip” will be completed, signed and turned in by each Boat Captain for all team members who earn points. The slips must be brought in, faxed or telephoned to the BAC prior to 12:00 noon, Sunday, September 18, 2011. In addition, the score sheet must be brought to the location of the dinner for confirmation on Sept. 18, 2011 by 4:00 p.m.

8) Each boat shall designate one of the anglers as Captain and he must report to the Captain’s Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 14, 2011.

9) Tournament boats may depart from any port. Once entering tournament boundaries during fishing hours, boats must remain within the boundaries until “lines out” unless departures approved by a Committee Boat. Fishing hours shall be 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Any boat hooked up prior to “lines out” may continue to fight the fish until it is caught or lost.
10) Tournament radio channel to be channel 65. ROLL CALL will be at 11:00 a.m. and 6:05 p.m. on Friday and 11:00 a.m. and 6:05 on Saturday. All fishing boats must monitor this frequency during the Roll Call, and report their activity or lack of. Reporting procedure is as follows: Knockdowns / Hook-ups / Releases. Example if you had 2 knockdowns, 1 hook up and 1 release your report would be: 2-1-1

11) Upon hook-up, a boat must report to a committee boat:
   A. Boat Name
   B. Angler Name
   C. Time of Hook-Up
   D. Line Class,
   E. Bait or Jig,
   F. Boat location by the grid on the Official Tournament Chart.

   If communication is difficult, due to distance, a radio relay through another boat to a committee boat, the BAC Clubhouse or JD’S Big Game Tackle is required.

12) A boat must immediately announce the results of any hook-up previously reported under Rule 11. This additional information must be reported and confirmed in a manner and terms as stated in Rule 11.
   A. Boat Name
   B. Angler Name
   C. Time of day when Marlin released or Broadbill boated.
   D. Tagged – if under 10 minutes

   You may be asked to repeat information listed in Rule 11 to clarify information.

13) If no contact can be made with a Tournament Committee Boat by direct contact or relay, the hook-up must be reported to the Balboa Angling Club by cell phone at 949 673-6316. This contact must be made immediately upon hook-up and upon boating or releasing the fish.

14) All fish must be hooked and caught from a tournament boat. This excludes tenders, Inflatables, dinghies, etc. Any device, such as a gangplank, platform, boom, or trapeze used to give a boat tagging or gaffing a fish an unfair advantage in doing so, is prohibited. (A legal bow-pulpit or swim step is allowed.)

15) I.G.F.A (International Game Fish Association) Rules: In all line classes up to and including 20lb, the leader shall be limited to 15 feet. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet. The leader on all classes of tackle over 20 lb shall be limited to 30 feet. The combined length of the double line and leader is limited to 40 feet.

16) If you get a Marlin to the boat and leadered in less than 10 minutes you MUST tag fish. Fish leadered after 10 minutes may be tagged and/or released. The angler or mate must grab and retain leader in hand at time of release for fish to qualify. No touching the double line, no grabbing and letting go of the leader, no cutting with a knife prior to retaining leader.
17) Following the release of a Marlin the angler may continue fishing; no limits are set for this tournament.

18) Persons other than anglers, including professional boatmen, may be permitted upon and may operate participating boats. They may not handle the rod, reel, gaff, tagging stick or leader during tournament hours.

19) Use of spotter planes to locate fish is forbidden. Any communications with an aircraft during the tournament is prohibited, except in cases of emergency.

20) The carrying of harpoon gear is prohibited.

21) In the event of a multiple hook-up, the angler with the first fish hooked shall have control of the boat until that fish is caught; then the second angler hook-up shall have control of the boat.

22) The fishing boundaries shall be 90 miles from the Bell Buoy at Newport Harbor as indicated on the Official Tournament Chart, which will be handed out at the Team Captain’s meeting.

23) Ten (10) minutes prior to lines out, radio silence will be in effect on the Channel designated as Tournament Channel. Any boat hook-up must contact a Committee Boat (to be announced) at that time, or, if unable to make such contact, any other BAC team boat. Roll Call will follow the announcement “Lines Out” approximately five (5) minutes after the hour.

24) Only Marlin and Broadbill count for HIGH ANGLER BILLFISH AWARD. There will be a special award (the JB Award) given to the angler releasing the first Spearfish of the tournament.

25) Prizes will be awarded in the Tuna Division for High Tuna Angler. Points earned in the Tuna Division will not count towards the overall angler, boat, and club standings.

26) Any intent of protesting must be presented to a Tournament Committee Boat or the Protest must be delivered in writing to the BAC before noon, Sunday September 18th. The Protest Committee will render final resolution on all protests.

27) In the event of rough seas, the Board of Directors has the authority to postpone or cancel tournament fishing. If such action is taken, the information will be available by calling the Balboa Angling Club at 949 673 6316.

28) The Balboa Angling Club is not responsible for the actions of any persons in the operations of boat, conduct of fishing endeavors, transfer of personnel, or fishing equipment, on or off of boats or docks or otherwise, and each participant assumes all risks in connection therewith.

29) In the event a Marlin is brought up dead it will be considered a released fish. The time of release will be that of the leader in hand.
The rules committee may ask for line samples to obtain information of the breaking strength of line used in the tournament.

BAC members must submit a Billfish Release Form and a line sample, if the fish is for button or annual Angler Point consideration. Please fill out the form completely and submit with the line sample to the BAC Office within fifteen (15) days of the catch.

RULES ENFORCEMENT

Any observed rule infraction should be reported to a Tournament Committee Boat. Strict adherence to both the spirit and letter of these rules is necessary. In fairness to all, involuntary infraction of these rules can more be condoned than can willful violations. Participants should be sure that they understand the rules and that their tackle complies with specifications.

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PROTEST COMMITTEE: Mike Landgraf, Dave Elm, Jimmy Decker, Drew Cosgrove

POINT SYSTEM

MARLIN

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In case of a tie, the first angler arriving at the total shall prevail.

TUNA DIVISION

Fish weight must exceed twice the amount of the line class — example: 20# line = 40 lb. fish
Please note that a mandatory line sample of 5 feet will be required on all 12# fish released in the tournament. The BAC also reserves the right to randomly request line samples for any reported releases regardless of line class. In the event your line over tests it will be moved up into the next line class. All samples must be turned into the BAC no later than 11:00AM Sunday, September 18th. Line may be passed to the committee boat for delivery to the clubhouse.

It is important to recognize that different brands of previously tested brands broke at the following strengths:

- Ande Premium 12.5
- P-Line CXX 21
- Jinkai IGFA 21.5
- Izorline 17
- Ande Tournament 11.5
- Berkley Big Game 15
- P-Line 17
- Maxima 16
- Suffix Key Lime IGFA 11.0

The spirit and success of this tournament reflects upon individual and team angling skill, based entirely on an honor system. If you have any questions as to the breaking strength of your line it is recommended that you pre-test it prior to fishing.

Thank you for fishing the MABT, see you on the water!!

Tournament Committee:
Mike Landgraf, Chairman
Jeff Clary, Co-Chairman
Dave Elm, Co-Chairman