



Billfish Rules Supplement 2018 Tri-State Canyon Shootout

Circle Hooks must be used with all natural baits

- To qualify as a released fish, the leader must be brought to within the grasp of the mate or the end of the leader must be wound onto the rod tip.
- A release affidavit must be completed for all released billfish and presented to the weigh master during scale hours on or before the end of the boat's two designated fishing days.
- The Billfish release affidavit must be accompanied by a time & date stamped digital image of the fish (still or video) that clearly shows the billfish species reported and the colored ribbon for the tournament. The Billfish must be photographed within 30ft (leader length) from the boat. The digital image verifies the affidavit, therefore, no points will be awarded if the species shown in the digital image does not match the species reported on the affidavit. The time stamp of the digital image is the official release time and will be used to determine the winner in the event of a tie.
- Anyone who submits a billfish release affidavit that is false will be committing a violation of tournament rules, as well as an act of fraud and will not be eligible for any tournament winnings.
- Colored ribbons and affidavits will be given out at the time of your billfish Calcutta completion.
- The winner of the Most Points for Billfish Releases will be subject to a polygraph test prior to being awarded the winnings.
- If no one in the Calcutta catches a Billfish, the Calcutta money will be refunded in check form within one week after the completion of the tournament.
- In the event of a points tie, the first released marlin will add an additional 50 points to the tied boat's total, making them the winner. It is the first released from the 5am start on the boats fishing days

Billfish Points Scoring	
White Marlin.....	70 Pts.
Blue Marlin.....	175 Pts.
Spearfish.....	70 Pts.
SwordfishRelease	40 Pts.
.....Boated	1/2 Pt. per lb.
Boated Swordfish must meet a 100lb minimum weight	

Billfish Calcuttas
Most Points for Billfish Releases
\$ 2500. ⁰⁰
Most White Marlin Releases
\$ 500. ⁰⁰
Billfish Calcuttas are winner take all!