



BISBEE'S COSTA RICA OFFSHORE

OFFICIAL BILLFISH RELEASE SCORECARD

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Team / Boat: _____

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I certify that all entries on this scorecard are accurate and complete. (Rule 5.6)

Boat Captain: _____

Date / Time: _____

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BISBEE'S COSTA RICA OFFSHORE TOURNAMENT

BILLFISH RELEASE SCORECARD — RULES & REQUIREMENTS

1. ELIGIBLE SPECIES & OFFICIAL RELEASE (Rules 2.2, 5.2)

Eligible Billfish (Catch and Release Only): Blue Marlin, Black Marlin, Striped Marlin, Sailfish, and Spearfish.

Official Release Definition: A billfish is considered officially released when the leader connection or swivel is wound to the tip of the rod, or when a person on the boat touches the leader while the fish is hooked.

If a billfish is identified but the exact species cannot be determined from video, the team will be awarded Sailfish/Spearfish points. (Rule 5.4)

2. REPORTING CATCHES TO TOURNAMENT CONTROL (Rule 5.1)

All billfish releases must be reported to Tournament Control immediately via VHF radio or cell phone. When reporting, provide: assigned team number and/or name, angler name, and fish species.

Tournament Control will verify the information and provide an official release time. This time must be recorded on the scorecard. Tournament Control's time is the official time for start, catch, and end of fishing each day without exception.

If a tournament boat is out of radio range, the catch must be relayed as soon as possible. Any team intentionally reporting wrong information to Tournament Control is subject to disqualification. (Rule 1.3)

3. SCORECARD REQUIREMENTS & SUBMISSION (Rules 5.6, 5.7)

All billfish releases must be recorded on this Official Billfish Scorecard. Gamefish do not need to be recorded on this scorecard.

Signature: The scorecard must be signed by the Boat Captain indicating agreement with the information as recorded. Unsigned scorecards will not be accepted.

Submission Deadline: Scorecards must be turned in on the same day the fish were caught, prior to the video verification station closing time (7:30 PM). Submit by any of the following methods:

- In person at the video check-in station
- Photo emailed to Release@Bisbees.com
- Uploaded via the CatchStat mobile app (iOS/Android) or web at <https://bisbees.catchstat.com>

If you did not catch a billfish, you do not have to turn in a scorecard. Scorecards are compared to radio logs for verification. Any team intentionally recording wrongful information is subject to disqualification. (Rule 1.3)

Los Suenos Marina Teams: May turn in video footage and release affidavits to CR Primos Tackle Shop by the 7:30 PM deadline. (Rule 7.3)

4. VIDEO VERIFICATION & MEDIA SUBMISSION (Rules 5.3, 5.5, 5.7)

All teams must provide their own video equipment and know how to operate it. To score an official release, the video footage must include all of the following:

1. Clearly identify the species of the fish while hooked.
2. Clearly identify the angler of the fish while hooked.
3. Clearly show the leader wound inside the rod tip or the swivel touching the rod tip while the fish is still hooked, OR a team member/angler/crew touching the leader while the fish is still hooked.
4. Identify the Release Color Card for that fishing day (designated on the radio before the Shotgun Start).
5. Identify the time and date of the catch.
6. Show the fish has been fully released.

IMPORTANT: Do NOT delete any video taken during fishing hours, even if it does not include the necessary elements and will not be used to prove a catch.

Equipment & Connectivity: Teams are solely responsible for providing any cables, adapters, card readers, or other connections necessary for tournament officials to view video files. If a team's video cannot be reviewed due to failure to provide the required connections, the catch will not be scored.

HOW TO SUBMIT RELEASE MEDIA

Release videos must be submitted on the same day the fish were caught, before the 7:30 PM deadline. Videos are reviewed at Tournament Headquarters, not at the weigh station. (Rule 5.5)

Option 1 — Submit Onsite at Tournament HQ

Bring your video equipment to the video check-in station at Marina Pez Vela. Teams are responsible for providing all cables, adapters, and card readers needed for officials to review footage. Tournament officials will not supply specialty equipment.

Option 2 — Upload via CatchStat (Recommended)

Upload release videos electronically using the CatchStat mobile app (iOS/Android) or website at <https://bisbees.catchstat.com>. Log in with the email address linked to your team. Navigate to My Teams, select your team, then use the Upload Media button on each catch. You may upload multiple files per catch. Start uploads early — do not wait until the deadline in case of slow connections.

In addition to your release video, you may also upload a photo of your release scorecard and your initialization photo through CatchStat. Scan the QR code at right for the full step-by-step upload guide.

No additional videos or photos will be accepted after the video verification station closes. (Rule 5.7)



Scan for CatchStat
Video Upload Guide

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Disqualification (Rule 1.3): Any violation of these rules resulting in disqualification means the entire team is disqualified from the event and forfeits all entry money, prizes, and prize money.

Disputes & Protests (Rule 8.2): Protests must be stated in writing, accompanied by a \$1,000 deposit, and submitted to tournament rules officials by the deadline stated in the Official Tournament Schedule on the day of the alleged incident. Decisions of the tournament committee are final.

It is the sole responsibility of all Participants to know and abide by the complete tournament rules as published at www.bisbees.com. This scorecard summarizes release-specific rules only and does not replace the Official Tournament Rules. (Rule 1.1)

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