



Battle for the Buckle 36' and Under TOURNAMENT RULES

Target Species: Tuna, Wahoo, Mahi Swordfish, Snapper, Mackerel

1. Eligibility

- Only vessels **36 feet in length or under** are eligible.
- Length is based on **manufacturer's hull length** (not including engines or aftermarket platforms).
- All participating boats must be **registered before lines in**.
- Entry Fee - Early Bird (before 9/1/25): \$600
Regular (after 9/1/25 2025): \$700
- Entry includes captain's dinner, 4 tshirts, and eligibility for the \$6,000 guaranteed cash prizes.

2. Tournament Dates & Times

- **Captain's Meeting:** 9/19/2025 6pm at Harbor Docks (Mandatory)
Last minute registrations take place on site at Harbor Docks from 4-6pm and Captain's Dinner and Calcutta immediately follows at 6 PM.
- **Lines In:** Immediately following conclusion of Captain's meeting/dinner
- **Weigh-In Window:** Weigh In's begin at 4pm on 9/20. All boats must be back to the dock no later than 6pm. Late weigh-ins will not be accepted—boats must be checked in or in line by the posted closing time.
- **Awards:** Sunday 9/21 at noon.

3. Divisions & Categories -

Primary Categories 50/30/20 Prize Split for First, Second and Third Place

- Heaviest Tuna/Wahoo/Mahi Aggregate Weight- "Saltwater Cowboy Buckle trophy" plus \$1250 winner take all
- Heaviest Tuna \$1,000
- Heaviest Swordfish \$1,000
- Heaviest Wahoo \$750
- Heaviest Mahi Mahi \$750
- Heaviest Snapper \$500
- Heaviest King Mackerel \$500
- Heaviest Snapper YOUTH Division - Winner takes all \$200. **15 years or Younger**



4. Weigh-In Rules

- All fish must be weighed at the official weigh station by the published deadline.
- Fish must be whole, fresh, and in edible condition.
- Two fish per species per boat per division may be weighed.
- No mutilated fish (determined at weighmaster's discretion).
- Individual Fish from the AGGREGATE division also qualify for other applicable divisions

5. Licenses & Regulations

- All anglers must comply with state and federal fishing regulations.
- All species must be of legal size and in season.
- Tournament officials reserve the right to disqualify any catch that does not comply.

6. Youth Division Guidelines

- Youth must be actively involved in the catch (hooking, fighting, or reeling in).
- Must be 15 or younger at the time of the tournament.
- Adult assistance is allowed, but catch must primarily be the youth's effort.

7. Scoring & Ties

- Winners are determined by heaviest weight per division.
- In case of a tie, the first fish weighed wins.

8. Disqualification

Grounds for disqualification include (but are not limited to):

- Use of illegal fishing methods
- Fishing outside of posted times
- Weighing in a fish not caught during tournament hours
- Misrepresentation of vessel length or angler eligibility

9. Additional Rules

- All protests must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes of the close of weigh-in.
- The tournament committee's decision is final.



10. Registration & Entry

- Entry fee must be paid prior to tournament start.
- A completed registration form and signed waiver are required.
- Checks payable to Westonwood Ranch Inc
- Payment by Credit Card will incur an addition 3.5% processing charge
- Calcutta at Captains Dinner - pay by cash or venmo