

**2014 Van Wormer Resorts
Tuna Shoot-Out
Rules**

1. Entrants that are under the age of 18 years must have written consent from their parent or legal guardian.
2. There can be 4 anglers maximum plus 2 crew aboard a cruiser, and 3 anglers plus 1 crew aboard a super panga/skiff.
3. It is the sole responsibility of the participating anglers to know and abide by the Shoot-Out (Tournament) rules. By entering the Shoot-Out they acknowledge such and agree to all rules. If anglers do not attend check-in/sign-up meeting on Friday, September 12, 2014 3pm - 6 pm at Hotel Palmas de Cortez, will automatically accept and agree to be bound by all the rules. Deadline for check-in/sign-up is Friday, September 12th, at 6pm, at Hotel Palmas De Cortez.
4. Entry fee will be \$500 per team until September 12th, 2014. If you enter both the Dorado Shoot Out and the Tuna Shoot Out, your entry fee will be \$400 for each.
5. There is no restriction on when and how much bait can be obtained prior to the flare start.
6. There will be a flare start Saturday, September 13th, 2014 in front of Hotel Palmas de Cortez at approximately 7 a.m. Weigh-in will be at the Hotel Palmas de Cortez dock. The scale will open at 1 p.m. and close at 4 p.m sharp. All boats planning to weigh-in fish must be inside (shore side) of the large yellow buoy anchored in front of the Hotel Palmas de Cortez dock by 4 p.m. Boats returning after the 4 p.m. deadline will be disqualified.
7. **NEW RULE: ALL TEAMS MUST SHOW THEIR TEAM NUMBER TO THE TOURNAMENT BOAT PRIOR TO LEAVING THE STARTING AREA.** A tournament boat will be anchored in front of Hotel Palmas De Cortez from 6am-7am. All teams must drive past the tournament boat while holding their team number high in the air. Video will be used to enforce this rule. No fish will be weighed by a team that did not check in prior to leaving the starting area.
8. Any boat deemed operating in an unsafe manner will be disqualified from the Tournament.
9. There are no fishing boundaries.
10. There is no restriction on tackle that can be used other than fish must be taken on hook and line using rod and reel. More than one team member may fight the fish, and team members / crew may assist the angler by touching the main line at any time during the fight.

Prizes – The angler that catches the heaviest Yellowfin Tuna will win approximately \$35,000 (based on 100 teams). Prizes will also be given to the

anglers that catch the second and third heaviest Tuna. Additional prizes will be given to the anglers that catch the heaviest Wahoo & Dorado.

In the event no Tuna are caught, the heaviest Wahoo will be the # 1 standby specie and Dorado the # 2 standby specie.

11. It is the responsibility of the team to decide which fish to weigh prior to docking at Hotel Palmas de Cortez. Only one fish per specie per boat will be weighed.
12. Between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13th, 2014, no vessel entered in the Tournament may be involved in handing off or receiving anything from another vessel whether that vessel is in the Tournament or not. The Tournament Director may choose to grant special permission to a team to waive this rule in the event that someone's personal safety or health is at risk. In the event that a boat is disabled, they must contact Tournament control on channel 23. The team may be granted permission to bring their fish to the scale area on another boat prior to 4:00 p.m.
13. The Tournament channel is 23 U.S.A.
14. Mutilated fish will not be weighed in.
15. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed wins.
16. Van Wormer Resorts reserves the right to deny any team or individual entry into the Tournament.
17. All verbal protests and supporting evidence must be presented to the Tournament Director immediately upon returning to the weigh-in area, followed by a written protest no more that 30 minutes after the verbal protest. Said evidence will be ruled on by the Tournament Director by 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2014.
18. Any verbal or physical abuse or threats from entrants toward Tournament Staff is cause for a team's disqualification.
19. The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter starting and finishing times to coincide with the weather.
20. Teams that weigh-in fish cannot continue to fish.
20. Wrist bands will be distributed to team members at sign-up/check-in and must be worn at all times. Additional wrist bands will be available for guests to attend the awards dinner for \$20. Entrants must wear team wrist bands at awards dinner.

*Awards Dinner will be held at Hotel Palmas de Cortez, Saturday October 12th, at 7:00 p.m.