

Bisbee's Black & Blue Tournaments

2008 Tournament Rules

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This document includes the 2008 Prize Disbursement Procedures, Liability Release, Tournament Rules, Angling & Equipment Rules, and Illustrated Equipment Regulations.

This information pertains to all three tournaments except where noted.

Rules, including published rules, are subject to change without notice.

Final instructions are given at each Captain's Meeting:

East Cape: Tuesday, July 29th at 6:00pm, Pool Deck

Los Cabos: Friday, October 17th at 6:00pm, Baja Cantina DOCKSIDE

Black & Blue: Tuesday, October 21st at 6:00pm, Puerto Paraiso Mall

PRIZE DISBURSEMENT

Trophies

Trophies are handed out on stage during the Awards Presentation.

Cash Disbursement

Cash awards are disbursed on the day after the Awards Presentation. Disbursements are by check only in US Dollars. You may choose whether to have the funds disbursed from a US checking account or a Mexican checking account. Checks are written with a date one week in the future—this allows us time to transfer funds between our US and Mexican checking accounts. Disbursement starts at 10:00am and ends at 3:00pm. If you are not able to pick up your checks within that timeframe they will be mailed within two weeks following the event. Please allow us at least two hours from the time you turn in your Disbursement Order to the time your checks are ready for pick-up.

Disbursement Order

Before funds can be disbursed each team receiving cash awards must complete a "Disbursement Order" which specifies how the funds are to be distributed. These forms are handed to a member of the team at the Awards Presentation.

Every registered team member must sign the Order indicating they agree to the distribution of funds as specified. Completed forms should be turned in at Tournament Headquarters.

Tournament organizers **will not** participate in ANY decisions regarding cash distribution. All decisions pertaining to the distribution of a team's total purse are the sole responsibility of the team members, regardless of whether an award is published as an individual or team award.

Taxes

We are required by Mexican law to withhold taxes from tournament winnings. After the tournament you will receive a document confirming the taxes were paid to the Mexican government.

Deducting Entry Fees

If you choose to do so, you may deduct entry fees from your winnings to be applied toward the following year's tournament.

LIABILITY RELEASE

The Liability Release is also printed on the tournament's Registration Pass, which is handed to the team when checking in during on-site Registration. A member of the team must sign the Registration Pass where indicated acknowledging that the entire team agrees to the Release.

It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the "Participants") participate in Bisbee's Black & Blue Tournaments (East Cape Offshore, Los Cabos Offshore and/or Black & Blue Marlin Tournament—the "Tournaments") at their own risk. The Participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless the Tournaments, Tournament Promotions, Inc., Puerto Paraiso, Tournament Control, Inc. and their respective officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, partners, members and/or attorneys (collectively the "Tournament Indemnified Parties"), from and against any and all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the Tournament Indemnified Parties. All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Tournaments,

whether individual or corporation, shall have no liability whatsoever for any special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary and/or any other damage including without limitation, any damages arising from libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat, team or person.

Participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph in which they appear, or audio recording, by the Tournaments for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

This Liability Release shall be binding upon the Participants and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. By registering in any of the Bisbee's Black & Blue Tournaments and paying the entry fee, Participants acknowledge that they have read the rules and the Liability Release and are bound by same.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Rules Acceptance & Captain's Meeting

- A) It is the sole responsibility of the participating anglers, captains and crews to know and abide by the tournaments' rules. By entering the event they acknowledge this and agree to such.
- B) Anglers and boat captains should attend the scheduled Captain's Meetings. If they don't attend, they automatically accept and agree to be bound by instructions given at the meetings.
- C) By entering any of the Bisbee's Black & Blue Tournaments, all participants agree to accept the rules of the tournaments and accept all decisions made by the Rules Committee as final.

2. Permits & Licenses

All participating anglers must possess a valid personal Mexican Fishing License. A representative from the Mexico Department of Fisheries will be on-site during registration at all events to sell Licenses and Permits.

3. Tournament Start

The official start of the fishing day is a shotgun-flare start. All boats must be behind the official starting line 15 minutes prior to the shotgun start. Any boat not clearly behind the start line at this time will be disqualified from the day's fishing. Any anglers or captain disqualified for this violation a second time will be immediately disqualified from the entire event, and forfeit any winnings and/or entry payments.

4. Bait Fishing Prior to Tournament Start

Teams may attempt to catch bait until 15 minutes prior to the official start time. At this time, all fishing lines and teasers must be removed from the water.

5. Fishing Days and Times

East Cape—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00am–4:00pm

Los Cabos—Saturday, Sunday 8:00am–5:00pm

Black & Blue—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am–5:00pm

A fish hooked prior to end of fishing may be fought until boated, released or lost provided the team arrives at the weigh station prior to its closing for the day if they have a fish to weigh or release to report.

The Tournament Committee reserves the privilege of changing starting and ending fishing times to coincide with weather, tides, and improved probability of better fishing conditions.

6. Extending Fishing Time

Fishing time will not be extended during the tournament unless all anglers are included and no qualifying fish have been caught.

7. Hand-Offs Between Vessels

Between the tournament's fishing hours, no vessel entered in the tournament may be involved in the handing off or receiving of anything from another vessel whether that vessel is entered in the tournament or not, or any other entity of any sort including bait receivers. The Rules Committee may choose to grant special permission **IN ADVANCE** to waive this rule if someone's personal safety or health is at risk.

8. Weather

In the event of inclement weather, the tournament will commence on the first day the tournament organizers declare. Should this day fall on the second out of three originally scheduled days of fishing, two days will be

fished and all tournament awards will be presented based on these two days of fishing. Should this day fall on the last originally scheduled day of fishing or if this day falls after all originally scheduled fishing days, one day will be fished and all tournament awards will be presented based on that one day of fishing. The tournaments are "fish at your own risk" events.

9. Official "Tournament"

If any portion of the scheduled fishing days is fished, the time fished will constitute a tournament, and the awards money will be presented as per the tournament's official rules.

10. Cancellation

In the event a tournament is canceled prior to any portion of the scheduled fishing days being fished, or no qualifying fish are caught in the tournament, the published percentage amount of Entry Fee and Optional Category monies that were allocated for cash awards will be returned by mail to the Team Contact. One check per team.

11. Boundaries

Teams are required to fish within the boundaries laid out by the Tournament's Grid Map, and to call in the grid location of every hook-up. Grid maps are published in the Tournament Journal and are available during registration at each event. In general these boundaries are: East Cape—50 mile radius from host resort, Los Cabos and Black & Blue—40 mile radius from Cabo San Lucas.

12. Communications

The VHF radio channels, backup channels and telephone numbers used to contact Radio Control are provided during the Captain's Meeting. You can also pick up a copy when you pick up your team bags during registration.

13. Eligible Species & Points

For the Black & Blue Marlin Tournament

Species	Points per Pound	Release Points	Minimum Weight	Limit to Weigh
Blue Marlin	1 (one)	300	300 lbs.	1/angler/day 2/boat/day
Black Marlin	1 (one)	300	300 lbs.	1/angler/day 2/boat/day
Striped Marlin	n/a	0	release only	n/a
Sailfish	n/a	0	release only	n/a
Spearfish	n/a	0	release only	n/a

For the East Cape and Los Cabos Offshore Tournaments

Species	Points per Pound	Release Points	Minimum Weight	Limit to Weigh
Blue Marlin	1 (one)	300	300 lbs.	1/angler/day 2/boat/day
Black Marlin	1 (one)	300	300 lbs.	1/angler/day 2/boat/day
Striped Marlin	n/a	100	release only	n/a
Sailfish	n/a	100	release only	n/a
Spearfish	n/a	100	release only	n/a
Dorado	1 (one)	n/a	30 lbs.	1/team/day
Tuna	1 (one)	n/a	40 lbs.	1/team/day

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14. Penalty Points

Black or blue marlin weighing less than 300 pounds are awarded zero (0) points and additionally penalized twenty-five (25) points plus two (2) points for every pound under 300 pounds. For example, a 290 lb. black or blue marlin would be awarded 0 points and penalized 25 points plus 20 points, making the total points for the fish -45. The negative points are deducted from the team's overall weight points and affect the scoring for the Top Five Teams only.

15. Official Billfish Release

A billfish is considered officially released when the leader connection is wound to the tip of the rod, or the mate or other crew member touches the leader.

16. Reporting Billfish

Boat captains are to report to Radio Control **at the time of hook-up** Boat Name, Angler Name, Grid Area and Species. The boat captain **must again report to Radio Control when the billfish is lost, released or boated**. In addition, billfish still being fought at lines out must be reported to Radio Control. Gamefish do not need to be reported.

Times are recorded to the whole minute. The time recorded by Radio Control is the official time of release.

Any team or crew intentionally reporting wrongful information to tournament control for the purpose of altering the tournament standings or results will be immediately disqualified from the event, and forfeit any winnings and/or entry payments.

17. Billfish Catch Affirmations

The Billfish Catch Affirmation (BCA) form is the Team's record of billfish hooked and subsequently released, tagged, lost or boated. Affirmations are compared to the radio logs for verification. Billfish should be recorded as caught to ensure accuracy. If you catch a billfish, you must turn in a BCA on the same day it was caught. Billfish Catch Affirmation forms are distributed during Registration.

Lost billfish may be recorded on the BCA for statistical purposes. The same applies to recording whether it was tagged.

Before turning in your BCA be sure it's filled in completely including a suffix if necessary for the angler (i.e. Jr., Sr., III). If the angler was a Lady check off under the L column.

The boat captain and all anglers who caught billfish must print their name and sign the BCA indicating they affirm the information as recorded. BCAs must be turned in daily at the Weigh Station before it closes. If you did not catch a billfish you do not need to turn in a BCA.

18. Cash Release Division Verification

The following pertains to the Black & Blue Only

Each team in the Cash Release Division (Level 2) is issued an Official Tournament Camera during Registration. Additional cameras are available at the Weigh Station during fishing days.

At the beginning of each fishing day Radio Control will announce the day's verification object. At that time you must take a photo of the verify

object so Tournament Officials can verify on which day the billfish was caught. The team then takes photos of billfish as they are released. The photo must show the billfish next to the boat, and identify the billfish species. If the species cannot be positively identified the team will not be awarded points for the release.

BCA forms must be turned in daily, however, cameras should not be turned in until the end of the tournament. If you fill up the camera you can turn it in at the Weigh Station and pick up another camera. All cameras must be turned in to the Weigh Station by 9:00pm of the last day of fishing.

19. Boating Marlin & Weigh-In

- A) ANY marlin brought onboard a boat must be weighed. Any team intentionally mutilating a fish for the purpose of altering tournament standings or results will be immediately disqualified from the event, and forfeit any winnings and/or entry payments.
- B) All fish intended to be weighed must be presented to the weigh station on the same day they are caught.
- C) All marlin that are weighed during the tournament must be weighed at the tournament's official weigh station.
- D) The rod, reel, line, leader, lure and hook(s) must accompany each fish to be weighed and be presented to the weighmaster.
- E) Any fish brought to the weigh station may have its mouth taped closed. However, once the weighmaster has raised the fish the angler will be asked to remove whatever is sealing the mouth closed (tape, string etc.), and clip any external leader material to the outer edge of the fish's mouth. Except for artificial lures, nothing will be pulled from the fish's mouth, however, whatever may fall from the fish due to gravity will remain out when determining the fish's weight.

20. Weigh Station Locations and Times

East Cape: located on the beach in front of the Hotel Buena Vista; weigh-in hours for all three days of fishing are 7:00am-7:00pm.

Los Cabos: located in front of the Puerto Paraiso Mall; weigh-in hours for the first day 8:00am-8:00pm, second day 8:00am-7:00pm.

Black & Blue: located in front of the Puerto Paraiso Mall; weigh-in hours for all three days of fishing are 8:00am-9:00pm.

Weigh station officials will continue to weigh fish for all boats that arrive in front of the weigh station prior to its closing.

21. Breaking Ties

Ties between the weight of two or more fish are broken by the time the fish was weighed. Ties between Release Points are broken by the time of release as recorded on the radio logs. Times are recorded to the whole minute.

22. Protests

Any protest must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director before the official closing of the weigh station on the day of the alleged infraction. The Tournament Director will turn over the protest to the Rules Committee and the Committee will rule as soon as is feasibly possible. All protest letters must be accompanied by \$500 USD cash, which will be returned to the protesting team only if the protest ruling is in favor of the protest.

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23. Truth Affirmation Examination

The following pertains to the Black & Blue Only

One person from each team that is receiving cash awards must complete a polygraph examination. This person must have been directly involved with the capture of the fish (angler, captain or wireman). The selection of the person to receive the examination is made by Tournament Officials. We try to schedule the exam at the time of weigh-in, however, please leave your local contact information with tournament officials at the weigh station in case we have to change the schedule. Examinees must be sober at the time of the examination.

Failure to comply, or failing the examination, will result in disqualification of the entire team. Disqualified teams forfeit any and all entry money, prizes or prize money. The decision of the Rules Committee is final.

24. Waiver

By entering the tournament, all anglers, crews and guests, hereinafter referred to as Participant(s), agree to and understand the following:

THAT deep sea fishing has numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks that are always present in such an activity despite all safety precau-

tions. Related injuries can be severe requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities. All participants acknowledge such risks and hereby freely assume same.

25. Disputes

All disputes, claims, differences or controversies including, without limitation, protests arising out of, or in relation to, any aspect of the tournaments shall be decided by the Rules Committee and shall be final and binding.

26. Binding Arbitration

In the event the Rules Committee cannot render a final and binding decision in regard to the claim, difference, controversy or protest under review the matter shall be resolved by binding arbitration under the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association in Orange County, California USA. The decision rendered pursuant to arbitration shall be in writing and shall be final, binding and conclusive between the parties. The parties shall have no further recourse, except for those provided for review and nullity. Once the decision is rendered and is final it will produce the effect of "res judicata" and the parties shall fully comply with the decision without delay. All parties waive any right to a trial by judge or jury.

ANGLING AND EQUIPMENT RULES

The East Cape and Los Cabos Offshore Tournaments are "Team" Tournaments; the Black & Blue Marlin Tournament is an "Angler" Tournament. This means there are differences in the way the equipment and/or tackle can be managed or manipulated leading up to, during and following the playing of a fish. These differences will be clearly pointed out in these rules. Two pages of diagrams follow to assist in the clarification of these rules.

Anglers are responsible for their own bait. Any lures, teasers or bait may be used as approved by these rules and accompanying diagrams.

EQUIPMENT RULES FOR ALL BISBEE TOURNAMENTS

A. LINE

1. Dacron, monofilament, multifilament, and lead core multifilament lines may be used. Provided they are all of a "manufacturers stated line class" of 130 pounds or less. Line by the trade name of Spectra is acceptable. Wire lines are prohibited.

B. LINE BACKING

1. Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material.
2. If the fishing line is attached to the backing, the backing may not exceed the event's maximum.

C. LINE(S) ON REELS

Use of 2 different lines on a single reel and/or Top-Shots.

1. Two different types or strengths of lines may be used on a single reel provided each of the lines meets the tournament's described requirements. This is commonly called using "top-shots".
2. The connecting knot, splice or braid may not exceed seven (7) feet in length.
3. Anglers weighing fish must report the use of this top shots or the

use of two different lines on their reel at the time of weighing in their fish in order for weigh station personnel to examine the line(s) and connecting method.

D. DOUBLE LINE

The use of a double line is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.
2. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double to the farthest end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure or hook to the double line.
3. In all line classes up to and including 20 pounds, the double line shall be limited to 15 feet. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet. The double line on all classes of tackle over 20 pounds shall be limited to 30 feet. The maximum combined length of the double line and leader is 40 feet.

E. LEADER

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement or other device.
2. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device.
3. Holding devices are prohibited.
4. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.
5. In all line classes up to and including 20 lbs., the leader shall be limited to 15 feet. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet.

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6. The leader on all classes of tackle over 20 pounds shall be limited to 30 feet. The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 40 feet.

F. ROD

1. Rods must comply with sporting ethics and customs.
2. The rod tip must be a minimum of 40 inches in length. The rod butt cannot exceed 27 inches.
3. These measurements must be made from a point directly beneath the center of the reel. A curved butt is measured in a straight line.

G. REEL

1. Reels must comply with sporting ethics and customs.
2. Power driven reels of any kind are prohibited. This includes motor, hydraulic, or electrically driven reels, and any device, which gives the angler an unfair advantage.
3. Ratchet handle reels are prohibited.
4. Reels designed to be cranked with both hands at the same time are prohibited.

H. HOOKS FOR BAIT FISHING

1. For live or dead bait fishing no more than two single hooks may be used. Both must be firmly imbedded in or securely attached to the bait. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 18 inches apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook.
2. The use of a dangling/swinging hook is prohibited. No double or treble hooks.

I. HOOKS AND LURES

1. When using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing material, no more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader, or trace. The hooks need not be attached separately. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than an overall hook's length (the overall length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 12 inches apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. The trailing hook may not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt of the lure.
2. The tournament recognizes products produced by Quick Rig Corporation under the trade name "Double Trouble Hooks" as acceptable tackle to be used in the tournament.

J. OTHER EQUIPMENT

1. Fighting chairs may not have any mechanically propelled devices that aid the angler in fighting.
2. Gimbals must be free swinging. Any gimbal that allows the angler to reduce strain or to rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.
3. Harnesses may be attached to the reel or rod, but not to the fighting chair. The harness may be replaced or adjusted by a person other than the angler.
4. Rod belts or waist gimbals are permitted.
5. Gaffs used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 8 feet in overall length. In using a flying or detachable gaff the rope may not exceed 30 feet. The gaff rope must be measured from the point where it is secured to the detachable head to the other end. If a fixed head gaff is used, the same limitations shall apply and the gaff rope shall be measured from the

same location on the gaff hook. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. Tail ropes are limited to 30 feet.

6. Entangling devices, either with or without a hook, are prohibited and may not be used for any purpose including baiting, hooking or fighting the fish.
7. Nets may not be used to obtain a fish.
8. Outriggers, downriggers, spreader bars and kites are permitted to be used, provided that the actual fishing line is attached to a snap or other release device, either directly or with some other material. The leader or double line may not be connected to the release mechanism either directly or with the use of a connecting device. Spreader bars are also acceptable when used strictly as a teaser.
9. Daisy chains, birds, floats and similar devices may only be used if they do not unfairly hamper or inhibit the normal swimming or fighting ability of the fish, thereby giving the team an unfair advantage in fighting, releasing or boating the fish. Acceptability of this equipment will be determined by the rules committee on an individual, as needed basis. Note: Should a team not wish to rely on a rules committee decision, they may opt to place a release device above the bait or lure which contains the hook(s). In this case, the release device may be attached to the double line and/or leader.
10. A safety line may be attached to the rod provided that it does not in any way assist the angler in fighting the fish.

ANGLING RULES SPECIFIC TO THE EAST CAPE & LOS CABOS

A. The East Cape and Los Cabos tournaments are "Team Tournaments". In these events the tournament does not regulate who may be involved in the management of, or the manipulation of, the equipment and/or tackle leading up to, during, or following the playing of a fish.

B. Once a fish is hooked, the rod/reel involved in playing the fish must stay in physical contact with the angler(s).

C. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line, the team must cut away the extra line(s) as quickly as possible.

ANGLING AND EQUIPMENT RULES SPECIFIC TO THE BLACK & BLUE

A. Teams may have up to six (6) anglers fishing at any given time. All anglers must be registered during Registration.

B. FROM THE MOMENT A FISH STRIKES A BAIT OR LURE, no one other than the individual angler involved in the catching of that fish may touch or handle the rod, reel or line involved (including the double line). Should this happen, the Rules Committee's decision for disqualifying the fish will be based on whether or not the angler was "aided" by the outside contact, potentially altering the outcome of the capture or release of the fish. If a fish strikes a lure or bait while someone other than a registered angler is holding the rod, he/she must immediately place the rod in the closest rod holder, and clear the area so a registered angler may obtain the rod and begin fighting the fish. In this scenario, the non-angler may not adjust the drag or set the hook before placing the rod into the rod holder.

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C. If an obstacle (rubber band, etc.) blocks the passage of the line through the rod guides and has to be removed from the line, the obstacle shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.

D. From the time that a fish strikes, anyone onboard may remove the other lines, teasers and other devices used from the water.

E. If live baiting or trolling artificial lures or dead bait is performed by anyone other than a registered angler it must be done with the fishing rod placed in a rod holder that is affixed to the boat.

F. Once the leader is brought within grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the rod tip, more than one person is permitted to touch the leader—this DOES NOT apply to the double line.

G. One or more gaffers may be used in addition to persons holding the leader. The gaff handle must be in hand when the fish is gaffed.

THE FOLLOWING ACTS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH IN ANY OF THE BIS-BEE TOURNAMENTS

1. Failure to comply with the tournaments' general, equipment or angling regulations.
2. Resting the rod in a rod holder, on the gunwale of the boat, or any other object while playing the fish.
3. Hand lining or using a hand line or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.

4. Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish at any stage of the catch.
5. Chumming with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin, or any part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.
6. Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.
7. Splicing, removing, or adding to the line while the fish is being played.
8. Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.
9. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting fish.
10. If a fish escapes before gaffing and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.
11. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions.
12. Mutilation to the fish, prior to boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.)

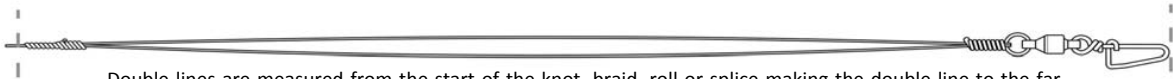
THE FOLLOWING WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH IN THE BLACK & BLUE

1. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.

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DOUBLE LINES AND LEADERS



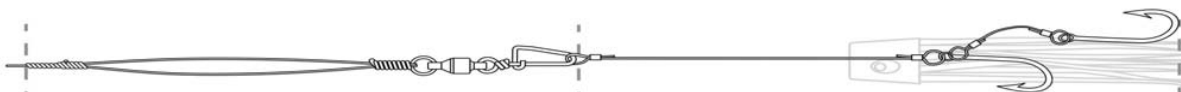
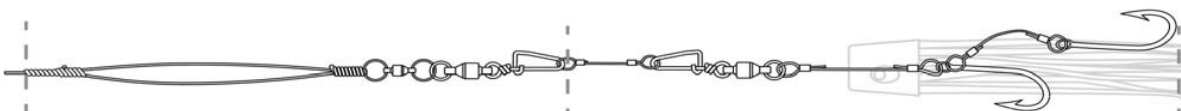
Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double line to the farthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure or hook to the double line. For saltwater species the double line shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters) for all line classes up to and including 20 lb (10 kg); and shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters) for line classes over 20 lb (10 kg).



The leader shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters) for saltwater species in line classes up to 20 lb (10kg), and 30 feet (9.14 meters) for all line classes over 20 lb (10 kg).



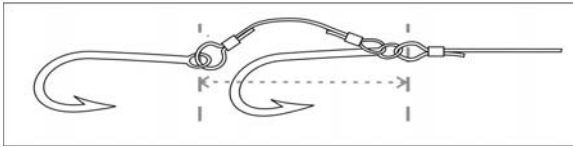
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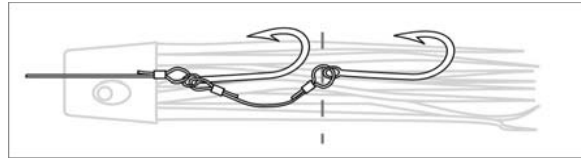
The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 ft (6.1 meters) in line classes up to and including 20 lb (10 kg) and 40 feet (12.19 meters) in line classes over 20 lb (10 kg) for saltwater species.

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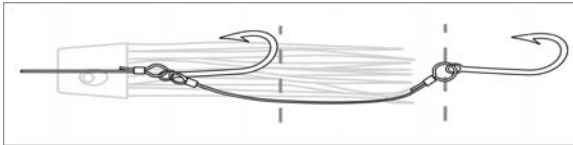
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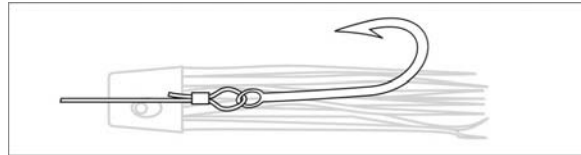
LEGAL if eyes of hooks no more than 18 inches (45.72 cm) apart in baits and no more than 12 inches (30.45 cm) apart in lures.
NOT LEGAL if eyes further apart than these distances.



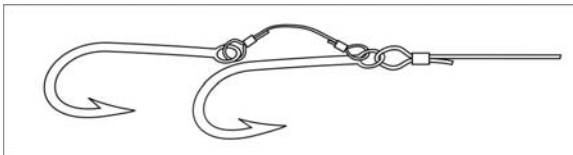
LEGAL as eyes of hooks are no less than a hook's length apart and no more than 12 inches (30.45 cm) apart, and the trailing hook does not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt.



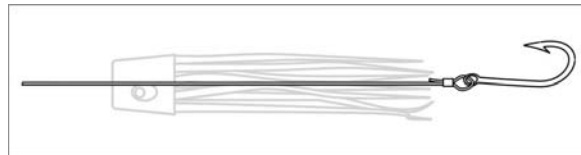
NOT LEGAL as the second or trailing hook extends more than the hook's length beyond skirt.



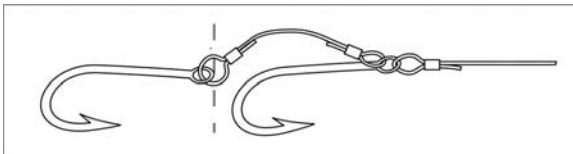
LEGAL as hook is contained within the skirt.



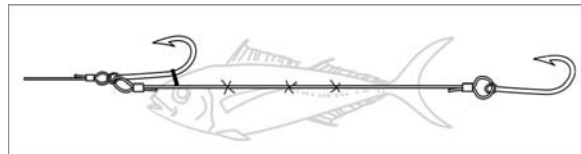
NOT LEGAL in bait or lures as eyes of hooks are less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook) apart.



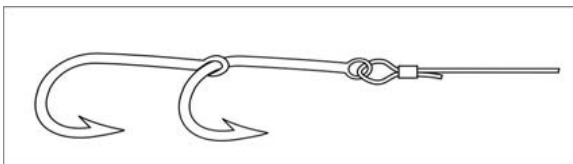
NOT LEGAL as the single hook extends more than its length beyond the skirt. See also two hook rigs.



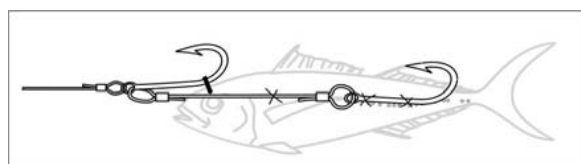
LEGAL as eyes of hooks are no less than a hook's length apart and no more than 18 inches (45.72 cm) in baits and 12 inches (30.45 cm) in lures.



NOT LEGAL as back hook is not firmly imbedded in or securely attached to bait and is a dangling or swinging hook.



LEGAL in baits and lures. The point of one hook is passed through the eye of the other hook.



LEGAL as both hooks are firmly imbedded or securely attached to bait. Would not be legal if eyes of hooks were more than 18 inches (45.72 cm) apart.

GAFFS



LEGAL on boats if effective rope length does not exceed 30 feet (9.15 meters).



LEGAL on boats if overall gaff length does not exceed 8 feet (2.44 meters).