ENTRY & AWARDS 2027

Flor de Caña Signature Open - Entry & Awards

IMPORTANT NOTICE

While all efforts are made to keep this information current, all published rules shall be considered unofficial. Official rules will be distributed and announced at the registration check-in and captains meeting. All participants agree to the terms of these rules by participating in the tournament.

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

The **Flor de Caña Signature Open** is a celebration of passionate dedication to craftsmanship and the love of ethical sport fishing, coming to life **February 5-7, 2027**. The event will be hosted at the incredible Marina Pez Vela facility, with competitors testing their skills in the fish-rich waters of Quepos, Costa Rica.

SCHEDULE AND EVENT ACCESS

- A final registration soirée and captain's meeting will take place at Marina Pez Vela on February 5.
- Fishing days are scheduled for February 6 and February 7.
- The awards ceremony at Marina Pez Vela follows the final day of fishing on February 7.

PARTICIPATION, ELIGIBILITY, AND RULES

Teams will be designated as fishing on a Sonar boat or Non-Sonar boat and will compete in separate divisions for the billfish purse and awards. Teams with "Non-Sonar" designation may opt to fish in the "Sonar" designated divisions but must choose one or the other.

All Sonar and Non-Sonar boats will compete together for the Tuna and Dorado divisions, including optional jackpots. Each team may register one captain, two mates, and six anglers. Registered captains and mates are **NOT** allowed to hook and fight fish. Guests are allowed on boats but are **NOT** allowed to participate in any angling of fish.

All teams must follow I.G.F.A. saltwater angling and tackle rules unless otherwise stated for the Flor de Caña Signature Open. For a complete listing of the I.G.F.A. saltwater equipment and angling rules, please go to: http://www.igfa.org/Fish/INTERNATIONAL-ANGLING-RULES.aspx. The exception is that registered anglers may set the hook and pass the rod to another registered angler one time only. It is the responsibility of each team to know, understand, and abide by I.G.F.A. and tournament rules during this competition. Any team who intentionally breaks these rules is subject to expulsion and disqualification upon determination by the tournament committee, from this and future tournaments without a refund of any registration fees.

All Sonar and Non-Sonar Boats will compete together for the Tuna and Dorado division including Optional Jackpots

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION FEES

All teams pay a tournament participation fee of $500 plus a $140 tax and administration fee, for a total of $640. The tournament will allocate $400 from each team toward the Gamefish Awards.

The team designation fee is $4,000 for Sonar-equipped boats and $2,000 for Non- Sonar-equipped boats. Eighty percent of all entry fees go toward awards.

The tournament provides nine VIP passes for six registered anglers, one registered captain, and two registered mates to attend all event functions, receive team gifts, and be eligible to win purse and awards. Teams may invite guests to attend all event functions for an additional fee of $150 per person. Registered team members and guests must wear tournament wristbands for access to tournament activities.

SONAR TEAM BILLFISH DIVISION ENTRY AND AWARDS

Entry fee: $4,000. Purse is based on the number of Sonar teams entered

- Day One Most Billfish Release Points 10%
- Day Two Most Billfish Release Points 10%
- First Place Most Overall Billfish Release Points 40%
- Second Place Most Overall Billfish Release Points 25%
- Third Place Most Overall Billfish Release Points 15%
- High-Point Billfish Angler – Trophy and prizes
- High-Point Billfish Lady Angler – Trophy and prizes
- High-Point Billfish Jr. Angler (17 or younger) – Trophy and prizes

In the event of a tie the team or angler reaching the highest score first wins with the other team or angler assuming the next award position. This is based on the time of release.

NON-SONAR TEAM BILLFISH DIVISION ENTRY AND AWARDS:

Entry Fee $2,000. Purse based on number of teams entered.

- Day One Most Billfish Release Points 10%
- Day Two Most Billfish Release Points 10%
- First Place Most Overall Billfish Release Points 40%
- Second Place Most Overall Billfish Release Points 25%
- Third Place Most Overall Billfish Release Points 15%
- High-Point Billfish Angler – Trophy and prizes
- High-Point Billfish Lady Angler – Trophy and prizes
- High-Point Billfish Jr. Angler (17 or younger) – Trophy and prizes

In the event of a tie the team or angler reaching the highest score first wins with the other team or angler assuming the next award position. This is based on the time of release.

SONAR AND NON-SONAR BOATS WILL COMPETE TOGETHER FOR THE GAMEFISH AWARDS.

Sonar and Non-Sonar Tuna Awards

- First Place Tuna 25%
- Second Place Tuna 15%
- Third Place Tuna 10%

In the event of a tie by weight the teams will split the award and next award position.

Sonar and Non-Sonar Dorado Awards

- First Place Dorado 25%
- Second Place Dorado 15%
- Third Place Dorado 10%

In the event of a tie by weight the teams will split the award and next award position.

Good luck and tight lines!

Flor de Caña Happy Hour Award

All Sonar and Non-Sonar teams are eligible to win the Happy Hour Daily prize of $1,000 and additionally a bottle of Flor de Caña V Generaciones, 30-Year-Old Luxury Rum. The Sonar or Non-Sonar teams that earn the most billfish release points from 11:00am - 2:00 pm each day will win the prize.

OPTIONAL SONAR AND NON-SONAR BOAT JACKPOTS

All optional jackpot divisions are 80% payback. Only teams entered in the optional jackpots will be eligible for these cash awards. The tournament rules apply to all optional jackpots. Teams with "non-sonar" designation may opt to fish in the "sonar" designated divisions but must choose one or the other.

Optional Sonar Boat Jackpot Entry and Awards

SONAR BOAT DAILY BILLFISH RELEASE JACKPOT $3,000

The Daily Billfish Release Jackpot prize consists of one-half of the total jackpot money for each day and goes to the team with the most billfish release points each day. If there is a tie in billfish release points by multiple teams in the tournament, rankings will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of release.

SONAR BOAT DAILY SPLIT BILLFISH RELEASE JACKPOT $5,000

The Daily Split Billfish Release Jackpot will provide two daily prizes each day and consists of one quarter of the total jackpot money. The teams that have the most billfish release points from 7:30 am - 11:30 am, and 11:31 am to 3:30 pm each day will win the prize. If there is a tie in billfish release points by multiple teams in the tournament, rankings will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of release.

SONAR BOAT OVERALL BILLFISH RELEASE POINTS JACKPOT

LEVEL ONE - $3,000
LEVEL TWO - $5,000

There are two levels of Sonar Boat Optional Overall Billfish Release Points Jackpot. Level-one jackpot fee is $3,000; level-two jackpot fee is $5,000. The Overall Billfish Release Points Sonar Boat Jackpot will be awarded to the top three teams with the most Overall Billfish Release Points of the tournament over the two days of fishing and be awarded accordingly. First place 50%, Second place - 30%, Third place - 20%. If there is a tie in billfish release points by multiple teams in the tournament, rankings will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of release.

SONAR BOAT WINNER TAKE-ALL BILLFISH RELEASE JACKPOT $5,000

The fee to enter the Sonar Boat Winner Take-All Release Jackpot is $5,000 and is optional. The jackpot will be awarded to the Sonar Boat team with the most overall billfish release points of the tournament. If there is a tie in billfish release points by multiple teams in the tournament, rankings will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of release.

Optional Non-Sonar Boat Jackpot Entry and Awards

NON-SONAR BOAT DAILY BILLFISH RELEASE JACKPOT $2,000

The Daily Billfish Release Jackpot prize consists of one-half of the total jackpot money for each day and goes to the team with the most billfish release points each day. If there is a tie in billfish release points by multiple teams in the tournament, rankings will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of release.

NON-SONAR BOAT DAILY SPLIT BILLFISH RELEASE JACKPOT $3,000

The Daily Split Billfish Release Jackpot will provide two daily prizes each day and consists of one quarter of the total jackpot money. The teams that have the most billfish release points from 7:30 am - 11:30 am, and 11:31 am to 3:30 pm each day will win the prize. If there is a tie in billfish release points by multiple teams in the tournament, rankings will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of release.

NON-SONAR BOAT OVERALL BILLFISH RELEASE POINTS JACKPOT

LEVEL ONE - $2,000
LEVEL TWO - $3000

There are two levels of Non-Sonar Boat Optional Overall Billfish Release Points Jackpot. Level-one jackpot fee is $2,000; level-two jackpot fee is $3,000. The Non- Sonar Boat Overall Billfish Release Points Jackpot will be awarded to the top three teams with the most Overall Billfish Release Points of the tournament over the two days of fishing and be awarded accordingly. First place 50%, Second place - 30%, Third place - 20%. If there is a tie in billfish release points by multiple teams in the tournament, rankings will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of release.

NON-SONAR BOAT WINNER TAKE-ALL BILLFISH RELEASE JACKPOT $3,000

The fee to enter the Non-Sonar Boat Winner Take-All Release Jackpot is $3,000 and is optional. The jackpot will be awarded to the team with the most overall billfish release points of the tournament. If there is a tie in billfish release points by multiple teams in the tournament, rankings will be determined by the first team to reach their aggregate point total by time of release.

SONAR AND NON-SONAR OPTIONAL GAMEFISH JACKPOT ENTRY AND AWARDS

Sonar and Non-Sonar boats will compete together for the gamefish optional jackpots.

DORADO (DOLPHINFISH) DAILY JACKPOT

There are two levels of optional Dorado (Dolphinfish) Daily Jackpot.
LEVEL-ONE JACKPOT FEE IS $1,000
LEVEL-TWO JACKPOT FEE IS $2,000

The Dorado (Dolphinfish) Daily Jackpot prize consists of one-half of the total jackpot money and will be awarded to the team that catches the largest Dorado (Dolphinfish) each day. If no fish are weighed on an individual day, the jackpot rolls over to the next day or the previous day's winner. In the event of a tie by weight the teams will split the award.

OVERALL TOP THREE LARGEST DORADO (DOLPHINFISH) JACKPOT $3,000

The fee to enter the Overall Top Three Largest Dorado (Dolphinfish) Jackpot is $3,000 and is optional. The teams that catch the three largest Dorado (Dolphinfish) will be awarded accordingly. First place 50%, Second place - 30%, Third place - 20%. In the event of a tie by weight the teams will split the award and next award position.

TUNA DAILY JACKPOT

There are two levels of optional Tuna Daily Jackpot:
LEVEL-ONE JACKPOT FEE IS $1,000
LEVEL-TWO JACKPOT FEE IS $2,000

The Tuna Daily Jackpot prize consists of one-half of the total jackpot money and will be awarded to the team that catches the largest tuna each day. If no fish are weighed on an individual day, the jackpot rolls over to the next day or the previous day's winner. In the event of a tie by weight the teams will split the award.

OVERALL TOP THREE LARGEST TUNA JACKPOT $3,000

The fee to enter the Overall Top Three Largest Tuna Jackpot is $3,000 and is optional. The teams that catch the three largest tuna will be awarded accordingly. First place 50%, Second place - 30%, Third place - 20%. In the event of a tie by weight the teams will split the award and next award position.

Good luck and tight lines!