

# 2026 DU DERBY TOURNAMENT RULES

## Departure Location

All participating boats must depart from Ocean City, Maryland.

## Tournament Dates & Times

- This is a fish 3 of 3 days fishing tournament, June 5, 6 and 7, 2026.
- Lines In: Daily at 6am. Lines Out: Daily at 4pm.
- No chunking or chumming is permitted prior to official "lines-in."
- Spreader Bars are permitted, Green Sticks and Electric Reels are NOT permitted.

## Weigh-In Location & Procedures

- All fish must be weighed at Bahia Marina, 2107 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD.
- Scales open daily at 4:00 PM and close at 7:00 PM.
- Fish may be transported by vehicle to the weigh station at Bahia Marina.
- In the event of a primary scale malfunction, a secondary certified scale will be used.
- All recorded weights are final.

## Divisions & Eligible Species

Teams may only enter one (1) division, Inshore or Offshore.

**Inshore Division:** (cannot pass the tip of the south jetty) Rockfish, Bluefish, Flounder.

**Offshore Division:** Tilefish, Tuna (Bigeye, Yellowfin, Longfin, & Bluefin), Dolphin, Wahoo, Swordfish

## Daily Weigh Limits

Winners will be determined by the heaviest combined weight of eligible fish in each category. Each team may weigh up to three (3) fish per day.

- It is the responsibility of each team to know and adhere to size, creel and possession limits.
- Fish must be caught during that day's designated fishing hours (6am-4pm).
- Fish may not be held over for weigh-in on a different day.
- Any eligible species within the angler's registered division may be weighed.
- It is the boat's responsibility to bring their three heaviest fish to the scales. Only 3 fish will be weighed per day.

## Tie-Breaker

In the event of a tie, the team that weighed in first will be declared the winner.

## Prizes & Protests

- All cash prizes are determined by the Tournament Committee and all decisions are final.
- Any protest must be submitted in writing no later than 7 PM on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at the close of scales. A \$100 non-refundable protest fee is required.

## Junior Angler Division

Junior Anglers must be 15 years of age or younger as of Sunday, June 7, 2026. Top Junior Angler winner will be awarded to the junior angler on the highest placing team.

## Conduct & Disqualification

Tournament Officials reserve the right to disqualify any angler or team for rule violations or unsportsmanlike conduct.

- No refunds will be issued.
- All entry fees are non-refundable.

## Liability Waiver

All participants enter the tournament at their own risk. Bahia Marina, Bahia Marina Tournaments, DU Derby, Fish Tales, all employees, volunteers, and sponsors assume no responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to persons, vessels, or property.

## Final Authority

All rulings by Tournament Officials are final.