





Rules for the 11th edition of the MedFishing Sunset InternationalSurfcasting Trophy

November 29 & 30, 2024.

DRAW

Competitors must be present on Thursday, November 28, 2024, at 8:00 PM at the Africa Jade Hotel Korba for the draw operations. This draw ensures that no pairs from the same team are in successive spots or in the same sector.

COMPETITORS' BOX

Box Width = 30 meters.

Competitors must position themselves in the middle between the two stakes, to the right of the stake marked with their box number.

EQUIPMENT

- Each competitor may use a maximum of two fishing rods with no more than three hooks per rig.
- Spare rods are allowed but without rigging.
- If one member of a pair is absent, the other competitor may fish with 4 rods.
- The maximum rod length must not exceed 5 meters.
- The number of spare rigs is unlimited but must not be attached to the spare rod.
- The hook size is unrestricted.

BAIT, ACCESSORIES, AND CHUMMING

- Allowed bait ONLY: large worms (mourons), tube worm, razor clams (Kalonica), white worm (bibi), saltwater worms (chitana), and sardines.
- The use of artificial bait (lures, raglou, artificial worms, etc.) is prohibited.
- Any form of chumming, whether natural or artificial, is forbidden.
- Chumming of the fishing area is strictly prohibited.
- Any accessory can be used on the leaders without restriction in number or size.

VALID CATCHES

- Catches will be evaluated by weight.
- The minimum size for most fish is 15 cm, measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, except for specific exceptions (see size table).
- All valid catches will receive 10 points each, in addition to their weight.
- For rays and dogfish, 50% of their weight is counted.
 Example: a 700-gram ray will be calculated as 350 + 10 = 360 points.
- Crustaceans, cephalopods, and sardines: NOT ACCEPTED.
- Any fish under 15 cm must be immediately returned to the water alive and unharmed and will not receive points.

BEHAVIOR

- Personal vehicles must be parked at least 20 meters from the box boundary line.
- During night fishing, it is strictly forbidden to shine a torchlight towards the fishing area of other pairs.
- Competitors cannot leave their box during the competition without the judge's permission.
- After the final whistle, competitors cannot leave their box until they have signed the judge's sheet.
- Before the competition begins, athletes may perform casting tests without rigging.
- If there is a tide change, competitors are allowed to move their posts forward or backward.
- Competitors may briefly enter the water to cast or retrieve fish, but only up to knee depth for safety reasons.
- After dark, competitors in difficulty can activate a blinking light for assistance from the sector official.
- Organizers will provide suitable bags for waste collection, which must then be taken to the nearest trash bin.

- Only judges and the chief judge are allowed to enter the box at any time during the competition.
- Judges are authorized to inspect all bait and equipment used by athletes.
- Judges may use binoculars to monitor areas under their responsibility and ensure the smooth running of the competition.
- Each pair must have two containers filled with water: one for fish caught but not yet measured by the judge, and the other for measured and validated fish.
- Catches will be counted and measured by the judge at any time during the competition. Judges may check up to 2 or 3 times an hour or more if necessary.
- Judges must not interfere with the athlete or cause them to lose time.
- When a judge checks a competitor, they are allowed to verify the number and species of already measured fish.
- Any fish caught on a lost rig will not be counted and must be returned to the water alive if possible, or handed over to the judge if dead.
- When a fish is caught by two or more different lines, it is counted for the athlete who caught it correctly, with the hook in the mouth.
- A fish with two hooks in its mouth or body from two different box lines will not be counted and must be returned to the water alive if possible, or given to the judge if dead.
- If a fish is caught after swallowing another hooked fish, both will be counted as two catches.
- If a fish detaches at the water's edge and is retrieved by the athlete, it will be counted.

RESULTS

- Each round's ranking will be determined by placement points.
- The final ranking will be the cumulative placement points from both rounds.
- In case of a tie, the total weight per box will be considered. If a tie persists, the number of catches will determine the ranking. If still tied, the largest catch will decide the winner.
- For box ranking in a round, boxes are grouped into successive sectors. Each sector consists of a number of boxes with successive plate numbers. All sectors have the same number of boxes. First, a "Sector Ranking" is conducted, followed by a "Round Ranking".

1. Sector Ranking

For each box, the value (S) is calculated considering the number of catches and their weight to determine the box's ranking within the sector.

S = (Number of catches x 10) + Catch weight.

In a sector, boxes are ranked from 1 to n (n = number of boxes in the sector with at least one fish caught). Each box has a "Sector Ranking" based on the (S) value calculated above.

In case of a tie, the total weight per box is considered. If still tied, the largest catch will determine the better ranking.

• Boxes with no fish caught are ranked equally after the last one that did catch fish.

2. Round Ranking

The decreasing order of the "Round Ranking" corresponds to the increasing order of the values (S) among the boxes with the same "Sector Ranking."

In case of a tie, the total weight per box from both rounds is considered. If still tied, the number of catches will determine the ranking.

3. Overall Ranking

For each pair, placement points are calculated by summing the two rankings achieved in both rounds. The lower the placement points, the higher the pair's ranking. In case of a tie, the following criteria (in order of priority) will decide the ranking:

- 1. The pair with the best "Round Ranking" in either of the two rounds.
- 2. The pair with the largest catch.

PODIUMS

1. General Podium:

The top 10 pairs in the overall ranking.

2. Ladies' Podium:

The top 3 pairs with at least one female competitor. Note: Pairs with two female competitors will have their points doubled for this podium calculation.

3. Juniors' Podium:

The top 3 pairs with at least one athlete under 18.

Note: Pairs with two juniors will have their points doubled for this podium calculation.

4. Team Podium:

A team is made up of at least 3 pairs, all from the same team. The winning team will be the one with the best 3 pairs in the final overall ranking.

Gift vouchers will be awarded in the name of the teams.

Note: A mixed pair from two different teams is considered an open pair.

Note: Foreign pairs belonging to a Tunisian team are not eligible for the foreign podium.

5. Foreigners' Podium:

The top 3 pairs, composed of two foreign competitors.

This ranking only considers the general ranking of pairs, regardless of nationality.

6. Foreign Countries Podium:

The total points accumulated by all pairs from the same country will be divided by the number of pairs from that country to get an average. Countries will be ranked based on this average.

Pairs must be formed of the same nationality.

Trophies will be awarded in the name of the countries.

7. Biggest Catch Podium:

The pair that catches the heaviest fish across both rounds.

