

2026Cranny Beach Bluefish Tournament

*** 2 divisions ***

- **“Traditional” – Catch & Weigh-In (Wt.based)**
- **“Catch & Release” – email photo (Length)**

2. IGFA Rules

2.1. Unless otherwise noted below, the official rules of the International Game Fish Association will govern this tournament. A copy of the IGFA rules is available in the club office.

3. Fishing Hours

3.1. The Cranny Cranston Tournament is a three day tournament.

START: 12:01 am - Saturday, October 10

LINES OUT: 5:00 pm - Monday, October 12

3.2. Fish hooked prior to start time or after “Lines-out” are not eligible. All fish **MUST** be weighed in By 5 PM Monday for “Traditional”, and all Photo submissions must be sent BY 5 PM for “C&R”.

4. Tournament Structure

4.1. Cranny Cranston Tournament is open to 2 person teams made up of either two club members, a club member and a sponsored guest, or two sponsored guests.

4.2. The entry Fee is \$100.00 per team. Teams must select a DIVISION at entry.

4.3. Teams are required to sign up and pay no later than 8:00 pm on the Friday before the tournament.

4.4. Tournament fishing is restricted to the beaches of Nantucket Island proper and does not include the beaches of Tuckernuck or Muskeget. The use of boats/kayaks as either a fishing platform or transportation is prohibited.

4.5. The team with the highest point total as defined by scoring will be considered the winners of the tournament divisions.

4.6. Junior anglers will compete as individuals within a Junior division of “Traditional” or “C&R”

4.7. The target species for the tournament are Bluefish

4.8. “Traditional” Division: subject to the Massachusetts 3 fish per day possession limit and 12 inch minimum size.

4.9. “Catch and Release” format: All fish will be measured from the tip of the snout to the furthest extremity of the tail.

4.10. All fish must be weighed/ photos submitted within **12 hours** of being caught on Sat & Sun, *and by the 5 PM deadline on Monday.*

4.11. A team must qualify by submitting a minimum of six fish in each category entered. (no fish may be included in more than 1 category)

Photo Submit to: nantucketanglersclubtournament@gmail.com

5. Measuring Limits: These limits are to help conserve and protect the future of our fishery.

- Fish may be retained or released. For released fish every effort should be made to minimize handling and get the fish returned to the water as quickly as possible.
- Standings will be determined for “Traditional” by official NAC-approved scale and for “C&R”-overall length, using an approved measuring device with a picture.
- Approved measuring devices will include the NIC tape measure or other commercially available tape measures so long as the length can be clearly determined by the tournament record keeper or committee.
- Length will be measured from the **TIP of SNOUT** to the **TIP of the TAIL** and will be measured by quarter-inch (1/4”) increments.
- Pictures will be clear and include the entire fish on a flat surface with the measuring device clearly visible showing the length in relation to the fish.
- Fish may be retained and weighed-in by NAC members for other ongoing NAC tournaments.

The entrant is responsible for ensuring completion of the regular NAC form.

6. Awards Categories

- 6.1. The winner of each Division of the tournament will be the team with the highest point total as defined by scoring.
- 6.2. Each winning team will receive 500\$ or 50% of Division entry fees, whichever is greater
- 6.3. Each Second place will receive 300\$ or 30% of Division entry fees, whichever is greater.
- 6.4. Each Third place will receive 200\$ or 20% of Division entry fees, whichever is greater.
- 6.5. Junior anglers will receive gift certificates for first and second place.
- 6.6. In the event of a tie, the prize will be divided between teams.
- 6.7. Individuals who receive cash prizes greater than \$600.00 will be given a Form 1099 by the Club.

7. Tournament Scoring

- 7.1. The winning team of the "Traditional" Division will be determined by the combined weight of a team's Heaviest six Bluefish.
- 7.2. Teams may replace a smaller fish with a larger one.
- 7.3. The winning team of the "Catch & Release" Division will be determined by the combined length of a team's longest six Bluefish.
- 7.4. Teams may replace a smaller fish with a larger one.

8. Fishing Conduct

8.1. Team Conduct

- a) Sportsmanlike conduct is expected of all participants.
- b) All participants are responsible for tournament information and rules

8.2. Tackle and Line

- a) All tackle and line must conform to IGFA specifications

8.3. Artificial Lures

- a) Only artificial lures may be used during tournament fishing. The use of natural baits, alive or dead, with the exception of hair, feathers, and pork rind used in lures, is prohibited

8.4. Boats and Flotation Devices

- a) The use of boats, kayaks, and other flotation devices, such as float tubes, for fishing are prohibited.

8.5. Minimum Sizes and Possession Limits

- a) All anglers are expected to adhere to state and federal possession limits (**3 fish per day**) and the NAC 12 inch minimum length for Bluefish.

9. Protests

- 9.1. In the event that an issue arises regarding the interpretation of these rules, participants may request a resolution be made by the tournament committee. To do so, aggrieved parties must inform the tournament committee in writing as soon as possible after observing the perceived infraction, and no later than 6:00 p.m. on the day the tournament ends. The tournament committee will not hear protests after this time.
- 9.2. The tournament committee may request information and documentation from involved participants
- 9.3. The tournament committee reserves the right to hold any fish and gear deemed questionable
- 9.4. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final. There will be no refunds.
- 9.5. The Nantucket Anglers' Club Board of Directors reserves the right to impose additional sanctions on club members, up to and including expulsion or revocation of membership.

10. Submission of Entries:

11. While all efforts will be made to have roving weighmasters, it is the Team's responsibility to weigh fish in (either roving weighmaster or at The Anglers Club) or Submit Photos.

- 11.1. Photos of all eligible fish are to be submitted to the official tournament email address: nantucketanglersclubtournament@gmail.com

No alternate submissions or texts allowed.

Tackle must be made available for inspection upon request.