

Catch Verification Rules

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Verification of all fish caught in Marco Sportfishing Club(MSC) tournaments, leaderboard and Fish of the Month (FOM) programs will be required unless specifically excluded by the activity directors.

All fish caught that are entered in the above events will require a digital photograph of the fish aligned along a ruler with the mouth closed and the tail pinched unless the fish species requires a measurement to the fork.

Additionally the photograph must clearly show the entire fish. **Photographs of fish that do not meet this rule will not be registered.** All measurements of caught fish are to be in $\frac{1}{4}$ inch intervals. If a measurement is under $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, then round down to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. If a measurement is $\frac{1}{8}$ inch or over then round up to the next $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. FWC Saltwater Fishing Regulations apply when measuring different fish species.

Note 1: A ruler with a 90 degree angle is the recommended measuring device to be used when measuring fish that will be entered into MSC programs and tournaments. Anglers should refrain from using a tape measurement or other measuring device that does not provide an accurate length of the fish. **Entries that are submitted showing a tape measurement or other inappropriate measuring device are subject to an adjustment to the length of the fish.**

Note 2: Any fish that are caught while on a charter/head boat or any fish that are caught with a charter captain at the helm of a vessel are not eligible for submission for the Leaderboard, Fish of the Month, or any MSC tournament or fishing competition.

Note 3: Any MSC member or member guest who has guided six or more trips in the past twelve months or has ever guided full time (12 or more trips per year) in southwest Florida (past or present) is ineligible to compete or participate in any MSC tournament/event that awards prizes”.