

# Marco Sportfishing Club

## Triple Crown Tournament - Measurement Guidelines

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- 1) MSC rules stipulate that a fish's mouth should be closed for measurement
- 2) For Snook & Redfish the measurement is total length (i.e. pinched tail)
- 3) Photos must include BOTH the head and tail clearly positioned on the measurement device (i.e. the entire fish)
- 4) The measurement device must be capable of measuring to 1/4" increments (If <1/8" = round down. If >1/8" = round up)
- 5) If using a flexible measuring tape (not advised) then it must be laid flat on a surface, not extended over the fish body.
- 6) For each submission be sure to include the "date caught". In the event of a measurement tie, the earliest date will become the tie breaker. Submit measure fish pics as close to the catch date as possible - preferably the day of.
- 7) Also indicate - for the record - that the fish was caught within the backwaters boundary (a tournament requirement).
- 8) Tarpon:
  - (1) To record the catch of a tarpon, a photo of the fish in the water is required
  - (2) The angler or crew on the boat must touch the leader (6' max length) for the catch to count.
  - (3) A tarpon must be over 30" in length to be considered a legal catch. Tarpon are measured to the fork, not pinched tail.
  - (4) The FWC prohibits removing a tarpon over 40" in length from the water. If you take a smaller fish out of the water for a measurement or photo op - be sure to hold the tarpon horizontally and support the belly... never use a "lip-lift".
  - (5) Never use a lip gaff on a tarpon in an MSC tournament.
  - (6) Try to safely cut the leader as close to the hook as possible.

Also note that the **MSC Backwater Boundaries, 2-Line & No Guide rules are in effect** for this tournament. See [www.marcosportfishingclub.com](http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com) > FISHING INFO for more information.