

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. Fish that are caught in tournaments that are judged by alternate standards (i.e. by weight or other methods) must still meet the “Catch Verification Rules” described below in order to be entered in the Leaderboard or FOM programs.

All fish caught that are entered in MSC events for length measurement will require a digital photograph of the individual fish aligned along a vertical edge 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 1/4 inch intervals. If a measurement is under 1/8 inch, then round down to the nearest 1/4 inch. If a measurement is 1/8 inch or over then round up to the next 1/4 inch. **FWC Saltwater Fishing Regulations apply when measuring different fish species.**

Note 1: A ruler with a 90 degree angle is the required 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.**