



Criteria for Offshore World Championship Qualifying Events

1. Billfish tournaments must have a conservation-oriented format and should either be a release event or have minimum size requirements for billfish to be landed.
2. In tournaments of non-billfish species, the rules should still be oriented towards conservation by having limits on size and/or number of fish permitted to be weighed in.
3. NO unlimited kill tournaments will be accepted as qualifying events.
4. Tournament or series format should allow for only a single winner/team to receive the invitation to apply for the Offshore World Championship. The invitation should be given to the first place team of the tournament or series.
5. Qualifying events may not be approved if their dates coincide with other qualifying events in the same area or if they behave in a confrontational manner with other qualified events.
6. Target species of qualifying events should be game fish fished for offshore by trolling, chunking, drifting, live-baiting, deep dropping, jigging and casting. These species would include, but not be limited to, billfish, tuna, sharks, dolphin, wahoo, king mackerel, swordfish and offshore tarpon, salmon and bottom fish.
7. Offshore fly-fishing tournaments targeting billfish, tuna, and other offshore species can qualify with the understanding that the offshore championship does not have a fly-fishing division.
8. Tournaments requesting to become a qualifying event for the first time must submit a copy of their tournament rules along with an Indication of Interest form to Bonnier.
9. There must be a minimum of 10 boats participating in the tournament. Exceptions may be made at the sole discretion of the Offshore World Championship ownership.
10. Qualifying tournaments must display the Offshore Qualifying Event banner at all functions and distribute the supplied Offshore World Championship magazine to registered teams.
11. Qualifying Tournaments must provide the first, second and third place team representatives and teammates contact information upon completion of the event.

* The Offshore World Championship tournament ownership reserves the right to amend the criteria at their sole discretion.