



Spearfishing Competition Manual

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1 SPEARFISHING

1.1 General Information

Dates	18-19 June 2024 (Pending submission of numerical entry forms)
Venue	Delap Park, Majuro
Technical Meeting	TBD
Competition Manager	Andrew McInnis andrew.mcinnis34@gmail.com +692 4588706
Technical Delegate	Micronesian Games Council (MGC)

2 COMPETITION DETAILS

2.1 Technical Committee

Technical Delegate	MGC
Competition Manager	Andrew McInnis

One representative from each participating member association.

2.1 Officials

- 2.1.1 Officials for the tournaments will be drawn from accredited officials nominated by the participating MGAs. All MGAs entering teams are mandated to send one safety diver per team. Officials will be assigned to games and evaluated under the supervision of the MGC. Officials will be supplied and assigned by the host country, in consultation with the MGC. All officials must attend the official clinics to be presented by the representative of the MGC.

3 CONDUCT OF THE TOURNAMENT

3.1 Competition Date/Venue

DATES	18-19 June 2024 (Pending submission of numerical entry forms)
VENUES	Delap Park, Delap

3.2 Practice Schedule

3.2.1 This will be determined at a later date and distributed to all teams when they arrive.

3.3 Competition Schedule

3.3.1 To be finalized during technical meeting, following final registration through Accreditation and Sport Entry System May 15 deadline and consultation with the technical delegate.

3.4 Medal Awards

3.4.1 Medal Award Ceremony will be held upon conclusion of the Events in accordance to a structured medal presentation schedule provided by the Technical Committee.

3.5 Technical Committee

3.5.1 Two (2) Representatives from each Team may attend the Technical Meeting. The Technical Delegate will welcome and preside over the meeting. All matters pertaining to the competition will be covered at this Meeting.

3.5.2 Key Competition Officials including Sport Information Center (SIC) Manager, Competition Manager, IF Technical Delegate, and Umpires/Referees will be present to answer any questions.

3.5.3 The Majol2024 Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the host country and one representative from each MGA all with voting rights.

3.5.4 The Technical Committee shall be chaired by the Technical Delegate or the chair will be appointed by the Technical Delegate.

3.5.5 The Technical Delegate is responsible to ensure that the MAJOL2024 Spearfishing competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of the MGC as established by the MAJOL2024 OC in conjunction with the Technical Committee, as well as to oversee the competition schedule and rule on any and all protests brought to its attention.

3.6 Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will be held no more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the competition. Schedule will be communicated prior to your arrival. Visit Sport Information Center (SIC), located in the Athletes' Village, for technical meeting schedules.

3.7 Agenda

1	Welcome remarks by the Competition Manager
2	Introduction of Relevant Key Competition Technical Officials
3	Final Timetable
4	Confirmation of the Jury of Appeal
5	Protests and Appeals to the Jury
6	Confirmation of Entries
7	Failure to Participate
8	Medal Ceremonies and Procedures
9	Venue visit
10	Other Concerns

4 RULES & REGULATIONS

4.1 Winning Criterion

- 4.1.1 The event is strictly a "Free Dive" underwater fishing competition. The objective is to catch and land the highest combined weight of fish.
- 4.1.2 Individual Competition: The athlete with the heaviest total weight of fish caught and landed will be selected for the Gold Medal, the second for the Silver Medal, and the third for the Bronze Medal. The spear fishing competitors **MUST NOT** combine their catch. Each individual must turn in his own catch. All competing countries must provide their own safety diver minimum (1) and maximum (2) throughout the competition. An alternate athlete may serve as a safety diver, but as noted above, no safety divers may assist a competitor in the capturing or landing of any fish.
- 4.1.3 Team Competition: A team consists of two athletes and one alternate representing a country. The team with the highest combined total weight of fish caught and landed by its two athletes and one alternate will be selected for the Gold Medal, the second for the Silver Medal and the third for the Bronze

Medal. All competing countries must provide their own safety diver throughout the competition. An alternate athlete may serve as safety diver, but as noted above, no safety divers may assist a competitor in the capturing or landing of any fish.

4.2 Fishing Zone

4.2.1 Fishing zones will be made known during the familiarization tour which will be held after the Technical meeting. All fishermen will be taken to the same fishing zone each day. Anyone fishing outside the designated zone will be disqualified. A different fishing zone will be designated for each of the two days. All may begin fishing and must return to the boat before the end of five hours. Any fisherman still in the water after five hours on any day will be disqualified for that day.

4.3 Weigh and Recording

4.3.1 The weigh and recording of all catches will be handled by the event officials, but every fish being weighed must be confirmed by the Competition Manager.

4.3.2 All fish will be weighed individually. Each fish caught and turned in must weigh a minimum of 1 kilo (2.2lbs). Fish turned in which weigh under 1 kilo will be disqualified.

4.3.3 Fishermen are required to bring in a catch from various species of reef fish and pelagic species such as Tuna and Marlin. Napoleon Wrasse, Humphead Parrotfish, Porcupine, Balloon Fish, and Cartilaginous fish such as Sharks, Turtles or Rays are NOT ALLOWED. The Technical Delegate, based on the laws of the hosting country, could make acceptations or add species to this list.

4.4 Competition Rules

4.4.1 All Spear Fishing competitors must meet the Eligibility Requirements as specified in the Micronesian Games Charter.

4.4.2 All Spear Fishing competitors must check out and check in at the Official Weigh Station.

4.4.3 All spear fishing athletes must be officially registered for the event competition prior to the checkout time at the Official Weigh Station.

4.4.4 Each boat in the event competition must always have a monitoring official on

board during the entire fishing activity.

- 4.4.5 All athletes, fishing gear, and boats must be inspected by the Competition Manager prior to leaving the Check Out Station.
- 4.4.6 The acceptable minimum weight for each single fish is 1 kilo (2.2lbs). Each fish that is less than 1kilo (2.2lbs) will be disqualified.
- 4.4.7 Fish can only be caught using a spear gun that has officially been inspected and certified by the Competition Manager.
- 4.4.8 Each athlete can possess no more than two (2) spear guns and (2) spears which must be certified by the Competition Manager. Only spear guns powered by rubber may be used during the spear fishing competition. An athlete may not have more than one spear gun in the water at any time during the competition. Any competitor losing all two spear guns may not continue with the event competition.
- 4.4.9 Spear fishing competitors are allowed to use an underwater dive mask, a snorkel, a pair of fins, a weight belt and a diving knife. They may use any type of clothing such as wet suit or any type of shorts or trunks.
- 4.4.10 No spear fishing competitor is allowed to use any type of underwater breathing apparatus such as scuba or other mechanisms or gadgets. This event competition is strictly "FREE DIVE".
- 4.4.11 Spear fishing competitors are allowed to use string and approved floaters for the purpose of holding speared fishes only.
- 4.4.12 No person may assist a competitor in the capturing of a fish. Any person may assist a competitor in any life-threatening or emergency situation only.
- 4.4.13 Competitors are only allowed to fish inside the established fishing zone.
- 4.4.14 Competitors may not be under the influence of either alcohol or any illegal substance(s) during the event competition.
- 4.4.15 Competitors must abide by and respect the judgment of their boat operator/ captain in safety situations, such as how close to the reef the operator is willing to go, or how fast the boat should travel.
- 4.4.16 The failure to follow any of these rules will be grounds for disqualification of

a competitor.

- 4.4.17 Any disagreement with officials must be respectfully voiced by the team captain or coach at the time it occurs. At the end of the event, a team captain or coach may confirm an expressed disagreement as an official protest by recording it on the score sheet. Protest should be recorded within thirty (30) minutes after the end of the event. Otherwise, the team captain or coach should sign the score sheet to ratify the outcome of the event.

4.5 Team Composition

- 4.5.1 Teams will consist of a maximum of 3 athletes and 2 coaches. Only 2 athletes can compete in both the team and the individual events. The third athlete acts as a safety diver only. In the event of an injury, the safety diver can then compete but only after approval of the Spear Fishing Competition Manager. Of this number, it is recommended that at least two members of the team are skilled safety divers.

4.6 Medal Ceremonies

- 4.6.1 Medal Ceremonies will take place after the Final of each event as scheduled.
- 4.6.2 Athletes involved in a Medal Ceremony will be gathered together by an official and taken to the Ceremony Area where they will be briefed and wait for the Ceremony to be announced.
- 4.6.3 Athletes will be led to the Presentation Area by Ceremonies staff.

5 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Athlete Eligibility

- 5.1.1 In order to be eligible to compete at the Micronesian Games, an athlete must comply with one of the following criteria:

(1) The athlete must have been born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council -- that is, Palau, Guam, CNMI, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Nauru, or Kiribati -- and must have lived in any of those states, countries, or territories for a period of three years up to and including the start of the Games; OR

(2) The athlete must be the child of at least one parent, or two grandparents, who were born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above), without regard to residence; OR

(3) The athlete must have resided in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above) for a period of seven years up to and including the start of the Games, AND, resides in the state, country, or territory for which the athlete will compete, as of the start of the Games, without regard to ancestry.

The temporary absence of an athlete from the territory of a member of the Micronesian Games Council for purposes such as education, sports, training, military service, and health care, or other legitimate absences of a similar kind, are not considered as interrupting a previously established residency.

In addition, athletes must:

(a) Complete all necessary entry and participation forms;

(b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by any relevant authority;

(c) Comply with all relevant rules and regulations of the Micronesian Games Council, the MGC Constitution, and the World Anti-Doping Code.

It is the responsibility of each participating state, country, or territory to ensure that all competitors comply with these requirements.

These requirements apply only to athletes. There are no eligibility requirements for coaches or technical officials.

Entries by name must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the Games. Late entries will not be accepted. At the close of entries, the MAJOL2024 OC will communicate a list of all named competitors to each competing state, country, or territory. Each competing state, country, or territory will have 10 days to challenge the eligibility of a competitor. A \$50 bond is required for each challenge. The bond is refundable if the challenge is successful but is forfeited if the challenge is unsuccessful.

The burden of proof of eligibility is on the sponsoring state, country, or territory, rather than the challenging state, country, or territory. In the event of a challenge, the sponsoring state, country, or territory must submit documents

proving eligibility.

Challenges to athlete eligibility are made to the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board, not to the MAJOL2024 OC, which will refer them for decision by a Disputes Tribunal, consisting of three persons appointed by the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board. All challenges to eligibility shall be decided at least 10 days prior to the start of the Games. The decisions of the Disputes Tribunal are final and may not be appealed.

A state, country, or territory whose athlete is successfully challenged and is deemed ineligible to compete will be liable for a penalty in the amount of USD\$100. Failure to pay the penalty means that the state, country, or territory will not be allowed to compete in the sport in which the ineligible athlete was registered.

The contents of this section are a summary of the relevant provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution. While every attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of this summary, in the event of any inconsistencies between this summary and the provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution, the provisions of the Constitution shall be controlling.

6 PROTESTS TO THE JURY OF APPEAL

6.1 PROTESTS

6.1.1 Any protest must be lodged with the Competition Manager in writing in English and signed by the leader of the delegation. A check or cash in the amount of \$100.00 must be included with each protest.

6.2 JURY OF APPEAL

6.2.1 The Jury of Appeal shall consult, all relevant person, including the Referee and Judges. If the Jury of Appeal is in doubt, other available evidence may be considered. If such evidence, including video evidence, is not conclusive, the decision of the Referee shall be upheld. The Jury Chairman gives the jury's decision to the Competition Manager, who institutes preparation of an Amended Result, if required.

7 ATHLETES' VILLAGE

7.1 Accommodations

7.1.1 Athletes and coaches will be housed at the Marshall Islands High School campus.

7.2 Meals

7.2.1 Meals will be provided at each Athlete's Village cafeteria upon presentation of an accreditation card and meal voucher. Only accredited persons will be provided meals.

7.2.2 If the sports competition schedule conflicts with the dining hall hours, teams may request takeout meals. It's the responsibility of the Chef de Mission to request takeout meals during the CdM meeting at least 24 hours in advance and to pick up the takeout meals in the dining hall; takeout meals will not be delivered.

7.3 Medical

7.3.1 Primary care medical facilities (first aid) will be available, without charge, at the sports venue. More advanced care will be on call. Care other than primary care is the sole responsibility of the individual, and will be made available on the same basis (including cost) as it is to the general public.

7.4 Sport Information Center (SIC)

7.4.1 The SIC located at the Athletes' Village, will be open and manned during regular business hours by a full staff.

7.4.2 The SIC is the formal communication center for the receipt and distribution of all sports information and results.

7.4.3 A set of daily results will be prepared, and will be distributed to each Chef de Mission at a daily morning meeting.

7.5 Transportation

7.5.1 Transportation will be provided for teams by the MAJOL2024 OC. Games transportation schedule will be disseminated at a later date.

7.6 Security

7.6.1 Security will be provided at all MAJOL2024 venues.

8 DOPING CONTROL

8.1 Random Testing

8.1.1 Athletes are advised that random drug testing will be conducted for the duration of the 2024 Micronesian Games.

8.2 Prohibited Substances

8.2.1 It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the status of all medications and refrain from using prohibited substances. Athletes who test positive for a prohibited substance will be disqualified from, including but not limited to, the 2024 Micronesian Games.

8.2.2 Complete listing of prohibited substances can be found on WADA website.

9 CODE OF CONDUCT

9.1 Conduct

9.1.1 The conduct of athletes, coaches, managers, and team officials are expected to adhere to the highest standards reflective of national pride and the spirit of the 2024 Micronesian Games. All participants shall appreciate the goodwill and regional unity that are the objectives of these Games.

9.2 Tobacco, Betel-nut, Vape, Alcohol and Drugs

9.2.1 The use and consumption of Tobacco, Betel-nut, Vape, Alcohol and Drugs in or around any Games facility is prohibited.

Good Luck to all the Teams!!!!