



Hui Wa'a Kaukahi

2026 Kayak Pāpio Blind Weight Tournament Rules

Saturday September 26, 2026

1. Registration & Safety Rules

- **Check-In & Waiver:** Participants **MUST** check in at the Registration Area before fishing. A liability waiver must be signed and the \$25 entry fee paid prior to launching.
- **Life Jackets:** A USCG-approved PFD / life jacket must be worn at all times while on the water.
- **VHF Radio Requirement:** A working VHF radio is strictly required for everyone fishing.
- **Access to Kualoa Regional park:** Park gates open at 7 am and close at 8 pm. If you want to launch earlier you will need to camp Friday night.

2. Tournament Timing & Launch Boundaries

- **Date & Schedule:** Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 5:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- **Weigh-In Deadline:** All anglers must return to the registration beach by 2:00 PM and have their fish presented at the scale by 3:00 PM sharp. Late arrivals will not be eligible.
- **Launch Boundary:** Kayaks must launch from and return to the beach directly fronting the registration campsite area to ensure all anglers fish the same general grounds.

3. Watercraft & Fishing Rules

- **Kayak Only:** All fishing and landing of fish must be conducted from a kayak (no shoreline fishing allowed).
- **Propulsion:** Kayaks must be propelled by **paddle, pedal drive, or sail only**. No electric or gas motors are permitted.
- **One Fish Limit:** Each registered angler may bring only **one (1) pāpio** to the official scale. Once a fish is weighed and recorded, it cannot be swapped.
- **Eligible Species:** All jack/trevally species recognized as **Pāpio (10.0 lbs and under)**—including Bluefin ('ōmilu), Giant Trevally, Yellowspot, Striped, and African Pompano—with a minimum legal size of 1.0 lb.
- **Sustainable Catch:** Fish exceeding 10.0 lbs ('ulua) do not qualify for the pāpio tournament draws.

4. Blind Weight Format & Prize Distribution

- **Three Equal Cash Payouts:** The total entry pot is divided equally into **three (3) cash prizes** (e.g., a 30-angler pot of \$750 pays three \$250 prizes).
- **The Drawing:** Following the close of the 3:00 PM weigh-in, tournament officials will draw **three (3) random target weights** out of a container in front of all participants.
- **Winning Criteria:** For each draw, the winning fish is the one closest to the drawn target weight ($| \text{Fish Weight} - \text{Target Weight} |$).
- **One Prize Per Angler:** An angler can win only **one cash prize**. Once an angler wins a draw, their fish is removed from eligibility for the subsequent draws.
- **Tie-Breaker:** In the event of a tie (or equal distance above and below a target weight), the fish weighed in earlier in the day wins.
- **Rulings:** All decisions and interpretations of rules remain at the sole discretion of the Tournament Weighmaster (ME).

Note:

Contact Stan McCrea kayaks@windwardboats.com for further questions. Mail the registration to Stan by September 24th. Use Venmo, Cash

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Entry Form

Saturday, September 26, 2026

5:00 AM to 2:00 PM

(Weigh-in scale closes at 3:00 PM, followed immediately by the cash drawing!)

Kualoa Regional Park Small Group Campsite (Area A)

- **Camping Notice:** Camping Friday night before the tournament is encouraged! Please note that park gates close at 8:00 PM and do not reopen until 7:00 AM.
- **Entry Fee: \$25 per Angler** (Open to all participants)

100% of tournament entry fees go directly into the cash prize pool, split equally among three (3) random blind weight draws!

Participant Information

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Venmo

Cash and Venmo accepted.

Registration & Submission

In-Person: Drop entry forms in person at **Windward Boats Kayak Department** with **Stan McCrea**.

Digital / Venmo: Venmo Stan @wawaenui and email your completed form to kayaks@windwardboats.com.

Questions / Camping Details: Contact Stan McCrea at **808-306-6578**.

