1) ONLY LIONFISH (Pterois Volitans) MAY BE TAKEN DURING THE DERBY. THE TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF ANY OTHER FISH, CONCH OR LOBSTER ARE PRESENT ON THE BOAT AT ANY TIME DURING THE DERBY.

2) Lionfish Derby, June 30th, 2018 ONLY, collection of lionfish may occur through use of SCUBA, snorkel, or compressor-supplied air. All other applicable Bahamian fisheries regulations and laws governing the Commonwealth of the Bahamas are in full force and will be strictly enforced for all participants. However, boats entering The Bahamas from Florida within 10 days of the Derby may collect lion fish, WITHOUT using air, and after clearing customs and obtaining a fishing license. Collection between Point of Customs Clearing, (West End, Grand, or Great Harbour Cay) and North End of Spanish Cay Only. Lion fish must be presented at the Green Turtle Club for counting within 72 hours after clearing customs and before 6:00 pm in the evening. A designated derby official must be contacted to count lion fish. Call or text Bobbie Lindsey at 561-797-9405 to request early count at Green Turtle Club.

3) Lionfish may be taken by pole-spear, Hawaiian sling, hand net, or lobster hook. Lionfish may be taken for this day only within the 200 yard limit of the shoreline. No chemicals or other collecting mechanisms are allowed.

4) Teams will be limited to 4 competing persons. To qualify for prizes, participants must be registered and show proper identification. All participants must sign a Legal Waiver Form to be considered registered in the Derby.

5) Protective gloves must be worn when handling lionfish. Participants are required to carry a thermos bottle on the boat containing hot, but not scalding, water for first aid purposes.

6) Derby hours: Sunrise until 4:00 pm on June 30th, 2018. All fish must be present at Scoring Station by 4:30pm to qualify for prizes.

7) All lionfish must be caught the day of the Derby. PLEASE KEEP LIONFISH ON ICE. The Derby reserves the right to use some of the lionfish for a “tasting appetizer” at the Awards Banquet and for research.

8) Vessels may be subject to random inspection by Derby officials and Department of Marine Resources officers.

9) Derby teams must physically check in at or before the Captain’s meeting on Friday June 29 by 7 PM in order to participate in the Derby. Team members not checking in or who have not signed the Legal Waiver Form will not be considered entered in the Derby.

10) Lionfish may be taken anywhere in Abaco waters as long as the collection occurs during Derby hours and the fish are present at the Scoring Station (The Green Turtle Club marina) by 4:30 pm. Winners will be awarded a first, second and third place monetary prize for the most lionfish caught, a monetary prize for the largest lionfish and smallest lionfish caught. All lionfish must be in whole condition. Largest and smallest fish will be determined by total length of the fish measuring from tip of snout to tip of tail.

11) All entrants agree to allow Derby officials and Department of Marine Resources to take and use photos for media and promotional purposes.

12) The Derby takes place regardless of weather conditions. Captains make the decision about whether to venture out.

13) Any decisions of the Derby officials and Department of Marine Resources are final.

14) In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by the earliest recording of its lionfish at the Scoring Station.

15) All cash award payments will be made to Team Captain.

16) The Lionfish Derby is an honor system tournament with the captain being responsible for team compliance with the Rules.

17) Anyone found violating Derby Rules by the Derby Officials or Department of Marine Resources will be disqualified from receiving any prize money.