

**Gisborne Tatapouri  
Sports Fishing  
Club (Inc.)**

**RULES**



**RULES OF THE GISBORNE TATAPOURI SPORTS FISHING CLUB  
INCORPORATED**

**1. NAME**

The Club shall be called the “GISBORNE TATAPOURI SPORTS FISHING CLUB INCORPORATED”.

**2. OBJECTS**

The objects of the Club shall be to promote:-

- (a) To stimulate, encourage, foster and promote a sense of community amongst those who have an interest in fishing for sport and pleasure, our harbour and the sea.
- (b) To provide amenities, cultural and recreational activities and generally provide an atmosphere where members may meet and enjoy interaction and social companionship with one another.
- (c) To promote safety at sea and respect for the environment
- (d) The development and welfare of the club as members shall from time to time deem necessary and expedient.
- (e) The protection and preservation of all game and other fish and their food supply.
- (f) To accumulate reliable piscatorial information and place such information at the disposal of visiting and local anglers.
- (g) To organize social and other gatherings of members.
- (h) To organize competitions amongst members.
- (i) To improve the conditions and facilities for fishing and boating in the East Coast and Gisborne regions.
- (j) To act in all matters pertaining to the interests of its members as sport fishers.

- (k) To accurately weigh and record fish caught on rod, reel and line, ensuring record catch applications for NZSFC (National) and IGFA (International) records are promoted and supported.
- (l) To award certificates and trophies as determined by the Committee for meritorious catches during the fishing season.
- (m) To liaise with fishing bodies: NZ Recreational Fishing Council, NZ SFC/LegaSea, NZACA and others as required.

### **3. MEMBERS**

3.1 The Club shall consist of:-

- (a) Adult members, being members 18 years of age or over at the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in any year.
- (b) Honorary members, who shall be persons who have rendered special or extra-ordinary services to the Club, who shall be appointed by the Committee in its discretion for any for any period not exceeding one year.
- (c) Life members, who shall be members to whom the Club desires to show its appreciation for past services. Life members may be elected at a general meeting but only on the recommendation of the Committee and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club including election to Office, without being liable for any subscription or other charges during their lifetime.
- (d) Junior members, who shall be members under the age of 16 on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in any year.
- (e) Small Fry members, who shall be 10 years of age or under on the 1<sup>st</sup> July in any year.
- (f) Family members, being the spouse and/or children (under the age of 18 as at 1 July) of adult members living together.
  - (i) A Family membership is for the purposes of subscription only. Family members who are aged 16-17 as at the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in any year cannot vote and a family member who is under the age of 16 on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in any year shall be classed as a junior in fishing competitions.

- (g) Senior members, who shall be over the age of 65 years on 1 July in any year and have had 10 years financial membership of the Club.
- (h) Associate members shall be persons who, having paid a reduced membership fee and been accepted as such by the Committee are permitted full use of the Club's facilities and privileges with the following exceptions:
  - (i) They shall not hold any Club office or be entitled to vote (see Rule 13)
  - (ii) There shall be no age, area or prior membership requirements for Associate membership.

3.2 Application for membership of the Club must be in writing and the person applying for membership must be nominated by a current financial member. The application form must be accompanied with a payment of the full current subscription and nomination fee. The general committee shall accept or refuse any application for membership, and the general committee reserves the right to refuse any application for membership without being obliged to give a reason for such refusal.

#### 4. **OFFICERS**

The Officers of the club shall consist of a Patron, President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Club Captain. Provided the offices of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer may be combined and vested in one person. The Patron, President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Club shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year, being eligible for re-election at the ensuing Annual General Meeting. The Club Captain shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two year term of office. Length in office shall be computed from the date the member was elected to general committee.

#### 5. **HONORARY APPOINTMENTS**

At each Annual General Meeting, there may be elected an Honorary Auditor and Honorary Solicitor who shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club except election to Office, without being liable for any subscription or other charge. Such person shall be elected for a period of one year only but may be re-elected at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.

## **6. GENERAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 The General Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Hon Secretary Treasure ex officio, Club Captain and seven (7) other financial member's to be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two year term of office. Length in office shall be computed from the date the member was elected to general committee.
- 6.2 Any member of the General Committee who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the committee shall cease to be a member thereof unless he or she shall have first obtained leave of absence for a definite period.
- 6.3 The Club Captain shall be responsible to the General Committee for the organisation and oversight and to ensure the smooth running of the Club's fishing programme, prize giving functions and awarding of trophies.

## **7. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

All persons nominated for the positions of Patron, President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Club Captain or member of the General Committee shall agree in writing to accept these positions, such nominations duly proposed and seconded to be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary seven clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Persons nominated for the positions of Club Officers are automatically made eligible for election to the General Committee if not elected as Officers. Any extraordinary vacancies that may occur among Officers, Honorary Appointees and/or the General Committee shall be filled by the General Committee by appointment for the remainder of the financial year.

Any member salaried or whose primary source of income is derived from the GTSFC will be ineligible to stand for the Committee or Executive.

## **8. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND NOMINATION FEES**

The annual subscription for adult members, junior members, senior members, family member and associates for the current financial year shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting and shall become due and payable at the date of that meeting. In the event of the meeting failing to fix an amount it shall be the same as the preceding year. Any member whose

subscription is unpaid after the last day of December in any year shall cease to be a member. A nomination fee for the current financial year may be fixed at the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable by new members approved by the General Committee after the date of that meeting. Any person nominated for membership of this Club who has been a financial member of any other Club affiliated to the New Zealand Big Game Fishing Council or the International Game Fishing Association for a period of not less than two years immediately preceding his/her nomination shall have the nomination fee refunded to him/her upon evidence of such membership being produced to the satisfaction of the General Committee. The nomination fee shall not be payable by those previously included in a family membership.

## 9. **RESIGNATION**

Any member desiring to retire from the Club shall, after payment of any dues which may be in arrears, notify the Honorary Secretary in writing and any such member who has not so notified the Honorary Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting shall be liable for the current year's subscription.

## 10. **OBJECTIONABLE CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS**

10.1 Should any member willfully infringe these rules or any Club by-law or be guilty of any unsportsmanlike conduct or act in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Club, the General Committee shall have the power to:-

- (a) Suspend such member for a period not exceeding 12 calendar months during which period the member shall not take part in any of the Club's activities or enter upon any of the Club's premises.
- (b) Call upon such member to resign membership and should a written resignation not be received within 7 days of the General Committee's decision then the membership shall be cancelled forthwith.
- (c) Set and levy restitution for any damage caused to the Club's property or assets.
- (d) Any of the above jointly.

10.2 (a) Prior to exercising any of the aforesaid powers the General Committee shall give the offending member a reasonable opportunity to appear before the General Committee to give an explanation and answer questions.

- (b) The decision of the General Committee shall be taken by ballot and any decision to exercise any of the powers in rule 10.1 in respect of any Club Member must be by resolution passed by at least 10 members of the General Committee present and voting at a meeting of the General Committee convened for that purpose.
- (c) Notwithstanding Rule 14 for the purposes of Rule 10.2 the quorum for a meeting of the General Committee shall be 10.

## 11. MEETINGS

### (a) *Annual General Meeting*

The financial year shall end on the 31st day of May of each year and the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of August or September at a time and place decided upon by the General Committee.

### (b) *Special General Meeting*

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by resolution of the General Committee or shall be called upon request after receipt by the Honorary Secretary of written requisition signed by 5% of full eligible voting members of the Club stating the reasons for the proposed meeting. At Special General Meetings, such business as has been notified to members is to be decided and any other business may be dealt with only by consent of the meeting.

### (c) *General Committee Meeting*

The General Committee shall meet whenever requested to do so by the President, Honorary Secretary or by any two (2) General Committee Members.

## 12. NOTICE

Notice of all General Meetings and the objects of same shall be given by the Honorary Secretary by advertisement in the Gisborne Herald at least 14 clear days before any proposed Annual General Meeting and at least 7 clear days before any proposed General Meeting.

## 13. VOTING

At all meetings, every financial adult member and spouse present in person shall be entitled to one vote each. Junior and Associate members shall not be entitled to vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is requested. The Chairman shall have both a deliberative and casting vote.

At all meetings unless specifically provided otherwise in these Rules every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

At all meetings, no member shall be entitled to vote on any disputed matter in which he/she has interests either directly or indirectly.

#### 14. **QUORUM**

At any General Meeting of the Club fifteen (15) financial members shall form a quorum.

At all General Committee Meetings five (5) committee members shall form a quorum.

#### 15. **PROCEDURE**

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the recognized Rules of Debate.

#### 16. **PRESIDENT**

At all meetings, the President shall take the chair or in his absence the meeting shall elect a Chairman from those members present.

The President shall:

- a) Supervise the business and affairs of the Club;
- b) Preside over meetings of the Club and of the Management Committee and decide all points of order;
- c) Obey all lawful instructions and do all lawful things as he/she may be required to do by a meeting of the Club or of the Management Committee.
- d) The President shall each year prepare a report of the operations of the Club during the past year and present such report to the Annual General Meeting.

When presiding at a meeting the President shall have power:

- a) To exercise a deliberate vote and in the case of equality of voting a casting vote also;
- b) To decide the order of business; to put motions; and declare the result of voting;



- c) To adjourn the meeting or declare the meeting closed;
- d) Generally, to do and perform such lawful things and acts as may be necessary or desirable in carrying out the business of the Club.
- e)

## **17. POWERS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the new President as required, in carrying out the duties of that office. In the absence of the president on leave granted by the Committee, have all the powers and perform the duties of the President.

## **18. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

18.1 The General Committee shall be responsible and have authority for all aspects of financial management, general affairs, development, business and general affairs of the Club which include the following:

- (a) To plan and co-ordinate a long term policy for the diligent and productive use of the Club's finances and resources.
- (b) To formulate a long term policy for the management, acquisition, disposal, development and improvement of the Club's real leasehold and other property and facilities including the maintenance and replacement of plant and equipment.
- (c) To formulate a long term policy to ensure full membership of the Club. The General Committee may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as the Club is by its Rules or Constitution or otherwise authorised to exercise and do and which are not hereby or by statute directed or required to be exercised or done by the Club in general meeting.
- (d) To invest and control the funds and property of the Club in any manner agreed upon by the General Committee and apply all income and other receipts of the Club whensoever derived solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club or in some other manner incidental to and consequent upon the said objects.
- (e) To borrow and raise money for the day to day operation of the Club and to secure the payment thereof in such manner as the General

Committee in its sole discretion may determine including by the issue of or upon Bonds, Debentures, Bills of Exchange, promissory notes or by mortgage or charge upon all or any part of the Club's real or personal property, plant, equipment or chattels.

18.2 Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by the last preceding clause and the other powers conferred by these Rules it is hereby expressly declared that the General Committee shall have the following powers, that is to say:

- (a) To buy, sell or lease any real or personal property or any rights or privileges at such price and upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit and to give and execute such agreements, transfers, leases, mortgages, deeds, instruments and securities as are considered necessary. No commitment for the sale, purchase or lease of land and/or buildings may be made without approval of a resolution passed at a General Meeting of members.
- (b) To purchase, acquire, construct, alter or maintain such buildings, marinas, wharves, jetties, slipways, boat-ramps, fences, machinery, plant, equipment and chattels and other works as required by the Club. No commitment involving expenditure of a Capital nature in excess of \$100,000 for any one item may be made without approval of a resolution passed at a General Meeting of Members.
- (c) To appoint, renew or suspend staff, determine conditions of service, remuneration of terms of contracts entered into with employees, catering and bar staff and other Club personnel including the Club manager and Accounts and Administrative Executive.
- (d) To delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of such member/s and any officer of the Club and any other persons whether members of the Club or not as the General Committee thinks fit. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the General Committee. No committee shall commit the General Committee to any expenditure without prior consent of the General Committee.

It is expressly provided all reports of each meeting of a Committee appointed pursuant to this clause shall be placed before the next meeting of the General Committee immediately succeeding that of the Committee.

- (e) To close the list of members, or any class thereof, at and for such time or times and subject to such conditions as the General Committee may deem necessary to regulate the number of members of any class.

18.3 The members of the General Committee of Management, delegated Committee or Sub Committee, and staff in the normal courses of their duties are indemnified by the Club except where there is deemed to have been a willful act or omission.

## 19. PATRON

The Club Patron is an individual who is well known and respected within the club, who has provided long term support to the Gisborne Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club over an extended period. This person may or may not have ever been a member of the club. The role of a Club Patron is part promoter of the club and its members and part supporter of the club's activities and ongoing success. The honor of being awarded the status of a Club Patron is also in recognition of the respect that the Gisborne Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club has for the individual. The Club Patron has the right to attend any committee meetings of the Club and speak on any matter, but may not vote on any matter in their capacity as a Club Patron.

### **Term:**

Usually elected by Annual General Meeting, and holds position until next AGM

The President and or the elected committee may remove or dismiss the Patron from their duties if the committee considers, in its sole discretion

- The Patron discredits the club's integrity and values
- The Patron uses the club for personal or financial gain
- The Patron has a conflict of interest

### **Primary Objective:**

To provide knowledge, experience, networks, advice, leadership and guidance to the Club.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Act as figurehead for the Club.
- Act as a sounding board to the President and Committee

- Advise on Club strategy, operations and activities as needed.
- Attend and actively participate in committee meetings (optional for Patron)

## **20. HONORARY SECRETARY**

20.1 The Honorary Secretary shall convene and attend all General Meetings and General Committee Meetings and keep regular and correct minutes of the same and oversee and direct the Accounts and Administration Executive to generally ensure that the clerical work of the Club is properly carried out and particularly in relation to:

- a) the Club's correspondence, and
- b) keeping and maintenance of a register of all various categories of members of the Club showing the status of each.

20.2 The office of Honorary Secretary may not be held by any person who is at that time otherwise employed by the Club in the positions of either the Administration Executive or the Club Manager

## **21. HONORARY TREASURER**

The Honorary Treasurer shall prepare an annual statement of accounts duly audited by the Honorary Auditor for presentation at each Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Treasurer shall not less than twice annually present interim financial reports to the General Committee.

## **22. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Accounts payable will be processed by the Administration Executive; checked by the Club Manager; signed and authorised by the President and the Honorary Treasurer. These shall be passed for payment by the General Committee.

## **23. BANK ACCOUNT**

The funds of the Club shall be deposited to the credit of the Club in such trading or savings bank as the General Committee shall decide from time to time.

All payments shall be made by cheque or authorised electronic transaction. Each cheque or authorised electronic transaction shall be signed or otherwise authorised by any two of the following Club Officers or

employees, the President, Vice President, Honorary Treasurer or Club Manager provided that in respect of the Club Manager's Imprest Account, the cheque or electronic transaction need only be authorised by either the Club Manager or Club President.

#### **24. REPORTS AND BALANCE SHEET**

The Honorary Secretary shall make available to every member at the Annual General Meeting a copy of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet duly audited for the year ended 31 May.

#### **25. DRESS CODE**

A reasonable standard of dress is required at all times. At no time are beanies, bandannas, gumboots, work boots, singlets or patches permitted to be worn in the Club.

#### **26. POWER TO RAISE A LEVY**

Should the General Committee find at any time that they have not sufficient funds at their disposal to carry on the affairs of the Club they shall call a Special General Meeting of the Club and place the financial position and their suggestions for meeting the same, before the meeting. The majority of those present and voting at such meeting shall have the power to make a levy or call on the members, equal to the amount of the estimated deficiency and notice of such levy or call shall be immediately posted to each member. Any member failing to pay such levy or call after the expiration of two calendar months from the date thereof shall at the discretion of the Committee have his/her name removed from the list of members PROVIDED however that the Committee shall be at liberty to reinstate any member upon payment of such levy or call upon sufficient explanation being given by such member.

#### **27. CLUB PROPERTY**

No member shall remove any property of the Club from the Clubhouse or Club premises except by authority of the General Committee. A record will be kept with items signed out and signed back in. Members shall pay the full cost of replacing any Club property destroyed, damaged or lost by them.

#### **28. MEMBER'S PROPERTY**

The Club will not be responsible for loss or damage to the property of any member no matter however caused.

## **29. REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the Club shall be No 2 Wharf Shed, 54 The Esplanade, Port of Gisborne, Gisborne.

## **30. COMMON SEAL**

The Common Seal of the Club shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary and shall be affixed by him/her to any document only upon a resolution of the General Committee and in the presence of Two (2) members of the General Committee who together with the Honorary Secretary shall affix their signatures to every document so sealed.

## **31. BY-LAWS**

The General Committee shall have the authority to make, amend or rescind regulations or by-laws not inconsistent with the Rules of the Club or the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908, for the purpose of the administration and regulation of the Clubhouse and other facilities plant and equipment and other property of the Club and for the arrangement, management and control of competitions and functions.

## **32. GUESTS**

- (a) The General Committee shall have power
  - (i) to declare the Clubhouse open to visitors and guests on such occasions as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit.
  - (ii) to allow visitors and guests the use of the whole of the Clubhouse premises for use by specified groups or classes of members and/or visitors and guests and to vary such provision from time to time.
- (b) All classes of members may at any time entertain not more than ten guests in the Clubhouse for whom the member must vouch and whose name(s) the member must enter in a book available for that purpose.
- (c) A member desiring to entertain more than ten guests in the Clubhouse shall apply to the Club Manager or President, in writing wherever that is practicable, giving details of the number desired to

be entertained. The Club Manager or President shall refer the request to one of the officers of the Club whose decision on the application shall be final.

- (d) In respect of all foregoing paragraphs-
  - (i) The member must accompany his or her guests during their visit in the Clubhouse.
  - (ii) The member must ensure that each of his or her guests uses only those parts of the Clubhouse premises which are from time to time set aside by the Committee for the use of such a guest.
  - (iii) The member is responsible to the Committee for the conduct of their guests and for any cost and expense which arises from the presence of such guests. Any unacceptable or violent conduct, will invite police intervention and the guest will be asked to leave.
    - i. No person shall be permitted to be a visitor to or guest of the Club more frequently than three (3) times in any 12-month period.

### **33. DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS**

All disputes and complaints in connection with the Club must be submitted to the General Committee in writing and the decision of the General Committee shall be final, unless within seven (7) days of the said decision of the General Committee 5% of full eligible voting members give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary appealing against the said decision. The Honorary Secretary shall thereupon call a Special General Meeting which shall finally rule on the dispute or complaint.

### **34. HONORARIA AND EXPENSES**

The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer may be paid such reasonable honoraria and/or expenses as the General Committee may decide.

### **35. USE OF CLUB FUNDS OR ASSETS**

No part of the income, funds or assets of the Club may be used either directly or indirectly for the private pecuniary profit of any member or office holder.

### **36. ALTERATIONS TO RULES**

Any member may propose an alteration, addition or recession to these Rules by submitting the same in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than three weeks before the date of an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Notice of such proposed variation shall be forwarded by the Secretary to Club members together with notice of the meeting. An alteration, addition or recession in these rules may also be made by Special General Meeting called on a requisition for the purpose, under rule 11(b) hereof. No alteration shall be made unless carried by two-thirds majority of the votes recorded at the meeting. If carried such alteration shall take effect when registered by the registrar of Incorporated Societies. No alteration to Clauses 32-35 inclusive may be made without the approval of the High Court or the Inland Revenue Department.

### **37. DISSOLUTION**

The Club may be wound up voluntarily if the Club at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of its members passes a resolution requiring the Club to be wound up and such resolution is confirmed at a subsequent Special General Meeting called for that purpose and held not earlier than thirty days and not later than sixty days after the date on which the resolution so to be confirmed was passed. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Club but shall be given to some amateur sports club or association having objects similar to the objects of the Club or to some charitable object to be determined by a majority of those members present at the passing of the resolution confirming dissolution of the Club.

### **38. ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE**

- (a) The General Committee may from time to time appoint and employ an Administration Executive which may be either a full or part time position at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions and with such job description as it shall think fit.
- (b) The general duties of the Administration Executive shall include handling of all the Club's clerical administrative and accounting duties and as more particularly set out from time to time in the job description of that position.



39. **CLUB MANAGER**

- (a) The General Committee may from time to time appoint and employ a Club Manager which may be either a full or part time position at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions and with such a job description as it shall think fit.
- (b) The Club Manager shall be the chief executive officer of the Club and be responsible for the implementation of the General Committee's policies and procedures and such other duties as are more particularly set out from time to time in the job description of that position.

40. **RESTAURANT**

- (a) The committee shall from time to time engage the services of an independent catering contractor to provide restaurant services for the benefit of the club, its members, their guests and affiliates.
- (b) A Contract Catering Agreement shall be entered in to between Gisborne Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club and the contractor.
- (c) The catering contractor shall maintain positive working relationships with the committee, club management, members, their guests and affiliates.

**Revised Rules approved by Special/Annual General Meetings on:  
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