

RULES OF THE GISBORNE TATAPOURI SPORTS FISHING CLUB INCORPORATED

RULE 1 COMPETITIONS

- 1.1 Fishing Competitions will be held each season as decided by the General Committee. As decided by fishing subcommittee to general committee.
- 1.2 Such events postponed because of weather or for any reason will be transferred to the nearest suitable date and if not held then shall be cancelled.
- 1.3 Notice of postponements and cancellations shall be by announcements on VHF channel 60, or check on Facebook, come to the briefing or contact the Club Captain.
- 1.4 To be eligible to fish in Club competitions, all boats must be LAUNCHED AND RETRIEVED at Tatapouri, Marina Park or Gisborne Harbour unless otherwise specified in the rules.
- 1.5 Fishing Boundaries: For contests, trophies and Club records, boats must be inside an area: Lat. S 38.10.11 in the North and S 39.20.00 in the South and must be able to be contacted on VHF channel 60 at all times.

RULE 2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Entry fees will be decided by the Committee.
- 2.2 Entries and fees for the Club competitions will be accepted by radio immediately after first radio sked and at the Wharf Clubhouse on the days prior to the contest; except major competitions which must be prepaid. Radio entry fees must be paid immediately at the Wharf Clubhouse on return to shore and before any fish are weighed. If this is not done anglers will be disqualified and will not be eligible to fish another contest until a written explanation is given. This is the skipper's responsibility.
- 2.3 Entry forms for All Competitions with conditions printed thereon will be available at the Wharf Club House.

Competitors only on boats. Unless otherwise stated.

- 2.4 Members of Clubs affiliated to the NZBGFC/NZSFC may enter any fishing competition on proof of current membership and shall pay members entry fees only.

RULE 3 SAFETY

- 3.1 All boats taking part in Club Competitions or other events organized by the Club must be fitted with a working VHF radio, cellphone, flares and a life jacket for each person on board. There must be at least two persons on board each boat. Kayaks/Jet skis will be permitted in club competitions or other events organized by the club with the following additional safety requirements to those listed in the first part of rule 3.1.

- a) Radio operator must be notified when fishing from kayak/jet ski.
- b) Fishers must be accompanied by another kayak/jet ski fisher.
- c) Kayak to have a 1.5 mile coast restriction or from a support vessel. Jet ski's must be within VHF channel 60 at all times.
- d) Rule 1.4 will also apply to kayaks/jet skis.
- e) Anglers must ensure that the radio operator knows you're back, failure to do so could disqualify you from fishing in any future contests.

- 3.2 All boats and trailers shall be clearly named.

Boats will be called by radio at specified times for position reports. If they do not respond, the matter could be treated as an emergency.

- 3.3 The radio base operator must be advised of the return of each boat.

RULE 4 PROHIBITED FISHING GEAR

- 4.1 No set lines, gill nets or droppers may be carried in any entrant's boat on a Club Competition Day.

- 4.2 No hand lines or electric reels may be used in Club contests.

Unless specified within rules for particular contest being run.

- 4.3 If any prohibited fishing gear is found aboard any entrant's boat, all

entrants on that boat shall be disqualified.

RULE 5 FISHING TIMES

- 5.1 Fishing competitions will commence at 0600 hours unless otherwise advertised, or at the discretion of the Ramp-Master.
- 5.2 In a one-day competition lines must be out of the water by 1530 hours and boats in the channel at Tatapouri or tied up at the Wharf Clubhouse or on shore by 1600 hours for their fish to qualify for the weigh in. In a two-day competition, lines out on the first day are 1700 hours and back 1730 hours.
- 5.3 If a fish is being played at “Lines Out” time, the radio operator must be notified immediately to permit the fish to be weighed late.
- 5.4 Fishing and weigh-in times for the New Zealand Open and other Major Competitions will be advised at the time. And fishing & weigh-in times may be changed to suit a particular contest.
- 5.5 **Boats may not leave before 0400 hours.** Unless otherwise specified in the specific contest rules.

RULE 6 WEIGH-IN AND RECORDING

- 6.1 A fish considered “caught” when it is presented to the Weigh-Master at Tatapouri or the Wharf Clubhouse for weighing and recording.
- 6.2 Weigh-in will be done by an appointed Weigh-Master who has the power to inspect all fishing gear on the boat. **IT WILL BE THE ANGLER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT HIS/HER FISH IS WEIGHED AND PROPERLY RECORDED AND THE RECORD SHEET SIGNED IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACES. UNTIL FORMS ARE PROPERLY COMPLETED AND A COPY HANDED TO THE ANGLER THE CATCH WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED RECORDED.**
- 6.3 Fish can be transported by road for weighing at either Tatapouri or the Wharf Clubhouse. In this case the Radio Operator must be notified prior to the arrival of the boat at the retrieval ramp, and in any case not later than 1530 hours. Applies to Contest days only.

- 6.4 In the case of untrailable boats registered as in Rule 1.5 fish may be brought ashore for weighing as directed by the Ramp-Master at Tapatapu or the Weigh-Master at the Wharf Clubhouse.
- 6.5 If a boat breaks down at sea and would have otherwise been in time for the weigh-in, its catch shall not be disqualified if immediate notice of the breakdown is given to the Radio Operator.
- 6.6 Any boat towing a disabled boat shall not have its catch disqualified if it would have otherwise been in on time.

RULE 7 GAME FISH-TACKLE AND MINIMUM WEIGHTS

- 7.1 All game fish must be caught under IGFA Rules except where “any other method” is specified in a competition or for the award of a trophy, and must exceed the minimum weight set by the NZSFC for the New Zealand Open.
- 7.2 Tackle weights are defined as follows:

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| Light Tackle | 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10kg |
| Heavy Tackle | 15, 24, 37 and 60 kg |
- 7.3 Minimum weights for game fish are defined as follows:

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| Bill fish | On Heavy or Light Tackle | Must exceed 90kg |
| Tuna | On Heavy Tackle | Must exceed 15kg |
| | On Light Tackle | Must exceed line weight |
| Albacore | On Heavy Tackle | Must exceed 15kg |
| | On Light Tackle | Must exceed line weight |
| Kingfish | On Heavy Tackle | Must exceed 15kg |
| | On Light Tackle | Must exceed line weight |
- 7.4 Light and Heavy tackle will be recognized by the Club for all competitions, trophies and pins. New Zealand and World records, subject to the line being tested at the angler’s expense.
- 7.5 All catch cards for tagged fish must be accompanied by a photo showing the tag in the fish.

RULE 8 SCORING OF POINTS

- 8.1 The scoring of points for game fish shall be specified by the NZGGFC NZSFC for New Zealand Open or such other system as the general Committee may specify from time to time.
- 8.2 Bottom fish will be judged by weight and must exceed the legal minimum size.
- 8.3 In the event of two fish of the same species having identical weights, the first one weighed and recorded shall be declared the winner.
- 8.4 Unless notified pre contest, the Club shall have a one fish one prize rule.

RULE 9 DISPOSAL OF WEIGHED FISH

- 9.1 Anglers are responsible for the disposal of any fish weighed and must remove them from the weigh stations as soon as possible.
The Committee reserves the right to retain any fish for any purpose it may deem necessary.

RULE 10 TROPHIES, PIN AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 10.1 A list of Club trophies and conditions of their awards shall be displayed at Tatapouri and the Wharf Clubhouse at all times.
- 10.2 Only financial members, not being associate or day members shall be eligible for Club Trophies and Pin Awards.
- 10.3 To be eligible for any Club records, trophies or pin awards, claimants must RETRIEVE their boats within the club boundaries.” Fish to weigh at Tatapouri or No, 2 Wharf Shed as per rule 6.3
- 10.4 Pin awards. The first of each species of game fish caught will qualify for a silver pin provided it exceeds the minimum weight defined in Rule 7.3.
- 10.5 Only one pin will be awarded per angler per season except where the same angler catches the first heaviest fish of each species. No fish shall qualify for more than one pin.
- 10.6 Fish caught on electric reels are eligible for specified Electric Reel trophies only.

RULE 11 CATCH AND HOOK-UP FLAGS

11.1 Catch flags. The following flags are the Club's official catch flags that will normally be flown from the port side outrigger or radio aerial, and only flown when that particular species had been landed on board:

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| Billfish | White fish on blue background |
| Tuna | Blue fish on red background |
| Yellowtail | Green fish on white background |
| Unidentified | Yellow flag (this may also cover any species not listed as having a specific flag). |

11.2 Hook-up flags. The official flag for any boat playing a fish is a black and white checked flag flown from the right or starboard side of the outrigger or radio aerial, at half mast. All boats must remain clear of any boat flying his flag unless otherwise requested to close in by the skipper of such vessel.

RULE 12 DISPUTES

12.1 Any dispute from these Rules will be referred to a dispute committee, which shall consist of all available members of the Committee but with a minimum of THREE (3) whose decision shall be final.

12.2 Any disputes by a person must be lodged with the Ramp-Master or a Club Official either immediately on witnessing a breach of such rules/ethics or on their immediate return to shore.

RULE 13 SWEEPSTAKES

13.1 There may be lucky boat and other sweepstakes run on designated competitions and other events under conditions approved by the Committee.

13.2 Only financial members and their guests will be eligible for sweepstake prizes.

RULE 14 RULES

14.1 The Committee may revise, alter, delete or add to these rules at any time.

14.2 Copies of any alterations to these Rules shall be displayed at the Wharf Clubhouse and shall be effective from the date printed thereon.