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The Game Fishing Association of Australia

Guide for

Junior Tournament State Coordinators



GFAA National Junior Tournament

- ❖ **The GFAA National Junior Tournament** is an annual tournament commencing 1st July and concluding on 30th June.



Junior Tournament Committee

- ❖ **National Coordinator** is appointed by the GFAA Executive at the Principal Executive Meeting held following the GFAA Annual General Meeting. The National Coordinator is the Chairperson of this Committee.
- ❖ **State Coordinators**—Each State Branch shall appoint one person from their State to the GFAA National Junior Tournament Committee. This appointment will become effective at the Principal Executive Meeting held following the GFAA AGM.
- ❖ **GFAA President & Vice President** shall automatically each year be appointed to the Junior Tournament Committee.



Voting Rights

- ❖ **Voting**—all matters shall be determined by a majority vote with each member holding one (1) vote.



Meeting

- ❖ **Junior Tournament Meeting** — one (1) meeting shall be held each year on the Friday afternoon pre-ceding the GFAA AGM, if a State Coordinator can not be present at the meeting one (1) representative from that State can be deputised to attend in his/her place. Notification should be given to the National Coordinator prior to the Meeting as to whether the State Coordinator will be attending in person or whether they are sending a representative.
- ❖ **Postal Voting** — if any matters arise during the tournament year that require a resolution by the Committee to be made before the Annual Meeting then a postal vote will be undertaken.



Reports

GFAA Annual General Meeting—a Junior Tournament written report from the National Coordinator is required to be forwarded to the GFAA Secretary by the due date for inclusion in the AGM Business Papers.



Minutes & Updates

- ❖ **National Junior Tournament Meeting**—the National Coordinator will forward to the Junior Tournament Committee a copy of the Junior Tournament meeting minutes as a record of proceedings and reference.
- ❖ **Membership & Pointscore updates**—shall be forwarded to each member of the Tournament Committee & Web Master on a regular basis (normally monthly).
- ❖ **Webmaster**— shall update the *GFAA website—Junior Happenings* page with Junior Tournament information when it comes to hand.
- ❖ **State Coordinators**—shall check the pointscore updates each month with respect to their State anglers, if the State Coordinator has a discrepancy they are to contact the National Coordinator as soon as possible to resolve this matter.



Membership

- ❖ **Tournament Entry Forms & Rules**—will be forwarded by the National Coordinator to each State Secretary & affiliated Club Secretary at the beginning of June each year with a request that the information be forwarded to each Junior/Small Fry member and the tournament be promoted through their State & Club News logs.
State Coordinators are to follow up on this request to ensure that this information is being passed onto these members.
- ❖ **Entry Forms**—must be completed by the Angler, Parent & Club Official, the completed form along with tournament entry fee is to be forwarded direct to the National Coordinator.
- ❖ **Entry Packs** - will be sent by the National Coordinator to each entered angler upon receipt of their tournament entry form and entry fee. The National Coordinator will issue each competitor with a Tournament number, which is to be used when sending in capture and tag & release report forms.



State Coordinator's Responsibilities

- ❖ **The State Coordinator** is a “Liaison Officer” for the State to which he or she represents. This role is also a “Communications Officers” role to ensure the State and Clubs are kept fully informed on Junior Tournament matters and continue to promote the tournament throughout their membership.
- ❖ **Report Forms**—are to be completed and forwarded by the Angler to the State Coordinator by the 14th of the following month of the capture or tag and **MUST** be accompanied by a copy of a club capture form and/or a copy of the tag card. **Note: Incomplete report forms will not receive any pointscore until such time that all paperwork has been received.**
- ❖ **State Coordinators** must check all details on the report form, noting the following:
 - ⇒ Does the capture/tag details listed on the report form coincide with the copy of the capture certificate/tag card?
 - ⇒ Is the species on the eligible species list for the capture or tag? **Note:** There is an eligible species list for capture and an eligible species list for tag & release.
 - ⇒ Is the line class used eligible for tournament?
 - ⇒ With respect to Capture, does the minimum weight meet the State Association requirements? If State has no “state” minimum weight stipulated, then Billfish and Other Gamefish **MUST** equal line class and Sharks and Rays **MUST** double line class.
 - ⇒ If the species tagged & released was a billfish, was the tag that was used a “Billfish Only” tag?
 - ⇒ If the species tagged & released was a shark, did the fish reach the minimum length i.e. 1 metre.
 - ⇒ Was the location where the fish was captured/tagged in the Angler’s home State Waters, if not list on the form which State Waters the fish was caught in.
 - ⇒ With respect to tag & release, was there more than 5 of any one species tagged on the one day? **Note:** There is a “bag limit” of 5 of any one species on any one day that can be tagged.
 - ⇒ Once all information has been checked, the State Coordinator is to “sign off” on the form, noting any irregularities etc., on the actual form and the date that the form was received.
- ❖ **Checked Report Forms**—are to be forwarded to the National Coordinator as soon as possible following the 14th of each month. There is no need to send the copy of the capture certificate or tag card unless it is requested by the National Coordinator.



Progressive Tournament Pointscore

- ❖ **National Coordinator**—will check each report form and collate the tournament pointscore, the progressive tournament pointscore will be forwarded to each member of the Tournament Committee and will be posted on the GFAA website—Junior section. If the National Coordinator has a query with any report form the State Coordinator will be contacted.
- ❖ **Tournament Pointscore**—if an Angler has a query they are to contact their respective State Coordinator, who will then contact the National Coordinator with this problem. Once this has been resolved the State Coordinator will inform the Angler of the result.



Junior Tournament Trophies

- ❖ **Tournament Trophy Winners**—will be determined by the tournament pointscore system; in the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by a count back i.e. the first angler to reach the points. Tournament trophy winners will be announced at the GFAA Annual Awards Dinner held on the Saturday evening of the GFAA Annual Conference weekend at a time and venue to be announced.
- ❖ **State Trophies**—there will be a total of 32 trophies available for State winners (each State/Territory will have four winners with the exception of Western Australia who will have 8—WA North & WA South) State categories are:
 - ⇒ Champion State Junior Angler—Capture
 - ⇒ Champion State Junior Angler—Tag & Release
 - ⇒ Champion State Small Fry Angler—Capture
 - ⇒ Champion State Small Fry Angler—Tag & Release

Note: Only fish captured and tagged & released in the Angler's home State Waters are eligible for State Trophies.

- ❖ **National Trophies**—there will be a total of 4 trophies available for National winners. National categories are:
 - ⇒ Champion National Junior Angler—Capture
 - ⇒ Champion National Junior Angler—Tag & Release
 - ⇒ Champion National Small Fry Angler—Capture
 - ⇒ Champion National Small Fry Angler—Tag & Release

Note: All fish captured and tagged & released in the A.F.Z. (Australian Fishing Zone) are eligible for National trophies.



Monthly Awards

- ❖ **Monthly Prizes**—will be awarded throughout the year for exceptional captures or tags. Photographs and Stories will give the Angler a better chance of winning. The National Coordinator will determine these awards. Prizes will be forwarded to the Angler along with a Monthly Award Certificate. Note: Photographs and Stories can be forwarded preferably by email direct to the National Coordinator.



Participation Certificates

- ❖ **Participation Certificates**—will be forwarded to each State Coordinator at the conclusion of the tournament year for that State's entered Anglers. State Coordinators can liaise with State and Club as to whether these certificates are to be presented to the Anglers by the State or Club and forward on accordingly.