

# CLUB ANGLING RULES 2013/2014

Read in conjunction with Appendix A, being further definitions of fishing seasons, times and categories as passed at the AGM 2008.

## 1 a) Capture:

To be eligible for club trophies, pointscore and records, all captures must be made in accordance with the angling rules and equipment regulations of GFAA and NSWGFA as published in the GFAA Annual Journal or as amended.

## b) Tag & Release:

Similarly, all tag & release captures must be made in accordance with NSWGFA By Law 4 paragraph g) as published in the GFAA Annual Journal or as amended.

2 a) Eligible Species for capture will be as the list of "GFAA recognized gamefish species" as published in the GFAA Annual Journal or as amended.

b) Eligible Species for Tag & Release will be as the list for NSWGFA "Tag & Release Points" By Law number 4a item 3 "Pointscore and Tournament Regulations" as published in the GFAA Annual Journal or as amended.

## 3 Point Score Capture:

Pointscore for capture will be as per NSWGFA pointscore method as in force at the time of capture.

### a) Capture points to be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{(\text{Weight of fish} - \text{squared}) \times \text{factor}}{\text{Line Class}}$$

b) Line class factor	4kg = 29.5
	6kg = 19.5
	8kg = 14.5
	10kg = 11.5
	15kg = 7.5
	24kg = 4.6
	37kg = 3.0
	60kg = 1.7

c) Marlin and Broadbill points to be doubled as above factor system Other gamefish points to be trebled as above factor system. Shark points to be halved except for blue sharks which are one quarter of above factor system.

d) No points will be awarded for sharks on 4kg line class.

### e) Maximum points:

All captures on line classes up to and including 10kg shall be a maximum of 15,000 plus one point per kilo of fish weight.

All captures on line classes 15kg and over shall be maximum 20,000 points plus one point per kilo of fish weight.

## 4 Point Score Tag & Release:

Points for tag & release will be as per paragraph 4, part 3 Tag & Release Points for NSWGFA as published in the GFAA Annual Journal.

## 5 Minimum Weights:

Will be as determined by NSWGFA and published in the GFAA Journal.

a) Yellowfin Tuna - 15kg or line class whichever is the greater and line class only for juniors.

b) Marlin - Minimum of 70kg on line classes to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over.  
Juniors - Minimum of 60kg on line classes to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.

c) Sharks - Minimum weights as for marlin but must be 130kg (Juniors 120Kg) on 60kg line class.

d) Other Game Fish and Broadbill - Minimum weight to be equal to line class.

Note: All captures must be in accordance with the minimum legal weights and bag limits as laid down by NSW State Fisheries Department at the time of capture.

## 6 Club Fishing Days:

a) Fishing days for club pointscore trophies will be each weekend, commencing the first full weekend in September and finishing the last full weekend in May.

b) All captures and tag & release by members while fishing on a boat registered with the club that is participating and representing the club in a NSWGFA sanctioned tournament at any time will be eligible for club pointscore, trophies and records.

c) Public holidays will be pointscore days if they fall on pointscore days, or they are days forming a long weekend, or they are part of a sanctioned tournament.

d) Similarly, all members representing the club and participating in a land based game tournament sanctioned by NSWGFA shall have their captures and tag & release recognized for club pointscore and trophies.

e) Club record captures may be caught on all days of the calendar year.

f) Winter competition. In addition to the fishing days above, the Club will hold a winter competition commencing the day following the last full weekend in May and finishing on the day before first full weekend in September. Pointscore for this competition will be each inclusive weekend, including public holidays that may form a long weekend and days that are part of a sanctioned tournament.

g) Night competition. From time to time the Committee may declare and organise a night competition. These competitions will be held during the normal summer competition season. Points earned in the night competition will be included in Club pointscore trophies. In the interests of safety, the Committee, in conjunction with the Coast Guard, may make the decision to cancel a night competition at any time.

#### 7 Club Boundaries:

All capture and tag & release must be made within the club boundaries. i.e. from the northern headland of Sydney Harbour to the entrance of Batemans Bay, unless in a sanctioned tournament as per rule 6 part b) and d) where the host clubs boundaries will apply.

#### 8 Club Fishing Times:

a) Fishing times on club pointscore days will be 5am to 5pm, or 5am to 7pm during the period of daylight saving. If the weekend is also a Zone pointscore weekend, then fishing times will be as per the Zone fishing rules current at the time.

b) Fishing times whilst representing the club in a sanctioned tournament will be published tournament times.

c) When a fish is hooked before finish of fishing it may be played out and boated after finish time, the hook up should be confirmed with the radio sched boat or another club boat before finish of fishing if possible.

#### 9 Weighing of Fish:

a) All fish should, where possible, be weighed on the registered scales provided by the Club and recorded by the Club Recorder or his agent.

b) Where it is impractical to have a fish weighed on the Club scales, it may be weighed on the official scales and by the official Weighmaster and/or Recorder of an affiliated Club, and where possible, our Club weighmaster advised that this is occurring. Written confirmation of the weight must be obtained and provided to the Clubs Recorder.

c) Fish caught in a sanctioned tournament as rule 6 b) & d) may be weighed at the tournament and written confirmation of the weight must be supplied to the club recorder from the tournament weighmaster.

d) Properly filled out NSWGFA capture certificates must be provided to the club secretary for all captures and tag & release within 14 days of the capture to be eligible for club records, trophies and pointscore.

#### 10 Trophies:

a) Club Trophies will be awarded to the capture or tag & release deemed by the committee to be the most eligible for that trophy.

b) Only anglers that are financial members of the club, at the time of launching or boarding the vessel from which they will be fishing, will be eligible for pointscore, trophies and/or club records.

Refer to attached, appendix A, for further definitions of fishing seasons, times and trophy categories.

#### 11 Radio and Safety Procedures:

a) All boats fishing on a pointscore day MUST log on with the Volunteer Coast Guard when leaving port and log off on return except when fishing in organized tournaments. Any boat failing to log on with the Volunteer Coast Guard will be ineligible for club pointscore, club trophies or club records on that day.

b) All club boats, whilst fishing on a club pointscore day, should try to establish radio contact on VHF channel 72, or 27 MHz channel 94, with any club boats and maintain regular contact throughout the day in the interests of safety and club camaraderie.

c) It is the Skippers sole responsibility to decide whether to put to sea with regard to weather conditions and the capabilities of his craft. Shellharbour Game Fishing Club accepts no responsibility for the safety of its members should they proceed to sea in conditions unsuitable for the capabilities of their craft or crew.

d) It is the Skippers responsibility to ensure his vessel carries the minimum safety equipment and complies with all regulations required by the NSW Waterways Authority.