



SOUTHERN ZONE ALL PORTS 9-10 MARCH 2019

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VENUE :

Participants will be able to fish out of their own home port.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Comprised of the Southern Zone Chairman and a representative from each Southern Zone club in attendance. The Committee are the sole adjudicators on all aspects of the Tournament and their decisions are final.

ENTRIES :

We reserve the right to refuse entry to the Tournament

Entries must be in hand by the 9 March 2018 to be eligible and sent with full payment to 84 Wilton Rd, Wilton, NSW 2571 or email steve@lamondcontacting.com.au. Payment may be made direct to Southern Zone St George a/c 466311089 BSB 112 908 with note of this on your entry form.

TEAMS

Teams shall comprise a minimum of two registered anglers with a maximum limit to the number of anglers as per NSW Maritime Vessel Capacity. Boats may have multiple Club teams fishing. Penalty applies to those clubs not participating. Team members must be financial members of clubs affiliated with NSWGFA Southern Zone.

REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND COMPETITORS

No replacement of boats and/or competitors will be allowed after the commencement of the tournament. Anglers may not effect a capture or tag and release on any vessel other than the vessel he/she is registered on. Captured fish, tag and release card, the angler, all equipment used must be presented to the weighstation on the vessel on which the capture or tag and release was effected and may not be transferred to another vessel. However, in the case of an emergency situation the Tournament Committee may at their discretion allow the transfer of an angler/fish and equipment used to effect capture or tag.

SEAWORTHINESS OF BOATS

All boats must comply with NSW Waterways regulations for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessels home club. A "Boat Safety Rescue Form" is included as part of the entry form and must be completed and signed by the Boat Skipper. All boats must carry a 406Mhz EPIRB and have two working marine radios fitted, one of which must be VHF frequency.

INSURANCE

It is mandatory for all boats to carry Third Party Property Damage and Third Party Personal Injury Insurance. Details must be completed on Entry Form. Failure to provide this information will result in exclusion from the Tournament.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

All anglers must carry Saltwater Fishing Licences (if applicable). Bag limit and size restrictions must also be adhered to. All competitors are reminded that it is an offence to tie any vessel to objects such as wave riders, FADS or fish trap buoys.

FISHING TIMES

Saturday 10 March 2018.....6.00am to 5pm.

Sunday 11 March 2018.....6.00am to 5pm.

All captured fish and tag cards must be at the respective weigh station no later than 6pm on the Sunday.

GALE WARNING

In the event of a "Gale Warning" being declared by the relevant authority, the Tournament will be cancelled and all vessels are required to cease fishing and return to port. Cancellation will apply until the Gale Warning is lifted. The Tournament Committee will not accept any responsibility for decisions made by individuals.

WEIGHSTATION PROCEDURE

Once boats enter the vicinity of the weighstation, they are under the control of the Tournament Official at the weighstation and MUST obey all instructions issued by the Official. Before coming alongside boats must have completed and have ready for presentation all equipment used for capture and/or tag and release plus applicable paperwork.

With the agreement of all participating clubs, fish and tag cards may be presented to the angler/boat home port together with all tackle used on the day of capture or tagging. All must be presented to agreed club personnel no later than 6pm on Sunday 10 March 2019.

All capture certificates and tag cards MUST be emailed to steve@lamondcontacting.com.au by Tuesday 12 March 2018 to be eligible.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Anglers participating in this weekend tournament are required to sign on and off with their local marine rescue/coastal patrol. All boats must be equipped with two working marine radios one of which must be VHF frequency.

ALL TEAMS MUST SIGN ON AND OFF EACH DAY WITH RELEVANT AUTHORITY. Fish are not eligible until the vessel has signed on and it is the responsibility of the skippers to ensure that they are signed on before commencing fishing. Do not assume that you have been heard, please make sure that your call has been acknowledged.

If a vessel misses two radio skeds emergency procedures will be put in place.

Penalties apply for any boat failing to sign off with designated radio base.

Radio silence must be observed for ten minutes prior to conclusion of fishing for the report of late hook-ups.

In the event of communication difficulties, skippers are to use all available means to maintain contact with Radio Base. The skipper of any boat suffering radio failure must make contact with another boat and have them advise Radio Base of the problem. **THEY MUST THEN RETURN TO PORT IMMEDIATELY.**

FISH HANDLING

All fish should be removed from the weighstation after weighing. Competitors/ boat crew must not clean or fillet fish or remove shark jaws in the vicinity of the weighstation, nor at any time near any beach or harbour foreshore area. NB : Fish **MUST NOT** be disposed of in a Marine Park. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification. If a Marine Park is applicable and is situated at the Club's port then the distance that the fish is taken is to be outside of the Marine Park.

In the event of any shark or marlin being given away for eating, only the fillets may be given and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew.

FISHING RULES

The tournament will be fished under the "Fishing Rules and Tackle Regulations" of GFAA and NSWGFA as are in effect at the time. The NSWGFA Tag & Release and Measure and Release rules will apply.

LINE CLASS

Eligible line classes for this tournament include : 4,6,8,10,15,24,37 and 60 kg.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES

As approved by NSWGFA at the time.

CIRCLE HOOKS are permitted for live baiting and trolling natural baits. (Whether live, dead, mutilated or dissected). Except in the case of targeting Narrow Barred Mackerel (*Scomberomorus Commerson*)

NB : No points to be scored for any species caught while using live baits and/or trolling baits with "J" hooks.

THE USE OF IDENTIFIABLE MARLIN carcasses is prohibited for use as tethered burley. Burley secured under floats is prohibited.

MUTIPLE STRIKES

In the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the first fish fought will be eligible for point score.

CAPTURE

The NSWGFA point score system and minimum weights will apply

TAG & RELEASE POINTS :

As per NSWGFA line class tag & release point score. Minimum length for Yellowtail Kingfish – 70cm and Sharks – 100cm T&R. Striped Tuna are catch and release only for juniors and small fry for personal points. Use measure and release tag cards and points will apply as per normal tagging. Use measure and release cards.

SHARKS :Amended point score available on www.nswgfa.com.au

BILLFISH TAGS

Anglers **MUST USE** the "Billfish Only" tag for all Billfish and no other species.

NSWGFA TAGS

Only NSW DPI tags can be used, no other type of tag will be awarded points or trophies.

LINE CLASS

Must be on tag cards. If this is not evident then the fish will be deemed to be on 60kg.

TIME

Failure to record time of release on the tag card will result in the time being recorded as at the end of the days fishing or after the last fish for the day has been tagged, whichever is the latter.

POINTS

NSWGFA point score for tag and release and capture shall apply.

PROTESTS

Any protests must be made in writing, signed by the team captain and lodged via email to steve@lamondcontracting.com.au no later than 10.00pm on the day of the incident. No protest will be considered after the set time of 10.00pm.

CAPTURE CATEGORIES

- Champion Club
- Team Tagging most Billfish
- Team tagging most shark
- Team tagging most Tuna
- Highest point score small fry
- Highest point score junior
- Highest point score adult lady
- Highest point score adult male

TAG & RELEASE CATEGORIES

- Champion Club
- Heaviest Billfish .. angler
- Heaviest Shark .. angler
- Heaviest Tuna ..angler
- Heaviest Other Game Fish .. angler
- Most Meritorious capture by a junior angler
- Most Meritorious capture by a small fry angler

TIES

In the case of a tied result the trophy will be awarded to the “FIRST PAST THE POST”. Count backs will be based on the time of capture or tag and release as stated on the certificate. If there is no time entered on the certificate, the time will be set as at close of fishing on that day.

CARCASSES

Anglers are responsible for the disposal of their captures with any unwanted fish taken at least 2nm to sea and cut open prior to disposal. In the event any shark or marlin are given away for eating, only the fillets may be given away and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew.

Competitors are reminded that it is an offence in NSW for recreational anglers to sell fish or give them to professional fishermen. Disqualification from tournament will result if this occurs.

BAG LIMITS

Please note that bag limits apply in NSW waters. Points will only be awarded to fish captured in accordance with these bag limits.

MEDIA POLICY

- Only the Club President can make comment to the media.
- Competitors are NOT to post any inaccurate or inappropriate information/photographs on forum sites.
- Competitors MUST NOT approach the media or answer any queries from the media. If a competitor is approached by the media they are to contact Club president with the details who then will carry out the requirements of the NSWGFA Media Policy.
- Zone or Club logos cannot be used in any media publication (including websites) without express permission and then must be within the guidelines of the NSWGFA Media Policy.
- No competitor can publish a photograph(s) of any captured fish in any newspaper publication.

SALE OF FISH

Any fish weighed shall not be sold or bartered. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards. Anyone found to have sold their catch will be disqualified from the tournament.

INDEMNITY

The Southern Zone and participating Clubs accept no responsibility for the actions by entrants in this tournament and shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to property or persons during the tournament. In consideration of accepting the application to participate in the event competitors agree to release the Tournament Committee and any /all of their employees, servants, agents and voluntary workers against all claims, proceedings or actions for loss or damage to property or person.

TROPHY PRESENTATION

This will take place at the Southern Zone AGM and Presentation Luncheon to be held at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club 30th June 2019. We have perpetual trophies with individual plaques plus entry for two into designated Southern Zone tournaments for some categories.

SANCTIONING

This Tournament is sanctioned by New South Wales Game Fishing Association.

Fishing out of your own port makes it so easy and this is the opportunity to represent your club in a friendly competition for a very small financial outlay.

Good luck to all participants.