



## CLUBS NEW ZEALAND - FISHING RULES

	Start Fishing	Skeds Channel 64 Use grid map	Stop Fishing	Weigh Station Opens	Weigh Station Closes	Lucky Draws	Prize Giving
Saturday Day 1	7:00am	Call on leaving 1:05 pm 4:35pm Call on return	5:00pm	4:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	N/A
Sunday Day 2	7:00am	Call on leaving 1:05pm 3:35pm Call on return	4:00pm	4:00pm	6:30pm NO EXCEPTIONS	N/A	8:00pm

Anglers must be a financial member of the WSFC, or a club affiliated to Clubs New Zealand.

Clubs NZ shall be fished in accordance with **IGFA** and **WSFC** rules (except for WSFC rule 3; where snapper can be caught on heavier than 10kg line). - Braid line may be used in this tournament for snapper, kahawai and trevally only. (Fish caught on braid will **NOT** qualify for the IGFA points prizes unless braid line is used in accordance with the I.G.F.A. rule which allows a minimum of 5 metres of monofilament top shot line, backed by another type of line.

Maximum line class is 37kg.

Boats may launch, and fish from Doubtless Bay to Matauri Bay. **Note:** At least one team member **MUST** attend briefing.

Fishing is permitted from Cape Brett to North Cape. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the tournament.

Cape Brett – As long as you can see Cape Brett light on the western side of Piercy Island. GPS Mark: North Cape 173° 03 minutes east 34° 25 minutes south. The line is due north of this mark.

Please call in all **hookups**, (excluding snapper, kahawai and trevally), **tagged & released** and **landed** fish. As the Tournament would not be possible without the generous support of our Sponsors, all fish called in must state the accurate grid and Sponsor's name.

You are a guest of the Whangaroa Sport Fishing Club for the competition. The Organisers have the right to refuse entry to any angler, team, boat or skipper. Any misconduct will not be tolerated.

The Whangaroa Sport Fishing Club takes no responsibility for ensuring vessels meet safety standards or for damage or injury to anglers, boats or visitors under any circumstances.

Registration constitutes acceptance of the rules and regulations covering the competition and all contestants agree to abide by the Contest Organiser's decisions. Organisers have the sole right to alter, change or delete any part of the competition or rules at their discretion.

The distribution of prizes within your crew is the crew's responsibility. The club will not get involved in your domestic disputes.

A team must comprise of not less than two people. There must not be less than two members on the boat at any one time and in the interests of safety the skipper must be over the age of 18.

If there is bad weather, Game Base Radio will notify boats at 6:30am of the Organisers decision to have a lay day. In the event of a lay day, the Organisers may introduce special species of fish that could be caught for competition and prizes for the day. Only paid-up contestants can fish from a boat during the competition.

Anglers wanting to fish from another boat may do so, but the points for the team prize stay with the original team's boat and are not transferable. If you want to change boats, the Organiser's must be notified before you start fishing with your new team. You can have extra team members join during the competition with the Organiser's consent. You must notify the Organiser before you start fishing.

When entering the harbour with fish to weigh, or tag cards to hand to the weighmaster, please call the weigh station on **VHF Channel 64**.

Speed limit - Please observe normal Harbour rules. The speed limit is 5 knots.

All decisions made by the Organiser shall be final and binding and no correspondence shall be entered into.

**In the event of a tie of the same species, the winning fish will be the first fish tagged & released or boated.**

## **FISH CATCHES / SPECIES**

**MARLIN/SWORDFISH** - Minimum weight 90kg

**TUNA** - Minimum weight 5kg, including albacore and skipjack

**KINGFISH** - A maximum of two **kingfish**, per angler, per day may be weighed in the tournament and must be at least 75cm in length

**SNAPPER** - Minimum weight 2kg. A maximum of two **snapper**, per angler, per day may be weighed in the tournament and must weigh 2kg, or equal or exceed line weight category

**KAHAWAI** - Minimum weight 2kg. A maximum of two **kahawai**, per angler, per day may be weighed in the tournament and must weigh 2kg, or equal or exceed line weight category

**TREVALLY** - Minimum weight 2kg. A maximum of two **trevally**, per angler, per day may be weighed in the tournament and must weigh 2kg, or equal or exceed line weight category

## **WEIGH STATION**

**Times:** Saturday & Sunday - 4:00pm - 6:30pm

## **WEIGH STATION - continues**

All fish to be weighed must be at the weigh station **NO later than 6:30pm** to allow daily prize giving to commence on time - **this includes T&R cards and weigh sheets**. Any fish weighed after 6:30pm will carry forward into the next day's catch - except on the final day. All fish boated before **Stop Fishing** at 4:00pm on Saturday, must be at the weigh station by **6:30pm** at the latest, to qualify for the tournament.

Any boats calling in as **Hooked up** before **Stop Fishing** at 4:00pm on the last day are allowed to play out that fish but **MUST** be at the **Weigh Station** by **6:30pm** and no later. Please **BE PATIENT** if there is a queue, your fish will be weighed. We may need to delay prize giving for 30 minutes to allow for processing of weigh sheets.

All fish must be received from the vessel which it was caught on. Smaller fish may be carried to the weigh station in a sealed container or fish bag to prevent leakage.

All fish must be dead when presented to the weighmaster.

### **PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR WEIGH SHEET BEFORE YOU GET TO THE WEIGH STATION**

Each angler shall first fill in the weigh sheet stating that her catch was made in accordance with WSFC rules. Please ensure all information is detailed on your weigh sheets e.g. Boat number.

All catches must be weighed on official scales by the weigh person of the Whangaroa Sport Fishing Club.

If a fish has been tagged and released, the tag card must be filled in and returned with a completed weigh sheet, along with the tag number (GPS marks if possible), estimated weight, accurate grid number and Sponsor Name, **to the weighmaster or recorder** within weigh station times.

The Judges may investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the contest on their own initiative. Any protest concerning the validity of any catch, shall be filed in writing, signed and handed to the Organiser at headquarters by 7:00pm on the day of the catch.

Weigh station berths are to be kept clear until after the last fish has been weighed. Skippers, please assist. N.B. Make sure your outriggers are clear of the gantry boom.

Please, no butchering or carving of fish on the weigh station, Marlin pontoon or any part of the Marina. No disposing of fish remains within the harbour.

**If you wish to have your fish smoked, please have it organised before you get it to the weigh station.**

## **PRIZES AND PRIZE GIVING**

### **Lucky draws**

Saturday Night 7:00pm, 6 lucky draws of \$50 will be made.

### **Final prize giving**

Sunday Night 8:00pm, final prize giving.

**You MUST be in the Club to be eligible for lucky draw prizes**

# MINIMUM WEIGHTS AND POINTS SCORING

All line classes included - Maximum 37kg line for all species

## Marlin /Swordfish - Minimum weight 90kg

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Marlin - **Clubs NZ Marlin Classic Trophy - Heaviest Marlin**  
Marlin Most IFGA Points

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Angler most Marlin/Swordfish tagged and released  
First Tagged & Released Marlin - **Clubs NZ First Tagged & Released Trophy - 1<sup>st</sup> T&R Marlin**  
Club most Tagged & Released Marlin

## Tuna - Minimum weight 5kg includes Albacore & Skipjack

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Tuna  
Tuna Most IGFA Points

## Kingfish - All T&R and weighed Kingfish must be 75cm

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Kingfish  
Kingfish Most IGFA Points  
Club most Tagged & Released Kingfish

## Snapper Mono Line

Minimum weight 2kg  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Snapper  
Snapper Most IGFA Points  
Average Weight Snapper (across both sections)

## Snapper Braid Line

Minimum weight 2kg  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Snapper  
(No IGFA points)

## Kahawai Mono Line

Minimum weight 2kg  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Kahawai  
Kahawai Most IFGA Points

## Kahawai Braid Line

Minimum weight 2kg  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Kahawai  
(No IGFA points)

## Trevally Mono Line

Minimum weight 2kg  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Trevally  
Trevally Most IGFA Points

## Trevally Braid Line

Minimum weight 2kg  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Trevally  
(No IGFA points)

## Heaviest Other Fish (No sharks or rays)

**Lady Angler - Heaviest Gamefish**

**Skipper Prize - Most Meritorious Catch**

**CLUBS NZ POINTS for Clubs Trophies** - Only fish on the prize list qualify for Clubs points  
(including the braid sections)

All Species            1<sup>st</sup> 100 Points            2<sup>nd</sup> 80 Points            3<sup>rd</sup> 50 Points

**Bonus - Tagged & Released Marlin 50 Points**

## TROPHIES

**Clubs NZ First Tag & Release - 1<sup>st</sup> Tagged & Released Marlin**

**Clubs NZ Marlin Classic - Heaviest Marlin Individual**

**Clubs NZ Marlin Classic - Team with most points Nationally**

**Northern Area Points Trophy - Team with the most points in the Northern Area**

**NOTE : CLUBS NZ POINTS FOR TROPHIES ARE NOT IFGA POINTS – IFGA POINTS ARE  
CALCULATED BY: FISH WEIGHT x 100 / LINE WEIGHT**