

1. Hosted by: _____

Fishing Section

2. Tournament Rules

3. Each fishing competitor must hold a current New Zealand Sports Fishing licence and must abide by the rules and regulations for the _____ Fish and Game region.
4. The _____, Fishing Section must receive entries and entry fees by Friday, _____.
5. Competitors must register (including presentation of their Club Membership card and current Fishing Licence before commencing fishing. Please note that one member of each Club can register other members of the same club with their Club Membership number and a copy of their Fishing Licence.
6. Registration starts at 12.00 noon on Friday the _____.
7. The _____, Fishing Section Organizing Committee members are eligible to enter the Tournament.
8. Cost of Entry
9. Seniors \$35.00 (includes Ladies) and Juniors \$15.00 (includes \$5 Fish & Game Levy)
10. A Junior competitor is defined as a person who is 16 years of age or under as at _____ and is not a financial member of a Club.
11. All Juniors must be sponsored and supervised by an adult member of the Club that they are representing at all times.
12. If a competitor is aged between 17 and 18 years then they must pay the senior fee and be sponsored by an adult member of the Club that they are representing if they are not a financial member of a Club.
13. Entry registration is not transferable once the Tournament commences and only those registered at the time of commencement may fish and enter fish for the weigh in.
14. No minimum length for fish unless the local regulations state there is a minimum length.
15. Fish must be gutted and gilled.
16. Fish will not be accepted if they have been frozen or have deteriorated. The Official Tournament weigh master has the right to accept or reject any fish entered.
17. The Tournament commences at 5:00 pm on Friday, _____ and ends at 4:00 pm on Saturday, _____.
18. Fishing can take place in any of the rivers and lakes in the _____ area shown on enclosed map, exception being closed waters, see South Island Sports Fishing Regulation Guide.
19. Weigh-in will commence at the _____ at 4:00 pm on Saturday, _____, and no fish will be accepted after the final weigh-in time of 6:00 pm.
20. Each competitor is allowed to weigh in two fish only one counts.
21. The prize giving will follow the weigh-in on the Saturday evening.
22. The categories are:
23. **Senior competition** - Heaviest Trout 2nd Heaviest Trout 3rd Heaviest Trout
24. **Junior competition** - Heaviest Trout 2nd Heaviest Trout 3rd Heaviest Trout
25. **Ladies** - Heaviest Trout
26. **Best Factor** - 1st Prize, 2nd Prize, 3rd Prize.

27. Club Team Event & Junior Team Event

28. Mystery Weight Fish - To be nominated by the local Fish & Game.

29. The club event shall comprise of a maximum of 4 members of any one club, each entering one trout only to compete in the Heaviest Bag Tournament. At the conclusion of the weigh in, the Weigh master will automatically take the weights of the four heaviest fish from each Club (one per competitor) and get a Bag weight for them to represent their Club. In an event of a club having three or less competitors, then only one fish per competitor may be entered in this event.

30. The Junior Team Event has the same rules as the Club Event but it is for Junior paid members only. Junior members are not eligible to enter the Club Event.

31. Competitors must be present to receive their prize/s. If a competitor is not present their prize/s will be re-allocated.

32. Clubs New Zealand, the _____ Club and the _____ club Fishing Section will not be accountable for any misconduct, incident, injury accident or injury that occurs to any person competing or associated with a competitor of this Tournament.

33. Boat fishing is permitted. All safety requirements and equipment associated with boat fishing is the responsibility of the boat owner / operator. Please follow safe boating practices at all times.

34. Any Competitor accessing waterways through private property must first obtain the permission of the landowner or tenant / lessee.

35. The Tournament will be non-profit. All registration fees will be paid out as prizes, minus any expenses incurred in hosting the Tournament. A balance sheet will be forwarded to each Club delegate at the Tournament.

36. Allocation of the money and Prizes is the responsibility of the Host Club.

37. If no entries are received in a particular competition category, the Host Club reserves the right to re-allocate the prizes as they see fit.

38. Any disputes must be in writing and submitted to the Organising Committee Chairman of the Host Club prior to, or immediately following the weigh-in. The dispute will be referred to the Disputes Committee (excluding members of any club in dispute) whose decision will be final and binding.

39. Individual Clubs are asked to ensure that their members compete in a fair and sporting manner so that the Clubs of New Zealand South Island Trout Fishing Tournament will be an enjoyable event for all participants.