

RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** All anglers must be registered and entries paid prior to commencing fishing*.
2. **MAXIMUM LINE WEIGHT:** The maximum line weight is 10kg. Samples of line may be tested at weigh in. Braid lines are not acceptable unless TESTED as breaking at maximum 10kg or complying with the IGFA rules, as summarised below.
3. **IGFA RULES:** The following guidelines are the most common areas questions are asked on IGFA rules that apply for this contest.
 - Sinkers are allowed
 - Maximum length trace (if the trace is heavier than the line class being fished) is 15 ft (4.57 metres), this can be any line weight. If a double line is used to join the trace and main line, then the maximum length of trace and double is 20 ft (6.1 metre)
 - Free running keeper hooks are not allowed. Keeper hooks must be tied in place.
 - If two hooks are used they must be not more than 18 inches apart (45.72cm) for baits, 12 inches (30.45cm) for lures and not less than a hook length apart i.e.; they must not overlap.
 - If using braid or any other main line (wire is prohibited) other than pre-tested monofilament the catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five meters of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line ie a leader of maximum 10kg breaking strain mono and of a minimum 5m length attached to a braid mainline complies for this tournament. For a full explanation of this rule refer to the IGFA Equipment Regulation A.

Only fish caught on rod and reel are eligible.

4. **LINE SAMPLES:** If your fish exceeds the following values

KINGFISH 20 kg SNAPPER 8 kg KAHAWAI 3 kg TREVALLY 3 kg you must present the terminal tackle that was used to catch that fish for inspection - i.e. don't use it again that day. For this contest we need your hook/s and trace used plus double if used and one metre of line presented in one piece.

NB: for a New Zealand Record or World Record Claim 50ft (15.24 metres) of line above the terminal tackle is required.

5. **AREA:** There is no limits on fishing areas, EXCEPT that Marine Reserves and local area restrictions (as charted) MUST be observed.
6. **FISHING TIMES:** Fishing may commence from 6am Saturday morning.
7. **WEIGH IN:** The competition has one weigh in station at **SANDSPIT YACHT CLUB**. Weigh in times are: Saturday 4pm - 5pm, Sunday 2pm - 4pm. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that fishing is stopped in time to make weigh in. Fish that are presented must be fresh and have not been frozen. All fish that are presented for weighing must equal or exceed MFish minimum size. (see also rule13). The weigh master will have the final decision on the acceptability of any fish. Responsibility for the fish remains with the angler. MAXIMUM OF THREE FISH (EXCEPT KINGFISH, ONE ONLY) OF EACH SPECIES CAN BE WEIGHED PER ANGLER, PER DAY.

WGFC members are encouraged to fill in weigh sheets for their catches as any fish caught in the tournament can go towards end of season prizegiving.

8. **CANCELLATIONS:** There will be no cancellation due to weather. Each contestant and skipper is responsible for their own assessment of the conditions.
9. **SANDSPIT RIVER SPEED LIMIT:** Please note that the speed limit is 5 KNOTS. Zero wake in the marina (less than 5 knots)
10. **INFRACTIONS:** Any person found in breach of the contest rules will be disqualified and any prize won forfeited. Further, they may be prohibited from entering any future tournaments conducted by this Club. Any disputes arising during the tournament shall be reported to the tournament organising committee. They will investigate and make their decision known to all interested parties. The decision of the organising committee shall be final and binding on all contestants.
11. **PRIZE GIVING:** Sunday prize giving will be held at 7.30pm which will be preceded by a dinner starting at 6pm on Sunday night. The prize giving will include all fish presented during the contest. EACH CONTESTANT WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE PRIZE PER WEIGHED AND MEASURED DIVISION. The best achieved will be the prize awarded. * **JUNIORS** are only eligible for the main prizes if an adult entry ticket has been purchased for that junior (optional).
12. **MINIMUM FISH SIZES:**
Snapper 30cm, Kingfish 90cm, Trevally 30cm.
13. **MEASURED FISH SECTION:** Longest 3 snapper and longest kingfish. Fish must be released in good shape to be eligible. Photograph fish on a proper measuring mat (vinyl ruler with plastic end) and text ticket number, fish species, and fish length (to 0.5cm) from nose to the 'V' IN the tail to 0274257224 or 021886289. Save the digital photo for inspection. Measuring mats available from Matakana Marine, Hunting & Fishing WW. You can use other proprietary purpose-made mats eg from the IGFA, BeachandBoat comp