

# RULES FOR THE WARKWORTH GAMEFISH CLUB 10kg TOURNAMENT 2020

1. ELIGIBILITY: All anglers must have entries paid prior to commencing fishing. Entries close 5pm Thursday 28th May.

HOW TO ENTER: Make the entry payment into **Warkworth Gamefish Club Incorporated** at **03 0481 0064792 00** with your **NAME** and **CELLPHONE NUMBER** in the references. Do it before 5pm Thursday 29th May. Then email the Club:

[warkworthgamefish@gmail.com](mailto:warkworthgamefish@gmail.com) with your name, boat name ('shore' if landbased), cellphone number, VHF call sign if known, boat length and colour. Also the general area of where you're fishing could be crucial if your mission goes tits up.

2. MAXIMUM LINE WEIGHT: The maximum line weight (breaking strain) is 10kg. Braid lines are not acceptable unless TESTED as breaking at maximum 10kg, or a complying leader per the IGFA rules as summarised below. KNOW the line class you are using and make sure it complies. Be honest with yourself and your fellow participants – otherwise what's the point?

3. IGFA RULES: The following guidelines are the most common areas questions are asked on IGFA rules that apply for this contest.

- 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 5m 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. For a full explanation of this rule refer to the IGFA Equipment Regulation A.
- Maximum length trace (if the trace is heavier than the line class being fished, ie for mono) is 15 ft (4.57m), and 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 (6.1m)
- Free running 'keeper' hooks are not allowed. Keeper hooks must be tied in place or just use a single hook.
- 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.
- Only fish caught on rod and reel are eligible.

4. If your fish exceeds the following values:

KINGFISH 20kg (120cm) SNAPPER 9kg (78cm) KAHAWAI 3kg (60cm) TREVALLY 3kg (55cm) you must present (photograph) the rod and reel and terminal tackle that was used to catch that fish for inspection.

Note: for a New Zealand Record or World Record Claim 50ft (15.24 metres) of line above the terminal tackle is required, ref NZSFC website for Record Claim requirements. Liaise with the organisers if you wish to weigh and document a potential record catch, and check requirements per NZSFC/Records on the internet.

5. AREA: Open. But Marine Reserves and local area restrictions (as charted) must be observed of course.

6. FISHING TIMES: Fishing may commence from 6am Saturday 30th May. Measure-in closes 4pm Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

7. WEIGH (MEASURE)-IN: This competition is a fully MEASURED event. The measuring format allows anglers to release fish in the interests of conservation and respect for our Shared Fishery. **ALL PHOTOS TO BE SENT TO CAM 021 206 3136. Or VIBER or Facebook Messenger.** A confirmation text will be sent back to you, please phone this number if you don't receive confirmation text within half an hour.

Measurement photographs must be made on a proprietary measuring mat with integral 'L' backstop. Get one from Hunting& Fishing Warkworth or Matakana Marine, or use the IGFA, BeachandBoat, or NZ Fishing Comp one. Follow the measuring instructions below, we don't want to have to disqualify your catch. THE SPECIAL ITEM YOU WILL NEED IN YOUR CATCH PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TEXTED TO YOU AND ALSO NOTIFIED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE 5PM FRIDAY 29th. Round down to 0.5cm ie 73.3cm is recorded as 73cm, 73.7 is recorded as 73.5cm. Maximum 2 snapper (longest plus a random >50cm), 1 kahawai, 1 trevally, and 1 kingfish measurement to be submitted per day ie just your best ones. There are no Saturday prizes.

Checklist:

**Have THE ITEM NOTIFIED 5PM FRIDAY in all your fish pics. It will be something easily found if you're a fisher!**

Make sure the photo is of sufficient quality, do not submit blurry/dark ones.

The photo submitted must be in landscape format.

Take the photo from above the fish looking directly down on it, the measurement must be clear.

The tip of either the upper or lower jaw must touch the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure. It is permissible to have someone hold the fish on the measure while a photo is taken, provided this does not obscure the fish or measurement. The jaw of the fish must not be distorted in an attempt to exaggerate the length.

The V of the tail should be as close to the midline of the measure as possible.

Fish must be measured fresh. No 'fish-stretching', jaw extending, or other attempts to alter the natural length. Do not gut or gill your catch before taking the photo.

The innermost point of the tail V must touch or exceed the line on the measure to qualify for that 0.5cm increment ie round DOWN to nearest 0.5cm.

The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any catch at their discretion and prize-winning catches will be digitally checked.

The competition has no measure-in station because of Covid-19. Measure-in is throughout the event, as you catch them. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that fishing is stopped in time to ensure the texted measurement picture reaches the organiser by 4pm Sunday. There could be a few Last Minute Charlies, so don't leave it until then! The organiser has the final decision on the acceptability of any fish measurements and photographic evidence of submitted fish photographs. Responsibility for kept fish remains with the angler.

8. MINIMUM LENGTHS: Kingfish 90cm, Snapper 50cm, Kahawai 45cm, Trevally 40cm.

9. PRIZE CATEGORIES: One kingfish longest length prize. Snapper length to 5 places plus random length over 50cm. Kahawai and Trevally length to 3 places, no average. The points formula for the 10kg trophy has been amended for fish length. In the event of tied lengths the first photograph submitted to the organiser will take precedence. Only one prize per fish category per angler. The organiser reserves the right if deemed necessary to massage the prizepool to reward actual catches, rather than random draws for uncaught categories. Either way the full prizepool will be awarded. The random >50cm length snapper will be awarded by reduction draw in the event of tied qualifying fish.

10. JUNIORS: Juniors are only eligible for the main prizes if an adult entry ticket has been purchased for that junior (optional). Otherwise juniors' fish for the Junior prizepool, which is longest in each of Kingfish, Snapper, Kahawai, and Trevally.

11. SANDSPIT RIVER SPEED LIMIT: The speed limit is 5 KNOTS. But zero wake in the marina, which typically means doing less than 5 knots. Please respect the Covid-19 protocols in place at SYC and be patient and kind like Aunty Cindy says.

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: There is none this year : ( No meal, no beersies, no rum races. Stupid virus. Prize winners will be contacted by text Sunday night, and a full results report published on our Facebook page and website by 4pm Monday 1st June. The best achieved will be the prize awarded.

12. DISCLAIMER: Purchase of an entry constitutes acceptance of this indemnity clause: I have entered into the above fishing competition on the understanding and acceptance that it involves risks associated with fishing and being in the marine environment and shall not hold the organiser or any other entity or person associated with this event responsible for any loss or injury I might incur in my participation.

13. BE RESPONSIBLE: It shall be the responsibility of the Skipper to lodge a trip report with the appropriate authority(s). In the event of an emergency on the water participants are to notify their nearest Coastguard or radio operator.

14. SKIPPERS accept by entering the event that: They have the necessary skill, knowledge and qualifications to safeguard all on board. The vessel and all equipment are properly maintained and the vessel carries all the necessary safety equipment. Also that there are a minimum of two means of communication; i.e. VHF marine radio, cellphone, flares and that each passenger has a correctly fitting buoyancy aid. The Skipper will ensure passengers are briefed on the location and use of all safety equipment and that the vessel is loaded and operated within its limit and all equipment is securely stowed.

This a solid effort to keep the legacy of the WGFC 10kg rolling in Covid-19 conditions. We trust you to play fair for the maximum enjoyment for you and the success of this event. If you've got any queries give us a call, Cam 021 206 3136 or Dave 021 886 289. Channel 01 VHF may also be of use if phones are not. THE 10KG LIVES ON!