

Following are the rules and regulations of the New South Wales Game Fishing Association (NSWGFA). They are intended to complement both the capture and tag & release of game fish in NSW waters and should be read in conjunction with "The Official GFAA Game Fishing Journal" published by The Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA).

1. INSIGNIA

- (a) A design approved by the Executive Committee shall be the insignia of the Association. The insignia is copyright registered and protected against unofficial use. Such insignia may be reproduced on the Association's stationery and certificates and generally, where considered suitable. Also, this insignia may be produced as a metal badge and incorporated into the Association's trophies where considered appropriate by the Committee.
- (b) A President's insignia shall be struck and flown at the masthead of a vessel when the President is onboard such vessel.
- (c) The Association's insignia shall only be used by members representing the Association with the permission and approval of the Committee
- (d) NSWGFA official patches shall be made available to all NSW affiliated club members at a cost to be determined from time to time.

RECORDS

- (a) The Association shall maintain state records, as laid down in the Objects of the Association (Object g), NSW shall issue Record Certificates where appropriate in the following categories: men's, ladies, male & female juniors and male & female small fry. Saltwater, Freshwater, Fly and Land-based Saltwater and as from the 21st July 2018 a **new specific NSW Waters only type record category called "with attached Backing"** Records for all categories are kept in the following line classes 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.
The new category type is based on the following rule which applies for all Australian/other Australian States and IGFA World Records, however those bodies only have one type category record whereas NSW has 2 split categories, one with no backing attached (existing records) and the new one with attached backing where the following equipment regulation applies.

Line and Backing

1. The use of backing is permissible. **(Note: there is no restriction on the type or size of backing used as long as it is Monofilament, multifilament, lead core multifilament but not wire.)**
 2. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five metres of the line preceding the double, leader and hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line **(for record claims, 16m of the single line must be supplied).**
Note: Small Fry shall be under the age of eleven (11) years when the capture is made. Junior anglers shall be under the age of sixteen (16) years when the capture is made.
- b) All applications for NSW Records must be accompanied by full substantiative certification (as required by GFAA for Australian records) and such claims must be forwarded by the angler's club to the NSWGFA Office within six weeks of the date of the capture. Claims received after two (2) months will only be considered at the discretion of the Association when a suitable explanation for the delay is furnished. Any claim received after two months will have a payment of \$110.00 (incl. GST) fine applied on top of the standard filing fee.
 - c) Procedures for line testing and adjudication of NSW Records Claims shall be the same as those set out and used by GFAA from time to time and by NSWGFA regarding the new category with attached backing.

.2 CAPTURE CERTIFICATES

The Association shall design and arrange for printing of capture certificates to be available for the use of all member clubs at nominal cost.

.3 ELIGIBLE SPECIES, POINT SCORE AND TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

(a) Eligible species and category list

*Note: Certain conditions apply to some of the following listed *species.*

MARLIN – Black, Blue, Striped

SHARKS – *Blue, *Smooth Hammerhead (ONLY), *Mako (all), *Porbeagle, *Thresher (all), *Tiger, *Whaler (all) * Great White Sharks (Tag Only)

OTHER GAMEFISH

Other Billfish – Sailfish, *Broadbill, Shortbill Spearfish

Tuna – Bigeye, Bluefin, Southern Bluefin, Dogtooth, Yellowfin, Longtail, Albacore, *Kawa Kawa, *Striped Tuna

Miscellaneous – Wahoo, Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel), *Yellowtail Kingfish, Cobia, Barracuda, *Mahi Mahi

(b) Point score system

1. The Association shall determine, and publish from time to time, line classes that may be used and a point score system for the use of all member clubs. This point score system shall be designed to complement the methods and style of fishing (including tag & release) being practised by anglers in NSW classified waters from time to time, and its use shall be mandatory by all member clubs when allocating points.

2. Capture Points

Capture points equal the weight of the fish squared x factor, divided by line class. Factors are as follows:

4kg – 29.5; 6kg – 19.5; 8kg – 14.5; 10kg – 11.5; 15kg – 7.5; 24kg – 4.6; 37kg – 3; 60kg – 1.7.

Marlin points are doubled as above factor system.

Broadbill points are doubled as above factor system.

Other Game fish points (exception: broadbill as above) are trebled as above factor system.

Shark points half, except blue sharks, which are one-quarter of as above factor system.

- *No points shall be awarded for shark captures on 4kg line class.*
- *Maximum points: all captures on line classes up to and including 10kg shall be maximum of 15,000 plus one point per kilo of fish weight. All captures on line classes 15kg and over shall be maximum 20,000 plus one point per kilo of fish weight.*
- **Striped Tuna (Catch & Release Only – Same Points Apply) – Please use measure & release cards*
- **Kawa Kawa are eligible species for SMALL FRY & JUNIOR PERSONAL POINT SCORE AND APPLICABLE TROPHIES ONLY in club competitions and tournaments. Capture points are based on weight and line class as normal.*

*Coastal Waters Trophies – Examples**Capture points equal the weight of the fish squared x factor, divided by line class.***Factors are as follows:**

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Factor</u>
4Kg	29.5
6Kg	19.5
8Kg	14.5
10Kg	11.5
15Kg	7.5
24Kg	4.6
37kg	3
60Kg	1.7

Example 1 - 150kg Mako Shark on a 15kg Line

1. 150Kg to be squared by weight – e.g. 150×150 then times by the line class factor
2. 15kg line class factor is 7.5 - see table above
3. Then divide by the line class 15kg
4. Then divide by 2 to get your points
5. $150 \times 150 \times 7.5 / 15 / 2 = 5625$ Points

Example 2 - 150kg Blue Shark on a 37kg Line

1. 150Kg to be squared by weight – e.g. 150×150 then times by the line class factor
2. 37kg line class factor is 3- see table above
3. Then divide the line class 37kg
4. Then divide by 4
5. $150 \times 150 \times 3 / 37 / 4 = 456.08$ Points

Example 3 – 180Kg Marlin on a 10kg Line

1. 180kg to be squared by weight – e.g. 180×180 then times by the line class factor
2. 10kg line class factor is 11.5 – see table above
3. Then divide the line class 10kg
4. Then times by 2
5. $180 \times 180 \times 11.5 / 10 \times 2 = 74,520$ Points

Example 4 – 75Kg Broadbill on a 15kg Line

1. 75Kg to be squared by weight – e.g. 75×75 then times by the line class factor
2. 15Kg Line class factor is 7.5 - see table above
3. Then divide the line class 15Kg
4. Then times by 2
5. $75 \times 75 \times 7.5 / 15 \times 2 = 5,625$ Points

Example 5 – 95Kg Yellowfin Tuna (Other Game Fish) on a 60kg Line

1. 95Kg to be squared by weight – e.g. 95×95 then times by the line class factor
2. 60Kg Line class factor is 1.7 - see table above
3. Then divide the line class 60Kg
4. Then times by 3
5. $95 \times 95 \times 1.7 / 60 \times 3 = 767.125$ Points

3. (i) Tag & Release Points

Following are the only tag & release points that may be used by NSWGFA –affiliated member clubs.

	4-10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
MARLIN					
Marlin - Black	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Marlin - Blue	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Marlin - Striped	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
OTHER BILLFISH					
Broadbill Swordfish	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Sailfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
Shortbill Spearfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
SHARKS – minimum 100 cm					
*Shark - Blue	3,125	2,875	2,500	2,125	1,875
*Shark – Smooth Hammerhead Only	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
* Shark – Mako (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
* Shark – Porbeagle	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
* Shark – Thresher (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark - Tiger	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark – Whaler (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Great White Shark	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
TUNAS					
Tuna – Albacore	625	575	500	425	375
Tuna – Longtail	625	575	500	425	375
Tuna – Bigeye	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna – Dogtooth	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna – Bluefin & Southern Bluefin	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna – Yellowfin	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
MISCELLANEOUS					
Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel	625	575	500	425	375
Wahoo	625	575	500	425	375
*Yellowtail Kingfish - minimum 70cm	310	290	250	210	190
Barracuda	31	29	25	21	19
Cobia	31	29	25	21	19
*Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)	31	29	25	21	19
JUNIOR PERSONAL POINTS ONLY					
Tuna – Kawa Kawa	13	12	10	9	8
Tuna – Striped – Measure & Release Only	13	12	10	9	8
Use Measure & Release cards					

- The maximum number of *Yellowtail Kingfish and *Mahi Mahi tagged and released by one angler be limited to five (5) of each species per day, with a maximum of ten (10) of each species per boat per day shall also apply.
- All sharks tagged & released must measure a minimum of 100cm in length.
- Yellowtail Kingfish tagged & released must measure a minimum of 70cm in length.
- *Striped Tuna and *Kawa Kawa are eligible species for SMALL FRY & JUNIOR PERSONAL POINT SCORE AND APPLICABLE TROPHIES ONLY in club competitions and tournaments.

(ii) Measure & Release

Is allowed Yellowtail Kingfish* under 70cm ONLY

- ***Yellowtail Kingfish** are eligible species for SMALL FRY & JUNIOR PERSONAL POINT SCORE AND APPLICABLE TROPHIES ONLY in club competitions and tournaments.

Following are the only Measure & Release points that may be used by NSWGFA – affiliated member Clubs

	4-10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
KINGFISH – Yellowtail – under 70cm	13	12	10	9	8
STRIPED TUNA	13	12	10	8	8

- Note: (i) All GFAA Angling & Equipment regulations shall apply.
- (ii) All applicable tag & release rules shall apply i.e. items 1, 2 & 3 of the acts that disqualify a tag & release.
- (iii) No fish can be released after measurement unless it is in a healthy and vigorous state.
- (iv) An approved designed "Measure & Release" card is to be used to record species release information.

Guidelines for Measure & Release

1. Only game fish species as listed for measure & release are to be considered by this guideline.
2. All GFAA Angling Rules & Equipment Regulation & Codes of Practice to apply until fish is landed and returned to the water in a healthy and vigorous state.
3. The use of knotless, rubber coated nets or similarly designed nets that minimize slime and scale removal are to be used, **the use of gaffs (other than release/jaw gaff) is prohibited.**
4. The fish is to be measured using an approved or recognized measuring mat & or graduated tape measure, measurements between centimetre increments shall be measured at the lower of the two increments i.e. 45 – 46 cm will be recorded as 45 cm.
5. Once measured the fish is to be returned to the water as quickly as possible & supported until it is able to swim away in a healthy & vigorous state. If the fish dies during this process it is the skipper & anglers responsibility to disqualify the catch.
6. All measurements & data must be recorded on an approved Measure & Release card that is to be returned to the anglers club for processing.

(c) Sanctioned tournaments, point scores and rules

1. All sanctioned game fishing tournaments and point score competitions held from NSWGFA waters must be fished/conducted under GFAA and NSWGFA rules, including the following:
 - (i) The use of identifiable marlin carcasses is prohibited for use as tethered berley.
 - (ii) Berley secured under floats is prohibited.
2. 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 all point scores or records in NSW classified waters.
3. All billfish must be tagged with the 'Billfish Tag'. This is the only tag that will be recognised for billfish in any tournament, competition, point score or trophy. The 'Billfish Tag' is for billfish only pointscore (i.e. no other species).
4. The declaration of a Gale Warning by the appropriate government weather authority will automatically require the cancellation of any tournament or event conducted under the auspices of the New South Wales Game Fishing Association and its member clubs. In the event of a declaration while vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing immediately and return to port. Cancellation will only apply until the Gale Warning has been lifted.
5. Any Ansa member wishing to participate in a NSWGFA Club Sanctioned tournament must fish on a NSWGFA affiliated Club Boat.

CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY are permitted to be used 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

**CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION**

A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.

(d) Minimum weights

The Association shall determine, and publish from time to time, mandatory minimum weights of game fish species captured that may be recognised for any tournament, competition or trophy.

1. **Yellowfin Tuna:** 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg line, and for Junior/ Small Fry anglers equal to the line class in all cases.
2. **Southern Bluefin tuna:** 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg line, and for Junior/Small Fry anglers equal to the line class in all cases.
3. **Marlin:** a minimum of 70kg on line classes 4Kg to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over.
4. **Sharks:** a minimum of 70kg on line classes 6kg to 10kg, a minimum of 90kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg, and 130kg on 60kg line class.
5. **Other game fish and broadbill:** minimum weight to be equal to line class.

(e) Minimum weights for Small Fry & Junior Anglers

The Association shall determine, and publish from time to time, mandatory minimum weights of game fish species captured that may be recognised for any tournament, competition or trophy.

1. **Yellowfin Tuna:** Equal to the line class in all cases.
2. **Southern Bluefin tuna:** Equal to the line class in all cases.
3. **Marlin:** a minimum of 60kg on line classes 4Kg to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.
4. **Sharks:** a minimum of 60kg on line classes 6kg to 10kg, a minimum of 80kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg, and 120kg on 60kg line class.
5. **Other game fish and broadbill:** minimum weight to be equal to line class.

Notwithstanding the minimum weights specified in paragraph **(d)** above, a club may, with the approval of the Association given, at the time of sanctioning in accordance with paragraph **(f)**, specify a higher minimum weight for marlin, shark or tuna to qualify for a trophy for the heaviest marlin, shark or tuna only, provided that the weight specified is reasonable and obtainable in the circumstances.

Clubs applying for sanction under this rule will supply a capture history for at least three (3) years. The tournament will be conducted under the highest minimum weight(s) if approval is granted with the exception; if a fish does not qualify for a tournament fish, it is still allowable for other competitions under NSWGFA rules.

Nothing in this clause will affect the minimum weight of marlin, shark or tuna to qualify for capture points in accordance with **4(b) - 2**.

(f) Tournaments and point score competitions

All sanctioned tournaments and point score competitions shall have either two (2) separate categories when allocating points or one (1) category: i.e. capture and tag & release, or tag & release only. Such separate categories to be mandatory and non-combinable for trophies/competitions.

(g) Approval to conduct open tournaments

1. The Executive of the Association must be consulted by member clubs wishing to conduct 'Open' or 'Invitation' Tournaments to gain approval for such tournaments. The Executive shall also have the power to insist that any such tournaments hosted by member clubs be conducted in such fashion as is befitting the ethics of game fishing, and for the maximum enjoyment of all participants. The application for such tournaments MUST be in the hands of the Secretary of the Association a minimum of three (3) months prior to the tournament date, if sanctioning application is not received 3 months prior to the tournament a \$275 Inc GST Late Fee may be applied. All sanctioned tournaments must carry the NSWGFA Sanctioned Tournament emblem on the front of all tournament brochures and entry forms. A complete list of tournament trophies and prizes must be advised to competitors prior to the start of the tournament. Additional trophies or prizes can be added after the tournament starts. This By-Law shall not apply where member clubs conduct competitions purely for the members of their own particular club. A Sanctioning Application fee of \$220 Inc GST is payable with every tournament sanctioning request.
2. All sanctioned tournaments shall adopt the 'Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournaments' published from time to time by the Association as the minimum radio procedure to be followed.

(h) Participation in non-sanctioned tournaments

If a vessel(s)/angler(s) on the register of a member club is entered in a non-sanctioned game fishing tournament conducted out of any port in NSW waters and the member club that this non-sanctioned tournament directly affects advises NSWGFA (Inc) that it objects to the tournament being sanctioned, provided that objection is found reasonable, then the Member Club where vessel(s)/angler(s) is registered will take disciplinary action against that vessel(s)/angler(s). If the member club where the vessel(s)/angler(s) is registered fails to take action against these vessel(s)/angler(s), then NSWGFA (Inc) has the right to take disciplinary action against that member club under rule 3.07 Disciplinary of Members – NSWGFA (Inc) Constitution.

(i) Rules for tag & release

1. No tournament shall be approved that awards points for free release for NSWGFA (GFAA) tag species.
2. No tag & release points shall be awarded in approved tournaments unless NSWGFA approved tags are used.
3. The multiple tagging of the same fish from the same vessel on the same day is banned.
4. All angling rules and equipment regulations apply until the fish is tagged and released.
5. Tag poles must not exceed 4.47m (15ft) overall length.
6. The tag pole or holding device must be in hand when the fish is tagged.
7. One or more person, in addition to the person holding the leader, may assist in tagging and releasing the fish.
8. A fish is considered tagged and released when the tag is secured to the fish and the fish is released back into the water alive.
9. All billfish must be tagged with the 'Billfish Tag'. This is the only tag that will be recognised for billfish in any tournament, competition, point score or trophy. The 'Billfish Tag' is for billfish only point score (i.e. no other species).

(j) Guidelines for tag & release

1. The tag needle must not protrude more than 50mm from the end of the tag pole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 5mm in external diameter; except for the NSW Fisheries 'Billfish Only' tag, this needle must not protrude more than 76mm from the end of the tag pole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 8mm in diameter.

(k) The following acts will disqualify a tag & release:

1. Failure to comply with NSWGFA tag & release rules, equipment regulations and angling rules.
2. Failure to comply with all other regulations that disqualify a capture.

4. NSW Coastal Waters Trophy

To qualify for the NSW Coastal Waters Trophy the angler must be a full financial member of a NSWGFA affiliated club prior to the capture of the fish.

5. WEIGHING OF GILLED AND GUTTED FISH

NSWGFA affiliated clubs' weigh stations accept gilled and gutted fish for trophy record and point score purposes.

6. NON-CAPTURE SPECIES

White Sharks are regarded as a vulnerable species; accordingly, these species shall only be deemed eligible for Tag & Release points in any tournaments or club point score.

7. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES OF AFFILIATED CLUBS

The facilities and equipment of member clubs shall not be used in the conduct of non-sanctioned or non-accredited game fishing tournaments run by other than an affiliated game fishing club.

8. WEIGHING OF SHARKS

No sharks may be weighed with restrictive device on jaws. Sewing up of shark jaws will automatically disqualify capture. No shark will be weighed with a choker in place.

9. SALE OF FISH

Any fish weighed for NSWGFA trophies SHALL NOT BE SOLD. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards of the Association.

TROPHIES

NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophy forms MUST be in the hands of the NSWGFA Secretary by June 14th each year.

(a) NSWGFA annual trophies

- During the year June 1st to May 31st the following year, competitions are held and trophies are presented for captures or tag and releases effected in waters off the NSW coast.
- Club trophies are available to clubs affiliated with NSWGFA.
- Boat trophies are available to boats registered with an affiliated club.
- Angler trophies are available to all registered members of clubs affiliated with NSWGFA.
- Junior anglers shall be under sixteen (16) years of age when capture or tag & release is made.
- Small fry anglers shall be under eleven (11) years of age when capture or tag & release is made.
- Any charter boat, while under charter, is not eligible for boat tag & release points and boat capture points for NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophies.
- Decisions regarding the allocation of these trophies shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee of the Association.

The trophies are:

- 1) **NSWGFA Southern Zone Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 4kg line.
- 2) **NSWGFA Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 6kg line.
- 3) **Les Downie Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 8kg line.
- 4) **Bob Dyer Cup** – For the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 10kg line.
- 5) **Hayman Island Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 15kg line.
- 6) **Milton Kent Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 24kg line.
- 7) **Great Barrier Reef Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 37kg line.
- 8) **Bruce Downie Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 60kg line.
- 9) **WD & HO Wills Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on any line class up to and including 60kg line.
- 10) **NSWGFA Trophy** – for the heaviest shark captured on any line class up to and including 60kg line.
- 11) **Adrian and Margaret Crothers Trophy** – for the heaviest tuna captured on any line class up to and including 60kg.
- 12) **Rebel Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured by an adult lady angler.
- 13) **Newcastle Port Stephens GFC 60th Anniversary Trophy** – for the heaviest broadbill swordfish captured on any line class up to and including 60kg line.
- 14) **Spindrift Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by an adult male angler.
- 15) **Dolly and Eva Gray Trophy** –for the highest point scoring capture by an adult lady angler.
- 16) **Peter Goadby Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by a junior male angler.
- 17) **Sydney GFC Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by a junior lady angler.
- 18) **Shoalhaven GFC Trophy** – for the heaviest billfish captured by a junior angler.
- 19) **Tom Roche Trophy** – for the heaviest shark captured by a junior angler.
- 20) **NSWGFA Junior Trophy** – for the heaviest other game fish by a junior angler.
- 21) **Tom Roche Trophy** – for Champion small fry angler – capture.
- 22) **Peter Goadby Tag and Release Trophy** – for the club scoring the highest total points for tag and release.
- 23) **Amatil Shield** – for the boat scoring the highest total points for tag and release.
- 24) **NSWGFA Yellowfin Tuna Tag and Release Trophy** – for the Club scoring the highest total points for tag and release of tuna.
- 25) **John O'Brien Tag and Release Trophy** – for the male angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release.
- 26) **Wollongong GFC Tag and Release Trophy** – for the lady angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release.

- 27) **Tom Roche Tag and Release Trophy** –for the junior angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release.
- 28) **Peter Bennett Ambition Trophy** – for the angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release of tuna.
- 29) **Bermagui Big Game Anglers Club Tag and Release Trophy** – for the junior angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release of Tuna.
- 30) **Tom Roche Trophy** – for the small fry angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release.
- 31) **Don Goswell Tag and Release Trophy** – for the boat scoring the highest total points for tag and release of billfish.
- 32) **George Besoff Tag and Release Trophy** –for the boat scoring the highest total points for tag and release of shark. (Donated by Peter Goadby).

- 33) **Grahame Williams Trophy** – for the angler tagging and releasing the first marlin of the year.
- 34) **Bob Lowe Trophy** – for the angler tagging and releasing the last marlin of the year.
- 35) **Geoffrey Woolley Memorial Trophy** – for the senior angler with the most meritorious achievement in either capture or tag & release for the season as adjudicated by NSWGFA Executive.
- 36) **Tom Roche Memorial Trophy** – for the junior angler with the most meritorious achievement in either capture or tag & release for the season as adjudicated by NSWGFA Executive.
- 37) **George Creamer “Sea Devil” Memorial Trophy** – for the small fry angler with the most meritorious achievement in either capture or tag & release for the season as adjudicated by NSWGFA Executive.

- 38) **Chicken O’ the Walk Zone Challenge Trophy** – Capture: for the zone scoring the highest total of points as calculated on the best five in each of the following eight categories (points allocated on 5-4-3-2-1 basis for Junior/Small Fry Angler captures in NSW waters) – heaviest marlin, highest point scoring (ignore maximum point limit) marlin, heaviest shark, highest point scoring (ignore maximum point limit) shark, heaviest tuna, highest point scoring (ignore maximum point limit) tuna, heaviest other game fish, highest point scoring (*ignore maximum point limit*) other game fish.
- 39) **Chicken O’ the Walk Zone Challenge Trophy** – Tag and Release: for the zone scoring the highest total points as calculated on the best five in each of the following eight categories (points allocated on 5-4-3-2-1 basis for Junior/Small Fry Angler tag & release in NSW waters) highest junior/small fry point scoring boat T&R billfish, highest junior/small fry point scoring boat T&R shark, highest junior/small fry point scoring boat T&R tuna, highest junior/small fry point scoring boat T&R other game fish, most billfish T&R by boat – junior/small fry anglers, most shark T&R boat – junior/small fry anglers, most tuna T&R boat – junior/small fry anglers, most other game fish by boat – junior/small fry anglers.
- 40) **Cock of the Walk Zone Challenge Trophy** – Capture: for the zone scoring the highest total points as calculated on the best five in each of the following eight categories (points allocated on 5-4-3-2-1 basis for captures in NSW waters) – heaviest marlin, highest point scoring (ignoring maximum point limit) marlin, heaviest shark, highest point scoring (ignoring maximum point limit) shark, heaviest tuna, highest point scoring (ignoring maximum point limit) tuna, heaviest other game fish, highest point scoring (ignoring maximum point limit) other game fish.
- 41) **Cock of the Walk Zone Challenge Trophy** – Tag and Release for the zone scoring the highest total points as calculated on the best five in each of the following eight categories (points allocated on 5-4-3-2-1 basis for tag and release in NSW waters) – highest point scoring boat T & R billfish, highest point scoring boat T & R shark, highest point scoring boat T & R tuna, highest point scoring boat T & R other game fish, most billfish T&R by boat, most shark T&R boat, most tuna T&R boat, most other game fish by boat.
- 42) **NSWGFA Zone Trophies** are awarded to each of the three zones (Northern, Central and Southern) for both captures and tag and releases effected in the zone and registered with a club in the zone.
 - a) The angler with the highest point scoring game fish (other than shark)
 - b) The angler with the highest point score tag and release.

(b) NSWGFA Interclub Competition Trophies

The Interclub Competition NSWGFA registered team and boat trophies are:

- 1) **Interclub Shield** – Champion Club Team (Capture) for the club team (five boats) scoring the highest aggregate number of points during the tournament. Perpetual trophy to the club and boat plaque to each of the boats in the winning team, and The Goadby Medal to every angler entered in the winning team.
- 2) **Bill Southam Spoon** – Runner-up Club Team (Capture) for the club team (five boats) scoring the second highest number of points for the tournament. Perpetual trophy to the club and boat plaque to each of the boats in the runner-up team.
- 3) **Broken Bay Trophy** – Champion Boat (Capture) Perpetual trophy and boat plaque to the boat scoring the highest points total for the competition. Plaque to each angler entered on the winning boat.
- 4) **Ken Hanley Trophy** – Runner-up Champion Boat (Capture): Perpetual trophy to boat scoring the second highest total points for the competition.
- 5) **Golden Fleece Shield** – Highest aggregate weight of marlin captured by a boat: Perpetual Trophy. (Retired 1997).
- 6) **Bundabah Trophy** – Champion Club Team (Tag and Release): Boat Plaque to each of the boats in the team (five boats) which scores the highest total points for tag and release in the competition and The Goadby Medal to every angler entered in the winning team.
- 7) **Port Hacking GFC Tag and Release Trophy** – Runner-up Club Team (Tag and Release): for the club team (five boats) scoring the second highest number of tag and release points for the competition. Perpetual trophy to the club and boat plaque to each of the boats in the runner-up team.
- 8) **Marquis Shield** – Champion Boat (Tag and Release): Perpetual trophy and boat plaque to the boat scoring the highest total points for tag and release during the competition. Plaque to each angler entered on the winning boat.
- 9) **Sydney GFC Tag and Release Trophy** – Runner-up Champion Boat (Tag and Release): Perpetual trophy to the boat scoring the second highest total of tag and release points during the competition.
- 10) **Gloriana Shield** – Perpetual trophy to the boat scoring the highest points for tag and release of billfish during the competition.
- 11) **Barbara Bee Shield** – Perpetual trophy to the boat scoring the highest points for tag and release of sharks during the competition.
- 12) **Ricky Chan Trophy** – Perpetual Trophy to the champion Club Team scoring the highest points for Tag & Release of sharks during the competition.
- 13) **Gari Lee Shield** – Perpetual trophy to the boat scoring the highest points for tag and release of other game fish during the competition.
- 14) **Broken Bay GFC Trophy** – Champion Boat Tag & Release - 4kg to 10kg section. Perpetual Trophy
- 15) **Jeppesen Marine Trophy** – Champion Boat Tag & Release - 15kg section. Perpetual Trophy
- 16) **Otto Volz Trophy** - Champion Boat Tag & Release – 24kg section. Perpetual Trophy
- 17) **David Litchfield Trophy** - Champion Boat Tag & Release – 37kg section. Perpetual Trophy
- 18) **Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC Trophy** – Champion Boat Tag & Release – 60kg section. Perpetual Trophy
- 19) **Champion Club (Capture)** – Gold Hook Award.
- 20) **Champion Club (Tag and Release)** – Silver Hook Award.

The Interclub Competition NSWGFA registered angler trophies are:

- 1) **Fred Toll Trophy** – for the heaviest shark capture. Perpetual trophy.
- 2) **Bob Dyer Trophy** – for the heaviest marlin capture. Perpetual trophy.
- 3) **Jay Ah Trophy** – for the heaviest blue marlin capture. Perpetual trophy.
- 4) **Impala Trophy** – for the heaviest other game fish. Perpetual trophy.
- 5) **Peter Goadby Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by an adult male angler. Perpetual trophy.
- 6) **George Besoff Trophy** – for the highest point scoring angler (capture) perpetual trophy.
- 7) **Tom Roche Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by an adult lady angler. Perpetual trophy.
- 8) **Bill Heyward Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by a junior /Small Fry angler. Perpetual Trophy
- 9) **Lake Macquarie GFC Trophy** – for the highest point scoring Male Small Fry Angler overall – capture.
- 9) **Lake Macquarie GFC Trophy** – for the highest point scoring Female Small Fry Angler overall – capture.
- 10) **Botany Bay GFC Trophy** – for the highest point scoring Male junior overall (capture). Perpetual trophy.
- 10) **Botany Bay GFC Trophy** – for the highest point scoring Female junior overall (capture). Perpetual trophy.
- 11) **Louis Ardilly Trophy** – for the angler who tags and releases the most marlin. Perpetual trophy.
- 12) **Port Macquarie GFC Trophy** – for the angler who tags and releases the most sharks. Perpetual trophy.
- 13) **Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC Trophy** – most tag & release points by a Male Small Fry Angler overall. **The Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
- 13) **Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC Trophy** – most tag & release points by a Female Small Fry Angler overall. **The Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
- 14) **Peter Bennett Trophy** – for the most tag and release points by a Male junior. **The Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy.**
- 14) **Peter Bennett Trophy** – for the most tag and release points by a Female junior. **The Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy.**
- 15) **JAC III Trophy** – for the most tag and release points by an Adult male angler. Perpetual Trophy.
- 16) **IC Frith & Associates Trophy** – for the most tag and release points by an Adult lady angler. Perpetual Trophy.

The Interclub Competition daily awards are:

- **Heaviest Marlin**
- **Most Marlin tag and release**
- **Heaviest Shark**
- **Most Shark tag and release**
- **Heaviest Other Game fish**
- **Most points tag and release Other Game fish**
- **Highest Point Scoring Boat Capture**
- **Most Points Tag & Release Boat**

Visiting Teams or Boats

Visiting teams or boats (i.e.: teams or boats not affiliated with NSWGFA clubs) are welcome to compete in the annual NSWGFA Interclub Competition but not for the trophies as listed in the above by-laws. The following trophies are to be available for visiting anglers at this competition.

- 1) **Marcus Miller Memorial Trophy** – for the visiting angler scoring the highest capture points.
- 2) **NSWGFA Trophy** – for the visiting team scoring the highest number of tag points
- 3) **NSWGFA Trophy** – for the visiting team scoring the highest number capture points.
- 4) **Col Henderson Memorial Trophy** – for visiting angler scoring the highest number of tagging points.
- 5) **Heaviest Marlin** – captured by a visiting angler during the competition.
- 6) **Heaviest Shark** – captured by a visiting angler during the competition.
- 7) **Heaviest Other Game Fish** – captured by a visiting angler during the competition.
- 8) **Most Marlin** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition.
- 9) **Most Sharks** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition.
- 10) **Most Points Other Game Fishing** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition.

GUIDELINES FOR RADIO SKEDS FOR TOURNAMENTS

(a) RADIO FREQUENCIES

- It is recommended that all Tournaments operate Radio Skeds on two of the three frequencies available i.e.
 - i. 27 MHz
 - ii. VHF.
 - iii. High Frequency
- A dual frequency broadcast is desirable with the Radio Operator repeating each report. This allows all vessels to listen to the total sked.
- It is understood that in some areas due to radio traffic and conditions that not all frequencies operate effectively.
E.g. in the Sydney area only High Frequency operates effectively.
- It is also understood that some clubs do not have access to High Frequency radios.

(b) SKED TIMES

Radio Skeds should be conducted at a maximum of TWO HOUR intervals.

(c) GRID MAPS

All clubs and/or zones are to use a NSWGFA approved grid map for their local areas to be used in all tournaments and point score days, the inclusion of sponsors logos is permitted providing that logo does not obstruct the chart grid system alpha 1, bravo 2 etc.

(d) REPORTING PROCEDURES

On the first sked each day vessels will report the following:

- Number of persons on board
- Position (in reference to grid map)
- Fishing Activity (travelling, anchored, drifting, trolling)
- Fishing Report (details of captures and tag/release)

On subsequent skeds, report:

- Position (must give grid reference)
- Fishing Activity (as above)
- Fishing Report (as above)

On final sked, report:

- Report Position (must give grid reference)
- Fishing Activity (as above)
- Fishing Report (as above)
- E.T.A. (estimated time of arrival back in port)

(e) FAILURE TO REPORT ON SKEDS

It is mandatory for all vessels to report on each sked.

Failure to report on two consecutive skeds will activate an emergency procedure.

It is recommended that Tournament Committees impose a suitable point's penalty if a satisfactory explanation is not given.

(f) EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

In the event of a vessel failing to report on TWO consecutive skeds the base operator will start the emergency procedure.

- i. Issue a description of the vessel including all details by radio to tournament vessels.
- ii. Instruct all vessels near the last known position to start a search of their area.
- iii. After one hour of tournament vessels searching it is recommended that the Tournament Director notify the local Search and Rescue Authorities of the possible missing vessel and detail all actions taken. The overall responsibility for Search and Rescue in N.S.W. is the N.S.W. Police Service.
- iv. If a club runs hourly skeds it is suggested that the time frame be shortened to two hours plus one hour search.

(g) VESSEL RESPONSIBILITY

- i. Vessels must answer each sked with the required details.
- ii. If a vessel has radio failure and cannot contact radio base or relay through another vessel, it must return to port and notify Radio Base of their actions by other means (phone etc.). Remember that if TWO skeds are not answered, the emergency procedure will be activated.
- iii. It is a vessel's responsibility to notify the Radio Base or the Tournament Director of their intention NOT to fish on any given day of the Tournament. If no notification is received and the vessel fails to report on two consecutive skeds the Base Operator will start the emergency procedure.
- iv. If a vessels entry is accepted by the Host Club and that vessel is not fitted with the tournament frequencies to be used, it is the Host Clubs responsibility to have the sked report taken before the sked (by a prearranged vessel at sea) then the report relayed to the Radio Base on the next sked.

VESSEL SKIPPERS/OWNERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE SAFETY OF THEIR VESSEL AND CREW IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

(h) SIGNING OFF

It is mandatory for every vessel to sign off with Radio Base on return to port. A vessel must wait for a reply from the Radio Base to confirm sign off or with the permission of the remaining vessel/s at sea may be transferred to the local V.M.R. base.

(i) RADIO BASE RESPONSIBILITY

It is essential that the Radio Operator (be it on land or a vessel) has a copy of each vessels safety information on hand at all times for reference in case of an emergency.

It is the Host Clubs responsibility to have all required licences in place.

The Radio Base must stay active until all vessels have returned to port. An accurate record of each sked shall be kept (hard copy plus tape recording where possible).

It is recommended that if vessel/s are still at sea fighting a fish after the last sked the base, when it is clear of sign offs, should contact the vessel/s hourly noting their position in longitude and latitude until signed off.

Marine Radio Guidelines & Protocol

Skippers and crews are reminded to observe proper radio etiquette. If we all observe the following guidelines and protocols, then the airwaves will remain clear and available for their proper purpose.

Very high frequency (“VHF”) marine radio in Australia is considered an effective broadcast communication tool up to 20 nautical miles offshore. It can be used to obtain weather information, hail other vessels, and report emergencies. It is a line of sight radio technology, in that the signal does not typically propagate beyond visual distance from the antenna.

VHF License

To operate a marine radio, you must have completed Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency, commonly known as the MROVCP, this certificate required to legally operate a Marine VHF Radio while on inland waterways or at sea within Australia.

The Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency, commonly known as the MROCP is the certificate required to legally operate a Marine VHF MF/HF Radio while on inland waterways or at sea.

Unnecessary Communications

Transmissions should be as brief as possible. Non-essential remarks, bad language and unnecessary conversations should be avoided. It is an offence under the Radio Communications Act 1992, to use a transmitter in a manner that is likely to cause a reasonable person to be seriously alarmed or affronted, or for the purpose of harassing a person.

Obscene or objectionable language, transmission of music and subversive transmissions are forbidden. VHF radios should not be used on full power unless necessary.

Many Game fishing clubs have designated working channels such as channel 80 or channel 21 and calls between vessels and the home station can be initiated on those channels without the need to switch.

VHF radio is a working radio and is not intended for general conversation. For general conversation, use a mobile phone.

POLICY FOR THE USE OF MULTIFILAMENT LINE FOR OPEN TOURNAMENTS OR POINTSCORE COMPETITIONS.

1. **This policy statement has no application to record claims.**
2. Definitions in this policy statement:

"Multifilament line" means any line which is not monofilament or Dacron and includes spider wire and gel spun lines. "Competition" includes any open tournament or point score competition.

"Committee" means the tournament committee or, if there is no tournament committee, the committee of the club running the tournament or point score competition or any subcommittee having delegated authority.

"Prize" includes any trophy, prize (cash or goods) or points in any point score competition.

1. Application of policy

If an angler submits a capture/tag & release in any competition that has been taken on multifilament line the committee may at its absolute discretion;

- (a) accept the capture/tag & release; or
- (b) resolve that the line must be tested

If the committee resolves that the line be tested the following provisions shall apply to the competition:

- (a) if the capture/tag & release qualifies for any prize, that prize shall be provisional only and shall be withheld pending the result of the line test:

- (b) a sample of line shall be taken and prepared in the same manner as a sample required for a record claim and must include the double plus all terminal gear and be sent to the New South Wales Records Officer within fourteen (14) days. If the sample is not received by the NSW Records Officer within fourteen (14) days the line will not be tested and the capture will be deemed to have been accepted.

- (c) If the line sample is received within fourteen (14) days the New South Wales Records Officer shall with all due dispatch forward the line sample for testing in accordance with the usual procedure laid down for testing record claims;

- (d) If the line sample breaks under the prescribed line class, the committee will affirm the tournament results and award the prize. If the line breaks over the prescribed line class the capture/tag & release will be disqualified.

- (e) The cost of the test shall be borne by the angler.

1. This policy shall remain in force until the New South Wales Game Fishing Association Executive determines that it appears that, generally, multifilament lines are breaking within the prescribed line class.

NSWGFA MEDIA POLICY

1. Any **MEDIA RELEASE**, **POLICY** or any **MAJOR ISSUE** **MUST** go through the NSWGFA President
2. **CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS** – **ONLY** a Club President can make comment to the media however these comments are to be of a general reporting nature i.e. not giving every single weight etc.
3. **CLUB WEBSITES** – Clubs are **NOT** to post any inaccurate or inappropriate information/photographs on their Club website.
4. **FORUMS** – Clubs and/or affiliated anglers are **NOT** to post any inaccurate or inappropriate information/photographs on forum sites.
5. **NO INDIVIDUAL ANGLER/MEMBER** should approach the media or answer any queries from the media, if approached that person should contact their Club President with the details who will then carry out the requirements of the NSWGFA Media Policy.
6. **The NSWGFA Logo, NSWGFA (name) or NSWGFA Interclub Tournament cannot be used in any media publication (including internet websites) without the express permission of the NSWGFA.**

NSWGFA Executive Social Media Policy

Due to the popularity of social media and the wish to protect both its members and the public from inappropriate online behaviour/content, NSWGFA has published guidelines detailing what is and isn't permitted.

Whilst social media is a vital tool in engaging with the public, if used improperly it can cause a number of problems and even lead to legal proceedings.

The policy covers:

- Content – what is & isn't appropriate (pornography, unauthorized use of personal image etc.)
- Commenting using libellous or inflammatory remarks
- Promoting improper products/services via organization websites/emails
- Bringing the related NSWGFA and affiliated clubs into disrepute
- Intellectual property issues

Media Policy**PURPOSE**

Social media offers the opportunity for people to gather in online communities of shared interest and create, share or consume content. As a member based organization, NSWGFA recognizes the benefits of social media as an important tool of engagement and enrichment for our members.

It is important that the reputation of NSWGFA, its affiliated clubs and the sport generally is not tarnished by anyone using social media tools inappropriately, particularly in relation to any content that might reference NSWGFA.

When someone clearly identifies their association with NSWGFA, and/or discusses their involvement in the organization in this type of forum, they are expected to behave and express themselves appropriately and in the ways that are consistent with NSWGFA's stated values and policies.

This policy aims to provide some guiding principles to follow when using social media. This policy does not apply to the personal use of social media platforms by NSWGFA members or staff that makes no reference to NSWGFA or related issues.

SCOPE

This policy applies to NSWGFA Member clubs and affiliated members of NSWGFA.

This policy covers all forms of social media. Social media includes, but is not limited to, activities such as:

Maintaining a profile page on social or business networking sites (such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Shutterfly, Twitter or MySpace); Content sharing including Flickr (photo sharing) and YouTube (Video Sharing); Commenting on blogs for personal or business reasons; Leaving product or service reviews on retailer sites or customer review sites; Taking part in online votes and polls; Taking part in conversations on public and private web forums (message boards); or Editing a Wikipedia page

The intent of this policy is to include anything posted online where information is shared that might affect members, colleagues, sponsors of NSWGFA as an organization and the reputation of the sport in general.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The web is not anonymous. NSWGFA Members should assume that everything they write can be traced back to them.

Due to the unique nature of NSWGFA, the boundaries between a NSWGFA Member profession, volunteer time and social life can often be blurred. It is therefore essential that members make a clear distinction between what they do, think or say in their capacity as a Member of NSWGFA. NSWGFA considers all Members of the organization as its representatives.

When using the internet for professional or personal pursuits, all Members must respect the brands of NSWGFA, all Association Members and anybody else involved in our sport and follow the guidelines in place to ensure that sport's intellectual property or its relationships with sponsors and stakeholders is not compromised or the sport is brought into disrepute.

USAGE

For NSWGFA Members using social media, such use:

- Must not contain, or link to, libellous, defamatory or harassing content – this also applies to the use of illustrations or nicknames; Must not comment on, or publish information that is confidential in anyway;
- Must not bring the organization or the sport into disrepute; or must not otherwise be in breach of the NSWGFA Code of Conduct.

OFFICIAL NSWGFA BLOGS, SOCIAL PAGES AND ONLINE FORUMS

When creating a new website, social networking page or forum for club members, Association Members, tournaments, competitions or Members generally, care should be taken to ensure the appropriate person has given permission to create the page or forum.

Similarly, appropriate permissions must be obtained for the use of logos or images. Images of children may not be replicated on any site without the written permission of the child's parents and/or guardian.

Posts must not contain, nor link to pornographic or indecent content; Some hosted sites may sell the right to advertise on their sites through "pop up" content which may be of a questionable nature. This type of hosted site should not be used for online forum or social pages as the nature

of “pop up” content cannot be controlled; all materials published or used must respect the copyright of third parties.

CONSIDERATION TOWARDS OTHERS WHEN USING SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

Social networking sites allow photographs, videos and comments to be shared with thousands of other users. NSWGFA Members must recognize that it may not be appropriate to share photographs, videos and comments in this way.

NSWGFA Members should be considerate to others in such circumstances and should not post information when they have been asked not to or consent has not been sought and given. They must also remove information about another person should they be asked to do so. Under no circumstance should offensive comments be made about NSWGFA, affiliated clubs and club members online.

BREACH OF POLICY

NSWGFA will continually monitor online activity in relation to the organization and the sport. Detected breaches of this policy should be reported to NSW. If detected, a breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action from NSWGFA under the

NSWGFA Constitution and By-Laws. A breach of this policy may also amount to breaches of other NSWGFA governing documents including its constitution, by-laws and other policies. This may involve a verbal or written warning or in serious cases, termination of affiliation or engagement.

Cover