



Club Fishing Rules And Weigh Procedures

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1 Club Rules

1.1 General Rules

- 1.1.1 It is the Anglers, Skippers responsibility to be familiar with the New Zealand Big Game Fish Council (NZBGFC) rules. <http://www.nzbgfc.org.nz/>
- 1.1.2 Fishing Season ... From 1st July to the 30th June.
- 1.1.3 All game fishing tackle must adhere to NZBGFC (I.G.F.A.) fishing rules.
- 1.1.4 The Mangere Boating recognizes all species of fish accepted by the NZBGFC. However only the fish species as outlined in each of the fishing sections will qualify for club trophies, certificates and pins:
- 1.1.5 In all instances, all fish caught must comply with New Zealand Ministry Of Fisheries (MOF) fishing regulations. No long lines, nets or droppers
- 1.1.6 Any sport fish recognized by the NZBGFC. and caught outside the areas as outlined in "Sport Fishing Area" and is accompanied by a Weigh Certificate will be eligible for a Club records entry, but not eligible for Club Trophies or Pins.
- 1.1.7 All Fish and fish remnants must be removed from the club after being weighed.
- 1.1.8 Any protests with respect to the weight of a fish, manner of weighing or fish identification must be made to the weighmaster before the fish is removed from the vicinity of the weighstation. Any other protest relating to fishing or competition rules must be made in writing to the MBC committee within 48 hours.
- 1.1.9 The Weighmaster reserves the right to gut any weighed fish.
- 1.1.10 If a Weighmaster or assistant is not being available, a fish can be either..
 - 1.1.10.1 Weighed by a committee member plus another member.
 - 1.1.10.2 Or See Alternative Fish Weighing Procedure.

1.2 Safety

- 1.2.1 The MBC Committee reserves the right to intervene in the running of any competition if the wind strength exceeds 20 Knots.
- 1.2.2 The MBC Committee reserves the right to intervene in the running of any competition for reasons of safety
- 1.2.3 Club Members boats must have a current Boat Safety Check. These checks run from AGM to AGM.
- 1.2.4 NOTE: All fish caught on a club boat without a current Boat Safety Check will not be eligible for the club Trophies, Pins and Records.

1.3 Day Memberships

- 1.3.1 Any member of the public who does not belong to a NZBGFC club can purchase a day membership from the club. This will give that person full rights to weigh fish and claim NZBGFC records.
 - 1.3.1.1 Fish caught by day members are NOT eligible for club pins, points or trophies.
 - 1.3.1.2 Fish caught by day members are eligible for the clubs boat Talley's.

1.4 Charter Boats and Operators

- 1.4.1 Charter Boats, while plying for reward, cannot fish for the clubs Trophies, Pins or records
- 1.4.2 All fish caught by club anglers from a charter will be eligible for Trophies, pins and records.
- 1.4.3 Charter Operators (skippers and deckies). Fish caught by charter operators while engaged in charter duties will not be eligible for club Trophies ,Pins and Records.

2 Club Trophies:

- 2.1 There are 3 categories of trophies
- 2.1.1 Sport Fishing
- 2.1.2 Manukau Game Fishing
- 2.1.3 Open Game Fishing

Club Trophies	Calculation
2.1.4 Top Angler	Most Points
2.1.5 Top Boati	Most Points
2.1.6 Top Junior	Most Points
2.1.7 Most Dedicated Junior	Subjective

3 Sport Fishing Section

- 3.1 The club recognizes two areas for sport fishing
 - 3.1.1 Inner Harbour
 - 3.1.1.1 Inside of the Manukau harbour from the line of South Head to the Nine pin.
 - 3.1.2 Over the bar
 - 3.1.2.1 The area from south of the Kaipra entrance and north of the Port Waikato entrance.
- 3.2 Daily Limits.
 - 3.2.1 Anglers can weigh a maximum of 5 of each species per day, unless MOF regulations allow a lesser amount (e.g Max daily take for kingfish is 3)
- 3.3 Sport Fishing Species and limits

Sport Fish Species	Size / Weight
3.3.1 Snapper	As per MOF Regulations
3.3.2 Kahawai	As per MOF Regulations and greater than 1 KG
3.3.3 Trevally	As per MOF Regulations
3.3.4 Gurnard	As per MOF Regulations

- 3.4 Sport Fishing Points

Sport Fish Species	Points
3.4.1 Snapper	1 point per kilo
3.4.2 Kahawai	1 point per kilo
3.4.3 Trevally	1 point per kilo
3.4.4 Gurnard	1 point per kilo

3.5 Sport Fishing Trophies Senior

Sport Fish Trophies Senior	
3.5.1	Heaviest Sport Fish overall
Inner Harbour	
3.5.2	Heaviest Snapper
3.5.3	Heaviest Kahawai
3.5.4	Heaviest Trevally
3.5.5	Heaviest Gurnard
Over The Bar	
3.5.6	Heaviest Snapper
3.5.7	Heaviest Kahawai
3.5.8	Heaviest Trevally
3.5.9	Heaviest Gurnard

3.6 Sport Fishing Trophies Family

Sport Fish Trophies Family	
3.6.1	Heaviest Snapper
3.6.2	Heaviest Kahawai
3.6.3	Heaviest Trevally
3.6.4	Heaviest Gurnard

3.7 Sport Fishing Trophies Junior

Sport Fish Trophies Junior	
3.7.1	Heaviest Snapper
3.7.2	Heaviest Kahawai
3.7.3	Heaviest Trevally
3.7.4	Heaviest Gurnard

4 Manukau Game Fishing Section

- 4.1 The MBC Manukau Game Fishing Area is
- 4.1.1 Over the Manukau Bar north to Kaipra and south to Port Waikato
- 4.2 GameFish Species and Limits

GameFish Species	Weight
4.2.1 Broadbill Sword Fish	Landed Must exceed line weight Tagged – Tag card must be completed and passed to the Weighmaster
4.2.2 Marlin - Blue, Black and Striped.	Landed must exceed 90kg Tagged – Tag card must be completed and passed to the Weighmaster.
4.2.3 Tuna	Must exceed 10KG or exceed line weight Tagged – (excludes Abacore and Skipjack) passed to the Weighmaster
4.2.4 Game Sharks	Must exceed 40kg when Landed or exceed line weight. Tagged – Tag card must be completed and passed to the Weighmaster
4.2.5 Yellow Tail Kingfish	Must exceed 75 cm. Tagged – Tag card must be completed and passed to the Weighmaster
4.2.6 Mahimahi	Must exceed 10KG or exceed line weight
4.2.7 Short bill spear fish	Must exceed 10KG or exceed line weight

- 4.3 Manukau Game Fishing Points

Game Fish Species	Points
4.3.1 Marlin	1 point per kilo
4.3.2 Tuna	1 point per kilo
4.3.3 Shark	1 point per kilo

- 4.4 Manukau Game Fishing Trophies Senior

Game Fish Trophies Senior
4.4.1 Broad Bill
4.4.2 Marlin
4.4.3 Tuna
4.4.4 Shark

- 4.5 Manukau Game Fishing Trophies Family

Game Fish Trophies Family
4.5.1 Broad Bill
4.5.2 Marlin
4.5.3 Tuna
4.5.4 Shark
4.5.5 Broad Bill

5 Open Game Fishing Section

- 5.1 The Open Game Fishing Area is anywhere in the New Zealand 200 mile economic zone
- 5.2 Open Game Fishing Rules
- 5.2.1 All fish presented for weighing must be accompanied with the tackle used to capture that fish (this includes – Rod and reel, Leader, Lure and or Hooks) - no exceptions! If tackle is not made available, that fish may not be weighed. The Weigh Master's decision is final.
- 5.2.2 Any application for a meritorious catch trophy must be in the hands of the committee, no later than one month after that fish's capture.
- 5.2.3 In the case of a tie for any trophy, catch times and dates will be taken into consideration. Where Champion Angler points are tied, the trophy will be shared.
- 5.2.4 The only fish that will be accepted as tagged and released are those in the MOF Tagging Program. They are:

Tag and Release Species	
5.2.4.1	All Billfish
5.2.4.2	Mako and Blue Shark over 5kg
5.2.4.3	Yellow Tail Kingfish
5.2.4.4	Tuna over 10kg

- 5.2.5 All tagged and released fish must have a completed MOF tag card submitted to the Clubs weighmaster before being accepted.
- 5.2.6 Open GameFish Species and Limits

GameFish Species	Weight
5.2.6.1 Broadbill Sword Fish	Landed Must exceed line weight Tagged – Tag card must be completed and passed to the Weighmaster
5.2.6.2 Marlin - Blue, Black and Striped.	Landed must exceed 90kg Tagged – Tag card must be completed and passed to the Weighmaster.
5.2.6.3 Tuna	Must exceed 15KG or exceed line weight Tagged – Tag card must be completed and passed to the Weighmaster
5.2.6.4 Game Sharks	Landed – Must be a potential New Zealand or World record. Tagged – Tag card must be completed and passed to the Weighmaster
5.2.6.5 Yellow Tail Kingfish	Landed - Must exceed 100 cm. Tagged – Tag card must be completed and passed to the Weighmaster
5.2.6.6 Mahimahi	Must exceed 10KG or exceed line weight
5.2.6.7 Short bill spear fish	Must exceed 10KG or exceed line weight

- 5.3 Open GameFish Section Trophies and Pins and Points
- 5.3.1 A Pin and catch certificate will be awarded to each angler who catches the first of each species as detailed below and in accordance with all rules. As the season progresses, each heavier fish for each species earns a Pin.
- 5.3.2 Pins and Certificates will be presented to the anglers on each First Thursday of the month.
- 5.3.3 The first of each game fish being tagged will earn a Pin.
- 5.3.4 Open GameFish Points System:

- 5.3.5 The calculation of the clubs top Open Section angler is based on points allocated for each game fish

Game Fish – Open Section	Points
5.3.5.1 Bill fish, tag and release	250 points
5.3.5.2 Bill fish - Landed	2 points per kilo
5.3.5.3 Shark – Tag and release	50 points
5.3.5.4 Shark - Landed	1 point per kilo
5.3.5.5 Tuna – Landed	2 points per kilo
5.3.5.6 Yellowfin tuna– Tag and release	60 points
5.3.5.7 Yellow Tail Kingfish – tag and release	10 points
5.3.5.8 Yellow Tail Kingfish – Landed	1 point per kilo
5.3.5.9 Mahimahi	1 point per kilo
5.3.5.10 Short bill spear fish - Landed	1 point per kilo

- 5.3.6 To encourage conservation only the points for the heaviest of each landed game fish species will be included in any one angler's Points tally. All tag and release points however will be added to the anglers tally.

- 5.3.7 Open Game Fish Trophies:

Gamefish Trophies – Open Sectio	Categories
5.3.7.1 Heaviest Fish Overall	Open
5.3.7.2 Heaviest Broadbill	Open
5.3.7.3 Heaviest Marlin	Mens and Ladies and Junior
5.3.7.4 Heaviest Striped Marlin	Mens and Ladies and Junior
5.3.7.5 Heaviest Tuna	Mens and Ladies and Junior
5.3.7.6 First Tagged Marlin	Open
5.3.7.7 First Landed Marlin	Open
5.3.7.8 Heaviest Kingfish	Open
5.3.7.9 Top Game Boat	Most game fish
5.3.7.10 Champion Angler	Highest Points tally
5.3.7.11 Champion Angler - Ladies	Highest Points tally
5.3.7.12 Ladies Champion - Junior	Highest Points tally

6 Angler, Crew and Skippers Responsibilities

- 6.1 Every angler, crew, boat owner and charter boat captain must make themselves totally familiar with the fishing regulations set down by IGFA and individual clubs fishing Rules.
- 6.2 The weighperson is in charge of the weighstation. Anglers, crew, boat owners and charter boat captains are required to work in with the weighperson with the handling and the presentation for the weighing of fish.
- 6.3 If a fish has any new wounds other than the clean gaffing wound or wounds such as may be inflicted by a propeller or another predator this will disqualify the fish. If this fish is weighed in a mutilated condition it will not qualify for any club or tournament trophies or prizes.
- 6.4 Parties are requested to co-operate with the weighperson to check any relevant equipment related to this catch.
- 6.5 The angler or their representative must be on hand to make sure the scales are zeroed before weighing the fish. Also the angler or representative must be present to verify the weight of the fish when the weighperson has the final weight.
- 6.6 Parties are requested when courtesy weighing to adhere to the individual clubs requirements, procedures and weighing times which may vary from club to club.
- 6.7 Parties are requested to make themselves familiar with the weighing hours of the club and the procedure required to weigh fish outside of these times.
- 6.8 When parties wish to have the tag and release of a fish identified at the weighstation they must adhere to the protocol of the individual club.
- 6.9 Weighing of fish can be a joyous occasion with a little celebration going on before you get to the weighstation. Parties must appreciate that weighpersons have a big responsibility and not let their exuberance interfere with the serious procedure of weighing of the fish and the possible checking of the equipment and the fish.
- 6.10 The only weight that is recognized is the first weight of the fish on a recognized weigh station. Any other weight that may be established will not be recognized.
- 6.11 Tag cards must be checked when handed in. The minimum information required is date, location, species and estimation of size. Other information on the state of the fishes wellbeing is desirable.
- 6.12 Anglers and crew should co-operate with the Marine Biologists, Scientists and other Government Officials or Organizations in charge of science and research.

7 Alternative Fish Weighing Procedure

- 7.1 The fish you catch do not need to be exclusively weighed by the clubs Weigh Master.
- 7.2 Your fish **DOES** need to be weighed on a set of **certified** scales.
- 7.3 You can get your fish weighed anywhere. E.g. You could get that monster snapper weighed at the local green grocer, but make sure you take a weigh sheet with you and get it signed.
- 7.4 The weigh sheets need to be fully completed and signed before passing on the clubs weigh master.
- 7.5 All NZBGFC affiliated game clubs must do a courtesy weigh. A weigh fee may apply. You will need your membership card for this

8 NOTES FOR EVERYONE

- 8.1 Some clubs allow **fish** to be cut to let the fish bleed before weighing. If the angler is claiming a National or World Record for their catch and the fish has been cut to bleed before weighing, it will be classified as mutilated and will disqualify the fish.
- 8.2 Recent wounds on a fish that have occurred while the fish is being angled such as shark bites or propeller wounds or anything else other than clean gaffing automatically disqualifies the fish as a mutilated catch.
- 8.3 If a weighperson has a concern over the line weight they must use the club's line tester to identify the breaking strain.
- 8.4 The identified weight of a fish is the first time that it is weighed. No other weight that may be identified will be accepted.
- 8.5 To avoid spoiled (decayed) fish they should be all weighed on the day of their catch. It is up to the individual clubs whether they make this mandatory or not.

9 Weighpersons Responsibility

These responsibilities are as per the NZBGFC rules. (Fish Identification chards Behind the bar).

- 9.1 The weighstations are the front door of every club. Their procedure and presentation reflect on their club as a whole.
- 9.2 All weighing scales must have a current certification 12 months of the year. There is no given time when there may be a requirement to weigh a world record claim.
- 9.3 All weighpersons must make themselves familiar with the operation of the scales they are using. Scales, makes and brands can and do vary from club to club.
- 9.4 A club must fish under IGFA rules as well as their club rules. Weighpersons must make themselves familiar with these rules especially the tackle and species. They will be checking the leaders and the double line and making sure of the line weight and gaffs set down in the IGFA rules as well as species.
- 9.5 Weighpersons must check for any new wounds in the fish such as propeller or predator inflections etc. Any one of these injuries must be reported to the appropriate person or persons within the club for them to adjudicate over the legality of the catch. The only injury that is acceptable is the clean gaffing wound or wounds.
- 9.6 Weighpersons must make sure that the scale is zeroed and witnessed by the angler or their representative before weighing the fish. Also the angler or representative must be present to verify the weight of the fish when the weighperson has the final weight.
- 9.7 All Game fish must be hung by the tail prior to weighing, with their mouth being able to be opened to enable the fish to drain.
- 9.8 Fish can be weighed by the tail, in a cradle or on a flat platform. The weight of the cradle or tail rope must be deducted from the total weight, or hung from the scales and then zeroed before weighing commences.
- 9.9 When weighing the fish other than on a platform, it must be allowed to totally settle to ascertain the correct weight. If the scales have a motion sensor this must be used.
- 9.10 Bait fish that are in the throat or the stomach of the fish are included in the weight of the fish.
- 9.11 The only weight that is recognized is the first weight of the fish on a recognized weigh station. Any other weight that may be established will not be recognized,
- 9.12 All lures and traces where practicable must be removed before weighing. Lures are not included in the weight.
- 9.13 Weighpersons must not get into consultation with the angler or the crew if there is any discrepancy with the fish or fishing equipment. When there is a discrepancy the weighperson should only notify the angler that he or she has to report the problem to the appropriate person or persons in the club for them to adjudicate over.
- 9.14 Weighpersons must make themselves familiar with the presentation procedure for the identification of tagged and released fish. This may be different from club to club.
- 9.15 Weighpersons must make themselves familiar with the courtesy weighing requirements of their club. (Council's policy is that all clubs must courtesy weigh for other affiliated clubs when required).
- 9.16 Weighpersons must use the IGFA yearbook for species identification for all fish. There are other publications that can be used for the same purposes.
- 9.17 All clubs are requested to be a member of IGFA
- 9.18 Each club will notify the NZBGFC of their weighpersons each year.
- 9.19 Each club should notify it's members and the NZBGFC of their normal weighing hours and the procedure required to weigh fish outside of these times.
- 9.20 Each club should notify it's members and neighboring clubs of their courtesy weighing requirements.
- 9.21 If in doubt on any detail seek assistance.

10 Fishing Zones

