

NEW ZEALAND BIG GAME FISHING COUNCIL INC
BY LAWS
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GENERAL:

These By-Laws are to be read in conjunction with the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's Constitution.

The purpose of these By-Laws is to record decisions made by Council that do not warrant being included in the Constitution.

The Management Committee are responsible for the making, amending or rescinding any By Law in accordance with Rules 2 r and 17 a of our Constitution.

Members will be advised in writing of any changes to the By Laws and the effective date when they become applicable following any Management Committee Meeting where the By Laws are altered.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF NZSFC:

Rule 5 (b) (i) (ii) (iii) & (iv) of the Constitution outlines the requirements. In addition:-

- (1) Intending Members will be required to:
 - (a) Forward a copy of their Constitution
 - (b) Forward a copy of their last year's annual accounts
 - (c) Forward a copy of their Certificate of Incorporation
 - (d) Meet their obligations under the Incorporated Societies:
 - (i) They must become Incorporated prior to becoming full members
 - (ii) Their constitution must show they are entities of like interests
 - (e) Have their own
 - permanent weigh station or mobile weighing equipment for use by members
 - facilities to provide courtesy weighs for visiting anglers

or

 - provide Council with a copy of an agreement with an existing club willing to provide weighing facilities
- (2) The delegates or representatives of Probation Members must attend all meetings and meet all demands as determined by the Management Committee. A member club which fails to achieve the requirements of the

probationary period may have its probationary period extended and/or forfeit its application.

- (3) All clubs must be members of the IGFA.

A constitution change was passed at the AGM in September 2010 and Clubs that are not incorporated can now prepare to belong to the Council as a Preliminary Accepted Club – for more details a copy of the Constitution can be obtained from the Secretary

AFFILIATION FEES:

- (1) Affiliation fees will be set at the AGM each year. Members fees are to be paid by December 31 each year for the Member to remain financial. Members must be financial to be eligible to fish the National Tournament.
- (2) Affiliation fees & donation to the NZ Marine Research Foundation for the 2011/12 season has been set at \$7.00 per member (\$6.50 to the NZSFC & 50 cents, per member, is donated to the NZ Marine Research Foundation). For 2012/13 the fees will be \$10.00 per member and \$5 for Juniors (\$9.00 & 4.50 respectively to the NZSFC & \$1.00 & .50 cents respectively, per member, is a donation to the NZ Marine Research Foundation). The Council strongly recommends that Clubs continue to send 50 cents to each Clubs local Regional Association.
- (3) Affiliation fees are to be paid on all types of membership and on each and every member. For family memberships – fees are to be paid on the number of members within the family membership.
- (4) Members are required to base their numbers on their previous years membership and pay the affiliation fee on this number.
- (5) All Clubs must pay a minimum affiliation fee of 50 times the set amount.

SPARC

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council is a recognised member of SPARC.

Appeals can be taken to the Sports Tribunal in respect of disciplinary matters or breaches of competition rules. Any appeals must be submitted within 28 days.

ANTI DOPING POLICY

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's anti-doping policy shall be the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (the "Rules") in their entirety, made under the Sports Anti-doping Act 2006, as amended from time to time

Members need to be aware of the availability of resources if they would like them at www.drugfreesport.org.nz or by calling 0800DRUGFREE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Management Committee shall be ratified each year at the Annual General Meeting of the NZ Sport Fishing Council and shall consist of (refer Rule 17 of the Constitution).

To become President of the NZSFC, a person nominated, must have 1) been a delegate to the NZSFC for a period of 5 years, the last 2 must be consecutive and immediately preceding the year in which the nomination is forwarded or 2) must have been a member of the Management Committee for the two years preceding the year in which they are being nominated for or 3) be one of the current Vice Presidents

The collective members of each geographic region shall elect a delegate and substitute (from their delegates) to the Management Committee prior to the AGM.

For the better Management of the Council, the Member Clubs will be divided into eight (8) geographic areas based on the like interests and concerns of Member Clubs within those areas as included in club information in earlier pages of the booklet.

Zone Meetings

1: Timing of Meetings

A Zone Meeting should be held prior to every Management Committee meeting. If due to time constraints or other unforeseen events this is not possible then the Zone rep will liaise with their club delegates on the matters to be discussed at the Management Meeting

2: Attendance at meetings

All clubs are required to be represented at the zone meetings. If a club's delegate is not able to attend it is the club's responsibility to arrange the attendance of a suitable substitute.

3: Clubs failing to meet their responsibilities may be suspended or expelled under rule 28.

{The Management Committee will review the geographic areas at least annually at the end of each {season and prior to the next following Annual General Meeting but in any event no geographic area {shall contain more than 25% of all Club Members - (Rule 19 (b) of the constitution).

The Management Committee's role is to handle matters that require attention between Annual General Meetings.

All Policy recommendations made by the Management Committee may be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.

To organise and determine the rules of the National Fishing Competition.

To deal with all correspondence and accounts.

The Management Committee shall at all times be responsible to the Council and shall report to the Council fully upon its activities at all Meetings (Rule 17 (c) of the constitution).

OFFICERS OF COUNCIL

A Records Officer will be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The Public Relations Officer will be appointed by the Management Committee

NZSFC FISHING WATERS

To be eligible for NZSFC Trophies or New Zealand Records fish must be caught in the waters within 200 miles of the coast of the two main islands of New Zealand.

GAME FISH SPECIES RECOGNISED BY NZSFC:

All species of saltwater game fish recognised by the IGFA and caught in NZSFC waters.

LINE CLASSES RECOGNISED BY NZSFC:

1 kg, 2 kg, 3 kg, 4 kg, 6 kg, 8 kg, 10 kg, 15 kg, 24 kg, 37 kg, 60 kg

TIPPET CLASSES RECOGNISED BY NZSFC:

1 kg, 2 kg, 3 kg, 4 kg, 6 kg, 8 kg, 10 kg

CATCH SUMMARY SHEETS:

These must be completed and sent to the Council Secretary on a regular basis. They should include all fish weighed by the Club and all Tag Cards handled by the Club.

WEIGHING OF FISH:

Only fish recognised by IGFA and caught by recreational anglers will be recognised by the NZSFC.

- 1) All fish must be weighed by an official weighmaster of the member clubs.
- 2) The scales used must be tested annually for accuracy by a Government agency, or other qualified and accredited organisations. A copy of the test certificate must be forwarded to the Secretary of the NZSFC before January 1 of each season.
- 3) Only weights indicated by the graduations on the scale will be accepted. Any weights that fall between two graduations on the scale must be rounded to the lower of the two.
- 4) Member Clubs should set their own rules to cover the trucking of fish to

weigh stations within their own recognised waters.

IGFA & NZSFC RULES FOR TAG & RELEASE:

Fish are tagged for the purpose of research

- 1: Only fish tagged with tags supplied by Council will be recognised.
- 2: **That 3.6576 metres (12 ft) be the maximum overall length of Tag Poles**
- 3: The Pole must be kept in hand at all times.
- 4: Fish should be alongside the boat and under control so the tag can be placed correctly.
- 5: The IGFA Statement says: 'Captures in which the fish has not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect credit on the fisherman, and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the record'. This should be kept in mind.
- 6: When fish are tagged they are not to be removed from the water before letting them go.

COURTESY WEIGHING:

- 1) All member clubs are required to courtesy weigh fish for anglers of affiliated clubs within the recognised hours of the weigh stations operation of the member club.
- 2) Anglers requiring a courtesy weigh must present two completed weigh sheets **on weigh sheets from the club providing the courtesy weigh** prior to weighing of fish. One weigh sheet is for the clubs records (of the club making the courtesy weigh), the other (which should be signed and marked 'copy' is for the angler to take back to their club for their records. This is the angler's responsibility.
- 3) Anglers requiring a courtesy Tag & Release must present two completed weigh sheets (on weigh sheets from the club providing the courtesy) and the completed Tag Card to the weighmaster. One weigh sheet is for the clubs records (of the club providing the courtesy tag), the other (which should be signed and marked 'copy' is for the angler to take back to their club for their records. This is the angler's responsibility.
- 4) Courtesy Weighs for members of clubs affiliated to NZSFC will be free throughout NZ and courtesy weigh fees only apply to non members. Membership card or proof of membership must be provided before any courtesy weigh proceeds.
- 5) Clubs intending to charge for courtesy weighs must advise Council of their intention and the fee to be charged at the beginning of each season.
- 6) When a fish is courtesy weighed the fish will be accredited for statistical purposes to the member club actually weighing the fish or accepting the tag card.
- 7) The recognition of the angler weighing this fish is at the discretion of the anglers club.

- 8) Courtesy weighs must be used where practical to ensure fish are recorded to the weighstations within the area of catch.

PERMANENT WEIGH STATIONS: (As included with Club information earlier in the booklet)

DEFINITION OF WHEN A FISH IS CAUGHT:

- 1: When landing or boating a fish the leader, if used, must be in hand before it is gaffed. The catch will not be deemed caught until the fish is weighed. Once a fish is gaffed it cannot be tagged and released.
- 2: In the event of a fish being tagged for releasing the leader must be in hand when the tag is inserted into the fish. When the tag is inserted the catch is deemed complete. The leader then can be intentionally cut as close to the fish as possible, or the hooks removed, or the fish releases itself.
- 3: In the event of a fish being released without tagging the fish is deemed caught and released when the leader is in hand and the leader is intentionally cut as close to the fish as possible, or the hook is removed.

If a catch escapes before gaffing, tagging or deliberately releasing, the fish is considered a free swimming fish and will not be considered as a catch.

A fish that has been tagged and the leader in hand still uncut and attached to the fish, may be gaffed and weighed if the angler considers that it is unlikely to survive or for any other reason. The tag must remain in the fish until it is weighed and then removed and returned to the tag card.

4. When fly fishing it is not necessary to have the leader in hand. When a fish is released without tagging the fish should be within tagging or gaffing distance when released

CATCH FLAGS:

BROADBILL	White Flag with Blue fish
MARLIN	Blue with White Fish
TUNA	White with Blue Fish
SHARK	Red with White Fish
YELLOWTAIL	White with Green Fish
OTHER SPECIES	Yellow Flag
TAGGED FISH	Red with White T

These flags measure 70 cm x 35 cm

Individual Club's should make their own arrangements with regard to the flying of

flags whilst playing a fish.

RECOMMENDATION TO CLUBS FOR RECORD PIN AWARDS:

(NB This recommendation is for those Clubs who award Pins)

For a New Zealand Record - a Silver Pin with a Ruby Eye

For a World Record - a Gold Pin with a Ruby Eye

For 2 World Records of the same species on the same day - a Gold Pin with a Diamond Eye

Clubs to make their own arrangements with regard to purchase and distribution of these pins at their own cost.

NEW ZEALAND RECORD CLAIMS:

To qualify for New Zealand record claims:-

- 1 (a) Fish must be caught in NZSFC waters
- 1 (b) All IGFA and NZSFC fishing rules and angling regulations must be complied with at the time of catch
- 2 To qualify for New Zealand records, all claims must be in the hands of the NZSFC records officer within sixty (60) days of the catch.
- 3 A sample of the line used must accompany the claim. The double line plus at least 50 feet (15.24 metres) is the minimum amount required for line testing.
- 4 The following photographs are required to accompany the claim:
 - (a) The full length of the fish, the rod & reel used to make the catch.
 - (b) The angler photographed with the fish.
 - (c) In the event of a Big Eye Tuna claim, a photo must also be submitted of the liver of the fish.
 - (d) A photo of the fish lying on its side with a tape or rule laying alongside the fish.
- 5 All NZ Record Claims are open to all anglers in NZ. If the angler is not a member of a national body (NZSFC or Angling & Casting) at the time of capture there will be a fee of \$150 for the claim to be processed. If the angler is a non member the fish will only qualify for a national record and no other trophies.

6 Anglers with disabilities claiming records

Any angler with a disability will contest NZ records as listed. They may due to their disability make special procedures to enable them to angle a fish safely and mitigate a disability to enable them to fish. They will as far as physically possible fish within NZSFC and IGFA rules. Any departure from these rules is to be noted on the record application and the reason given. The award of the record in this special circumstance will need to pass the records officer requirements and assessment of a special panel of judges appointed from time to time by the Management Committee. The

record will be recorded in the appropriate category in the NZ records book.

TROPHIES

To qualify for NZSFC Trophies:-

- 1) Fish must be caught in NZSFC waters
- 2) All IGFA and NZSFC fishing rules and angling regulations must be complied with at the time of the catch
- 3) All anglers must be financial members of Clubs affiliated to the NZSFC
- 4) With the exception of the first marlin of the season trophies, nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than July 7 each year. With regard to the First Marlin these nominations must be notified to the Council Secretary by faxing the weigh sheet within 24 hours of the fish being weighed or tagged.
- 5) For each Annual Trophy, NZSFC will present a suitable miniature which will NOT include Council plaques.
- 6) The skippers recorded time of the fish being boated be the accepted time as the fish having been caught for the awarding of Council Trophies.
- 7) Judging of the Old Man and the Sea Cup will be by such persons as the Management Committee decide.
- 9) Weighed marlin must exceed 90 kg
- 10) Nominations must come from Clubs
- 11) A Club may put in more than one nomination

Annual Trophies:

- 1) The NZSFC will present a Trophy for the first tagged Marlin of the season, each year.
- 2) The NZSFC will present a Trophy for the first Marlin weighed exceeding 90 kg, each year.
- 3) **The Rob Dinsdale Memorial Trophy:**
The Rob Dinsdale Memorial Trophy will be presented annually to the angler who catches the first marlin each season
- 4) **Saul Trophy:**
The Saul Trophy will be presented annually to the angler who tags and releases the most recognised NZ Game Fish Species (that are in the tagging programme) in New Zealand waters in a season. Each Club must forward their nomination to the Secretary prior to July 7 each year.
- 5) **The Old Man and the Sea Cup:**
Will be awarded annually to the angler who catches the most meritorious catch of the season. It is not necessary for the fish to score the most points on the IGFA system (ie fish x 100 divided by the breaking strain). Each club must forward their nomination to the Secretary prior to July 7 each year.
- 6) **Lord Norrie Gold Cup:**

Will be presented to the angler who catches the heaviest Striped Marlin of the season. Each club must forward their nomination to the Secretary prior to July 7 each year.

7) Fisherman of the Year:

Will be awarded to the angler who catches the heaviest recognised Game fish of the season. Each club must forward their nomination to the Secretary prior to July 7 each year.

8) The Peter & Noeline Short Memorial Trophy:

Will be awarded for the most Tagged Billfish of the Season. Each Club must forward their nomination to the Secretary prior to July 7 each year.

9) The Top Junior Angler Cup:

Will be awarded annually to the junior angler who catches the most meritorious catch of the season. It is not necessary for the fish to score the most points on the IGFA system. Each club must forward their nomination to the Secretary prior to July 7 each year.

10) The Hart Trophy: For the best live Marine photograph taken by an amateur photographer

11) Certificates will be awarded for all species of saltwater game fish recognised by the IGFA and caught in NZSFC waters.

These Certificates will be awarded for the -

- a: First Fish of the Season Weighed or Tagged
- b: Heaviest Fish of the Season
- c: 5, 10, 15 & 20 -1 Club

Clubs should forward their nominations to the Council Secretary as soon as possible after the fish is weighed or tagged.

National Tournament Trophies:

1) Air New Zealand Trophy:

Will be awarded to the individual team scoring the most points in the Billfish section of the National Tournament.

2) John Hough Memorial Trophy:

Will be awarded to the individual team scoring the most points in the Striped Marlin section of the National Tournament.

3) Waihau Bay Spearfish Trophy

Will be awarded to the individual team scoring the most points in the Shortbill Spearfish Section of the National Tournament

4) Westpac Trophy:

Will be awarded to the individual team scoring the most points in the Yellowtail section of the National Tournament.

5) NZI Trophy:

Will be awarded to the individual team scoring the most points in the Shark section of the National Tournament.

- 6) City of Auckland Trophy:
Will be awarded to the individual team scoring the most points in the Tuna section of the National Tournament.
- 7) The Hickey Sports Trophy:
Will be awarded to the team scoring the most points in the Albacore section of the National Tournament.
- 8) The Wasabi Trophy:
Will be awarded to the team scoring the most points in the Skipjack section of the National Tournament.
- 9) The Tautuku Fishing Club - Slender Tuna Trophy:
Will be awarded to the team scoring the most points in the Slender Tuna section of the National Tournament.
- 10) The Sheryl Hart Snapper Trophy:
Will be awarded to the team scoring the most points in the Snapper section of the National Tournament.
- 12) The Black Magic Trophy:
Will be awarded to the team scoring the most points in the Kahawai section of the National Tournament.
- 13) The Pursuit Trophy:
Will be awarded to the team scoring the most points in the Trevally section of the National Tournament.
- 13) Carol Atwood Memorial Trophy:
Will be awarded to the angler scoring the most points on the meritorious system for a Tuna caught during the National Tournament each year.
- 14) The Varta Cup Northern:
Will be awarded to the Northern club scoring the most points in the National Tournament. The clubs that are eligible for this trophy are: Bay of Islands, Doubtless Bay, Hokianga, Hopin, Houhora, Warkworth, Whangarei, Whangaroa, Hokianga, Mangawhai
- 15) The Varta Cup:
Will be awarded to the club scoring the most points in the National tournament.
- 16) The Penn Tackle Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Billfish Section.
- 17) The Gordon Traill Memorial Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Striped Marlin Section.
- 18) Stuart Morrison Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Shark Section.
- 19) The NZ Fishing News Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to

- the Club winning the Yellowtail Section.
- 20) The Composite Development Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Tuna Section.
- 21) The Kilwell Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Albacore Section.
- 22) The Wasabi Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Skipjack Section.
- 23) The Canterbury Sportsfishing Club Slender Tuna Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Slender Tuna Section.
- 24) The Penn Tackle Snapper Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Snapper Section.
- 25) The Black Magic Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Kahawai Section.
- 26) The Dave White Memorial Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Trevally Section.
- 27) The Webb Family Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Shortbill Spearfish Section
- 28) The Maui Jim Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Interclub Section of the National Tournament to the Club winning the Mahimahi Section
- 29) The Dennis Davey Trophy:
Will be awarded in the Team Champions Section of the National Tournament to the Team winning the Mahimahi Section

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Clubs must notify the Council Secretary of the following:

- 1: The number of members (and a breakdown of those members) as at the end of the Clubs previous membership year.
- 2: Send Catch Summary Sheets on a regular basis, recording all fish weighed and tag cards handled by their club. Forms are available from Council's Secretary.
- 3: A breakdown of Fish Caught at the end of each season ie as soon as possible after 30th June each year. Forms are available from Council's Secretary.
- 4: Their Club Executive and Delegates each year as soon as possible after

the Meeting where these appointments are made. These need to include names, addresses, telephone numbers and occupations.

- 5: Notification that all their Scales have been certified each season by 1 January.
- 6: Nominations for Council Trophies by 7 July each year (apart from first weighed and first tagged marlin whereby the weigh sheet must be faxed within 24 hours) and Certificates as soon as possible after the fish is weighed or tagged.