

## **DAY 1 ROUND-UP: 2025 NZSFC NATIONALS SUPPORTED BY PELAGIC NZ**

The 2025 NZSFC Nationals have kicked off with a splash, and while the weather's been playing hard to get, our West Coast clubs and Hawke's Bay anglers are making the most of it. Mastering the Points Game To reel in the big wins, here's a quick refresher on how to maximise your points: Fish Weight Equals Line Class: A fish matching the weight of your line class scores 100 points. For example, a 10kg snapper on 10kg line nets you 100 points.

**Tagged Striped Marlin:** Automatically awards 600 points. To match this with a weighed marlin, the fish's weight needs to be six times the line class. For instance: 90kg marlin on 15kg line = 600 points The same marlin on 24kg line = 375 points

### **Weighed Marlin/Broadbill Targets:**

**60kg line:** Fish must weigh 360kg

**37kg line:** Fish must weigh 222kg

**24kg line:** Fish must weigh 144kg

**15kg line:** Fish must weigh 90kg

**10kg line:** A 90kg fish earns 900 points

**8kg line:** A 90kg fish earns 1,125 points

For example, a 110kg striped marlin on 15kg line scores 733.3 points.

Crunch the numbers to see how your tackle choices can boost your score.

### **Things to remember**

1. Catches need to be in to me by 7.30 pm each night. If not they will go into the next day and recorded as being caught on that day.

2. Recorders and weighmasters need to be aware of the line weight restrictions for all fish. [Click here for information about the smaller categories](#)

[Here is a link to the results on the website.](#) Please note that the scoreboard is updated each night.

**Weathering the Storm:** With the current blustery conditions, consider targeting species like snapper, kahawai, trevally, and kingfish using light or ultra-light tackle in sheltered waters. This approach can rack up essential points and position you for section wins, individual titles, and bolster your team's standing.

**Top Tips for Day 2 Record Your Catch Time:** In the event of a tie, the angler who lands their last fish first takes the lead. Ensure you document the exact time of each catch to avoid any disputes.

**Match Line Class to Target Species:** Avoid scenarios like weighing a 3kg kahawai on a 37kg line—it won't do your score any favors.

**Leverage Local Knowledge:** The weather may be challenging, but it offers opportunities for those familiar with their local waters. Use this to your advantage.

**Day 1 Highlights** Despite a slow start due to the weather, several clubs have made impressive strides: Albacore: Pegasus Bay holds both 1st and 2nd positions.

**Kahawai:** Hawke's Bay secures 1st and 2nd.

**Shark:** Raglan leads in 1st place.

**Shortbill Spearfish (SBSF):** Mount Maunganui claims 1st, with a special shoutout to angler Lachlan Kidd, who impressively landed two SBSFs an hour apart.

**Snapper:** Counties in 1st, followed by Raglan in 2nd.

**Striped Marlin:** Counties dominate with 1st and 2nd, while four clubs are tied for third—catch times are crucial here!

**Trevally:** Hawke's Bay leads, with Mount Maunganui in 2nd.

**Tuna:** Te Kaha takes 1st.

**Yellowtail:** Raglan leads the pack.

It's heartening to see the Hawke's Bay juniors making their mark—proof that the future of our sport is in capable hands. Join the Action The Nationals are far from over, and there's ample opportunity to make your mark. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newcomer, it's not too late to enter. Gear up, fish smart, and adapt to the conditions—every point counts in this race. Fish hard, stay safe, and may your lines always be tight.

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Note: For detailed rules, current standings, and registration info, visit the [NZSFC Nationals 2025 page](#).



[Hawkes Bay Sports Fishing Club](#) senior, Kathy Malone with a 2.6kg snapper landed today on 1kg line, onboard Rapid Fire in the NZ Sports Fishing Council's 2025 Nationals



Whangaroa : Day 1 of the Nationals and due to the horrible weather forecasts we have 6 teams so far this year. Santana has been straight onto it with a tag & released striped marlin for Justin Keenan off Bergies, and in the harbour,

The Marlina team had the light lines out for the kahawai, with Tony Noble weighing in a fish of 2.45kg on 2kg line and the team also had a fish on 1kg but it got away

