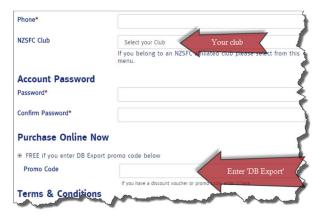
The 2016 Nationals – Measurement section

Participation in the measure section is a really simple process and it can all be managed from your SmartPhone as long as you have reception. The NZSFC has partnered with The DB Export NZ Fishing Competition to provide an online system for our measurement section for the following species:

Albacore, Kahawai, Snapper, Skipjack, Trevally & Yellowtail

If you haven't already registered at **The NZ Fishing Competition** then take a moment to do that now here. It's

FREE thanks to the good folks at DB Export - just use the Code **DB Export** for a free registration. Ensure you include the name of your club when you register to ensure catches are recognised as NZSFC Nationals entries.



You will need an official measure and measures are available at Burnscos store nationwide, <u>online here</u> or from your club if they have stock. To view the official measures, click <u>here</u>.

Entering a catch into the measure section

Login to www.fishingcomp.co.nz on your smartphone and follow the prompts to 'Enter your Catch' – it's simple. (If any of your team members don't have a smartphone you can use another phone as long as they login separately and all the photos are on that phone.). You need an internet connection to load your catch and that can be done anytime from any device

Rules for measurement

- Catches must be released
- A clear photograph of the fish, correctly placed on the measure, is critical for your entry into the Nationals. Take several photos just in case.
- Place your fish on the official measure as shown below and take one or more digital photographs that clearly shows the whole fish on the measure, confirms the measurement precisely, complies with the rules on mouth open/closed detailed below. Ensure the V of the tail is clearly visible and as close to the midline of the measure as possible. Take the photo from above the fish looking down on it rather than from the front or side. It is your responsibility to ensure you provide an image that we can use to verify your entry.

Checklist

- 1. It is permissible to place a hand or have someone hold the fish on the measure or use damp cloth on the fish to settle it while a photo is taken, provided this does not obscure the fish significantly or prevent the administrators from being able to clearly verify and validate your catch. Please note the jaw requirements on open/closed mouth detailed below.
- 2. The measure should be placed on a flat surface.
- 3. The jaw of the fish must not be distorted in an attempt to exaggerate the length.
- 4. The V of the tail should be in the midline of the measure.
- 5. Fish must be measured and released

IMPORTANT - Placing your catch on the measure:

The tip of the jaw must touch the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure, however an open mouth can effectively change the measured length of some species.

Mouth Open

If the fish is photographed with an open mouth, the tip of the UPPER jaw must touch the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure.

Mouth Closed

If the mouth is closed then the tip of either the upper or lower jaw must touch the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure.

