



RULES FOR CLUB PINS, POINTS, RECORDS AND TROPHIES

GENERAL

1. The season opens on 1 July and ends on 30 June.
2. Eligibility: Only full financial members of the Tauranga Game Fishing Club are eligible for Club Pins, Points, Records and Trophies.
3. Fishing Area: (Inside & outside Chart 54). Only fish caught within the TGFC stated fishing area shall qualify for Club Pins, Points, Records and Trophies. The area is all water encompassed in the Hydrographic Chart NZ54 - Cuvier Island to East Cape. Fish caught outside Chart NZ54 within NZ Territorial waters only qualify for trophies. (2) that relate to outside Chart NZ54.
4. Weigh station: The recognised weigh stations are the Tauranga Game Fishing Club Clubrooms at Sulphur Point, and all NZBGFC affiliated clubs in the Bay of Plenty / Coromandel region.
5. Catch cards: A Tauranga Game Fishing Club official catch card, correctly completed, must be presented to the weighmaster with the fish or tag and release card.
6. Tackle: Anglers presenting fish at the weigh station are required to have the rod, reel, line/trace, and gaff used for the capture available for inspection by the weighmaster. In the case of record claims, these items must be presented with the fish. The weighmaster may require a line sample for testing.

7. CLUB PINS

Pins shall be awarded to annual winners for Men's, Women's and Junior's sections in the following categories:

Club Pin Fish (silver pin)

- Snapper (Line weight 15kg and under)

- Other Gamefish Species

- Heavy Tackle (HT) Line weights 15kg and over (ie 15,24,37 and 60kg)

- Light Tackle (LT) Line weights 10kg and under (ie 1,2,3,4,6,8 and 10kg)

- Tag & Release first marlin

Club Record (Gold plate)

NZ Record (silver pin with ruby eye)

World Record (gold pin)

World Record 2nd catch on same day (gold pin with diamond eye).

No angler shall be awarded more than one pin for any species on one day. No angler shall be awarded more than two pins (one for the first and one for the heaviest) fish of the same species in any one season.

7a SNAPPER Line weights of 15kg and under.

A silver pin shall be awarded to the angler who catches the first qualifying snapper in each line class i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 15kg line classes.

A Fish weighing heavier by 100 grams also qualifies for a pin. There is a maximum of 2 pins per angler per line class.

To qualify for pins and trophies the fish must have a minimum weigh of 4kg for line classes of 4kg and over or if under 4kg the fish must exceed line weight in each class.

7b HEAVY TACKLE (HT) Line weights of 15kg and over

A silver pin shall be awarded to the angler who catches the first qualifying fish of each species in each line class i.e. 15, 24, 37 and 60kg line classes.

Each qualifying fish subsequently caught weighing heavier by half a kilogram or more also qualifies for a silver pin.

To qualify for pins and trophies, the fish must equal or exceed the breaking strain of the line and the following minimum weights/length:

Marlin	90kg	Broadbill	Must exceed line weight
Sharks	90kg	Tuna	15kg
		Y/T Kingfish	1 meter

The following species, fish must exceed the minimum weight, but do not have to exceed the line weight:

Albacore	7kg	S/B Spearfish	10kg
Mahimahi	4kg	Wreckfish	10kg

7c LIGHT TACKLE (LT) Line weights 10kg and under

A Silver pin shall be awarded to the angler who catches the first qualifying fish of each species in each line class i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10kg classes.

Each qualifying fish that is subsequently caught weighing heavier by 5 points also qualifies for a silver pin.

The basis for pins and trophies for this section shall be the IGFA points system i.e. the weight of the fish multiplied by 100 and divided by the breaking strain of the line.

To qualify for pins and trophies the fish must equal or exceed the breaking strain of the line except for the following species, which also have minimum weights:

Sharks	30kg	Albacore	7kg
S/B Spearfish	10kg	Marlin	90kg
Mahimahi	4kg	Tuna	10kg
Y/T Kingfish	1 meter	Wreckfish	10kg

7d TAG and RELEASE fish

A Silver pin will be awarded to the first angler to tag and release a marlin.

All tag cards and TGFC catch cards must be accompanied by a photograph/video clearly showing the tag in the fish.

A tagged and released fish is recognised by the TGFC as a caught fish i.e. if the first billfish of the season is tagged and released, it will qualify for the first billfish of season trophy. This applies for billfish only.

8. CLUB RECORDS

A Club record shall be awarded to the angler who catches the first qualifying fish of each species in each line class ie 1,2,3,4,6,8,10,15,24,37 and 60kg.

Each qualifying fish that is subsequently caught weighing heavier by 500 grams also qualifies for and replaces the current Club record.

To qualify for Club records the fish must be caught in accordance with IGFA international angling rules.

The minimum acceptance weight for any Club record catch claim is 0.453kg (1lb).

A list of all current Club record holders is held on the Club's records board in the clubrooms and published on the Club's website.

9. POINTS (Angler and Boat)

Points shall be awarded to individual anglers and boats for all qualifying fish weighed and tagged & released. Points will accumulate towards annual individual angler and boat totals.

Points shall be awarded for qualifying fish weighed based on the IGFA points system i.e. the weight of the fish multiplied by 100 and divided by the breaking strain of the line.

The following points shall be awarded for fish tagged and released:

Billfish	400 points	Shark	100 points	Y/T Kingfish	50 points (over 1 meter)
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Points shall also be awarded to individual boat totals for qualifying fish weighed and tagged and released by Day members.

10. TROPHIES

A list of trophies with condition and winner shall be published annually in the Club's yearbook together with a list of trophies not awarded and their conditions.

If a species of fish for a Club trophy is not caught within Chart 54, that trophy may be awarded to a fish caught within NZ Territorial waters.



RULES FOR SPONSORED FISHING TOURNAMENTS

- Headquarters** Headquarters for each contest will be the Sulphur Point Clubrooms. SEACOMS provide tournament communications.
- Eligibility** All anglers must be current financial members of the Tauranga Game Fishing Club or other NZBGFC member club, or have a paid current Day Anglers Fishing Card. All fish are eligible provided they are species nominated for the contest, exceed the minimum weight and were caught on line not exceeding 60kg test, or line specified for a particular contest.
- Fishing Area** All water encompassed in Hydrographic Chart number NZ54 - Cuvier Island to East Cape.
- Entries** Entry forms accompanied by contest fees must be received by the TGFC Office, Sulphur Point by the time specified on the entry form. Entries will be accepted by phone with credit card details. Contest starting dates and times will be detailed on the entry form for each contest.
- Teams** A team will consist of a minimum of two anglers with no maximum for a team, and all may fish on any one day from the nominated boat. Anglers may transfer from boat to boat during the contest, but fish or points are not transferable and remain with the nominated boat. Contest headquarters must be notified immediately of any angler transfers.
- Cancellation of contest** There will be, in the main, no cancellation of a contest. If, due to the extenuating circumstances or severe weather conditions, the contest is cancelled or postponed, notification of such cancellations will be before start fishing on any given day of the contest.
- Refunds** If a full cancellation occurs and no further date is set for the contest, the Administrator shall, upon written application from the team captain, refund the contest fees. Full refunds will be given for any reason prior to the tournament provided it is requested before briefing.
- Briefing** Briefing is compulsory and the team captain or nominated team member fishing the tournament must register at briefing night and attend and remain until the conclusion of briefing unless prior approval to not attend has been given by the Tournament Convenor.
- Stop Fishing** Stop Fishing shall be the end of the contest. All catch cards must be in the weighmasters hands by final weigh in time on the last day of the tournament. Fish caught after weigh in time on all days except the last day of the tournament will go into the next days catch.
- Weighstation** The weighstation for all contests will be the TGFC Contest Headquarters at Sulphur Point. All fish must be weighed from the boat on which they were caught.
- Condition of Capture** All fish to be presented to the weighstation fresh or chilled but not frozen.
- Catch Cards** Normal TGFC Catch Cards will be used and must be completed by the time of the weigh in.

Minimum Fish Weights	<p>The minimum weights for fish in all sponsored tournaments unless otherwise stated on the tournament entry form are:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Billfish</td> <td>90kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shark</td> <td>90kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuna</td> <td>15kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Albacore</td> <td>7kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skipjack</td> <td>5kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mahimahi</td> <td>4kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kingfish</td> <td>1 meter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S/B Spearfish</td> <td>10kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snapper</td> <td>2kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broadbill</td> <td>must exceed line weight</td> </tr> </table>	Billfish	90kg	Shark	90kg	Tuna	15kg	Albacore	7kg	Skipjack	5kg	Mahimahi	4kg	Kingfish	1 meter	S/B Spearfish	10kg	Snapper	2kg	Broadbill	must exceed line weight
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Line Breaking Strain	<p>The maximum line breaking strain used shall be 60kg. Braid: Braid may be used in tournaments.</p>																				
Disputes	<p>The TGFC Committee will appoint judges to investigate disputes. Such disputes must be received by contest headquarters in writing within three hours of the contest closing time. The decision of the judges will be final.</p>																				
Weighmasters	<p>Any member of the TGFC committee is authorized to weigh fish.</p>																				
General	<p>The above Rules of the Tauranga Game Fishing Club Inc. take precedence over Club Rules for Pins and Trophies and IGFA Rules during sponsored contests only. However, IGFA Rules will cover any matters not covered by these rules. All fish caught during a sponsored contest by current financial members of the TGFC are eligible for Club Records, Pins and Trophies providing the fish has been caught in accordance with the TGFC Rules for Pins and Trophies. This does not apply for Day anglers. Points will be awarded to boats for fish caught by Day Anglers. This applies to the following trophies only: Most Billfish points from a private launch – “Lady Luck Trophy” and Most Billfish points from a commercial launch – “De Luxa Trophy”.</p>																				