

Ngawi Big 3 Competition Rules.

All Registered Anglers Must Attend Briefing - Thursday Night 14 February 2019, at the Marquee - Beside the Fire Station at 8pm.

1 Organising Authority: The organising Authority is the Ngawi Sports Fishing Club Inc. and the committee and disputes committee decisions will be final.

2 Tournament Office Hours:

Thursday: 12pm-2pm , 3pm-10pm. **Friday:** 6.30 am-10pm.

Saturday: 6.30 am-9pm. **Sunday:** 8am-8pm. **Or at committee's discretion.**

Please note: The tournament office may be closed following the closure of weigh in until after prize giving on each day.

3 Competition Area Limits: Between Turakirae Head and Honeycomb Rock.

4 Fishing Times: Friday - 7am - 5pm. Saturday - 7am - 5pm Sunday - 7am - 2pm.

There will be no night fishing. The Committee may cancel fishing at its discretion at any given time.

5 Entry: Entry fee is \$90 per individual angler. \$30 per Junior angler. Entry fee must be paid in full prior to fishing. Entries may be limited at the committee's discretion. Entry fee is non-refundable/non-transferrable. All entrants must belong to a Boat Fishing Club.

Proof of membership must be produced at registration.

6 Scrutineering: All boats must be scrutinised for safety equipment requirements: eg: Operational VHF radio, flares, life jacket per person. NB. Flares must have valid used by date. Boats will not be launched without scrutineer's sticker. Guide Poles on the rear of your trailer must be **RIGID** to help guide your boat onto the trailer with a rope tied to your boat that can be looped over the guide poles All commercial boats must provide evidence of their Particular Approval from the Ministry of Primary Industries to be able to partake in recreational fishing.

7 Boat Classes: There will be a 5m and under class and an over 5m class. Measurement will be the lengthwise extremities of the hull in a straight line. All Commercial Boats entered need to have prior approval from Ministry of Primary Industries to use a registered vehicle for recreational purposes, for the event, and proof must be provided on registration. Committee's decision will be final.

8 Launching: Assistance will be given in the launching and retrieving of boats from Ngawi Bay. All boats must launch from and return to Ngawi Bay. All boats must queue from the south to be accepted for launching. No self launching boat will leave the beach before the first boat is launched by the tractors. In the advent of safety precautions, the committee may allow beaching elsewhere. The committee's decision will be final.

9 Fishing Tackle: All fishing will be with rod and reels, including electric reel, or hand line only. Long lines/buoy lines/nets or any other such devices shall not be present on any competing boat.

Organisers reserve the right to inspect any boat or tackle at any time in the competition to ensure compliance with this rule.

Any deviation from this rule will mean immediate disqualification of the boat and its competitors.

Maximum line weight is 60kg.

IGFA rules apply to Billfish, Tuna and Kingfish.

10 Hook ups/Landing of Fish: The entrant presenting the fish for weighing must be the person who caught it and brought it to the gaff or net unassisted.

Billfish hook ups will be relayed by radio as soon as possible. Billfish hooked and reported prior to the closure of the weigh station, and landed after the closure, will be weighed and eligible for prizes for that day if reported at time of hook up.

All other species on board will not be eligible if not weighed in by the close of that day.

11 Skipper's Responsibility: It is the Skipper's responsibility to ensure all persons on their boat are registered for the tournament as anglers. A breach of this rule will result in instant disqualification of all anglers on the boat.

12 Weigh-In: Only one fish per species per angler can be weighed in per day.

All fish weighed in must have been caught by the angler whose name is on the weigh docket.

Weighing of fish on Friday and Saturday will be between 2pm-6pm, and Sunday will be between 1pm-3pm.

In the event that two or more fish weighed are of the same weight, the first fish weighed will be the front runner.

13 Changing of Boats: The committee must be notified when an angler changes boats.

14 Prizes/Prize Giving: Registration bands must be worn on the wrist/ankle at prize giving or a redraw will be made. Bands are not transferable.

Prize giving may be delayed at committee's discretion.

On days where there is no fishing, all prizes allocated for that day, will be drawn from registration numbers. All anglers must be present to be eligible for any drawn prizes.

In the event that no fishing is held over the 3 days, all cash prizes will not be drawn and remain the property of the Ngawi Sports Fishing Club.

15 Marquee: Only sponsors products purchased from the bar are to be consumed in and around the competition marquee. Participants found to be in breach of this rule will be instantly disqualified from the competition, and all prizes forfeited. This rule will be enforced.

16 Behaviour: Any person in a state of excessive drunkenness will be asked to leave the marquee area and will not return that day.

Any person fighting in or around the marquee will be banned from the rest of the tournament and will be banned from future Big 3 competitions for two years. If the person is a Ngawi member, their membership will be forfeited and they will be banned from the Club for two years as well. If not a member of Ngawi, a letter will be written to the member's Club advising their Club of the said member's behaviour. Any person banned would forfeit any prizes won at the tournament.

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Rules For Lady Angler Section

Lady Anglers wishing to fish in the Ladies Section must state this on their entry form.

There is no extra entry fee to enter the Ladies Section.

Species to fish for: Billfish, kahawai, groper, blue cod, tarakihi, trumpeter, snapper, tuna, kingfish, gurnard.

Points are awarded as follows:

Each angler gets a bonus of 50 points per species caught per day. The weight of the fish is added to the species bonus points.

Points at the end of each of the three days are totalled for the overall winner.

Lady anglers are eligible for the top prize plus the daily species prizes during the three days of the contest.

Points in this section are not transferable to other sections.

Rules For Junior Angler Section

Anglers fishing in the Junior Section must be under 16 years of age on the Sunday of the competition weekend.

Eg: If you have a birthday on the Saturday of the weekend and you will be turning 16 years, then you can not fish in this section.

Anglers fishing in this section must have paid the registration fee of \$30.00. Species to fish for: Kahawai, blue cod, tarakihi, groper.

Daily prizes of 1st, 2nd and 3rd allocated for each of these species.

Top Junior Angler prizes awarded as follows:

Each angler gets a bonus of 50 points per species caught per day. The weight of the fish is added to the species bonus points.

Points at the end of each of the three days are totalled for the overall winner.

Points in this section are not transferable to other sections.

Anglers in this section are not eligible for any other section prizes.

Rules For 5m and Under Boat Angler Class

Measurement will be the lengthwise extremities of the hull in a straight line. If in the event of any disputes, the boats will be measured. The committee's decision will be final.

Anglers fishing in this section must have paid the registration fee of \$90.00. Species to fish for: Billfish, kahawai, groper, blue cod, tarakihi, trumpeter, snapper, tuna, kingfish, gurnard.

Points are awarded as follows: Each angler gets a bonus of 50 points per species caught per day. The weight of the fish is added to the species bonus points.

Points at the end of each of the three days are totalled for the overall winner.

Anglers who are fishing in this class are eligible for the top prizes and daily species prizes.

All Commercial Boats entered need to have prior approval from Ministry of Primary Industries to use a registered vehicle for recreational purposes, for the event, and proof must be provided on registration.

Rules For Over 5m Boat Angler Class

Anglers fishing in this section must have paid the registration fee of \$90.00.

Species to fish for: Billfish, kahawai, groper, blue cod, tarakihi, trumpeter, snapper, tuna, kingfish, gurnard.

Points are awarded as follows: Each angler gets a bonus of 50 points per species caught per day. The weight of the fish is added to the species bonus points.

Points at the end of each of the three days are totalled for the overall winner.

Anglers who are fishing in this class are eligible for the top prizes and daily species prizes.

All Commercial Boats entered need to have prior approval from Ministry of Primary Industries to use a registered vehicle for recreational purposes, for the event, and proof must be provided on registration.

Landbase Competition Rules

1 Entry: Only spouses/partners and children/grandchildren of competitors registered in the Big 3 Open Competition are permitted to fish in the Big 3 Landbase Competition. If you have entered in the BIG 3 competition, you are not eligible to fish in the land base competition. **YOU CAN NOT ENTER BOTH COMPETITIONS**

2 Registration: Landbase competitors must register on the appropriate form at the **same time** their spouse/partner registers in the Big 3 Open competition.

3 Competition Area Limits: Fishing will be between Hamenga Point and Little Mangatoetoe Creek. No fishing permitted in Ngawi Bay.

4 Fishing Times: Fishing will only be permitted while the Open Competition is held. i.e. If boats are unable to fish, there will be no landbase fishing.

5 Fishing Tackle: All fishing will be with rod and reel or hand line only. Rule 9 of the Open Competition applies with the addition of devices such as kites, contikis, balloons etc not permitted.

6 Weigh In: As per Open Competition.

7 Prizes/Prize Giving: Registration bands must be worn as per Open Competition rules. Competitors registered in the landbase competition are **not** eligible for the spot prizes, or in the event of cancelled days, the drawn prizes in the Open Competition. They will however, be eligible for the prizes allocated to the landbase competition. Prizes will be awarded by a points system.

One fish of each species can be weighed in with no limit to the species, and all fish weighed must comply with MPI regulations or be at least 150mm long.

50 points will be awarded for each species weighed in, with the weight of the fish added to the species points.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded each day with a further 1st, 2nd and 3rd awarded for overall winners. These rules are to be read in conjunction with the Open Competition Rules.