

Rules and Bylaws of the



SPORTS FISHING CLUB INC

2020 – 2021

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General

This edition and any rule changes within, of the Ngawi Sports Fishing Club's Rules and Bylaws, will surpass any previous publication.

The Club's financial year is from 1 July to 30 June in any given year thus being the Club's membership period.

Membership fees are set at the AGM.

Fishing Guide Lines

These basic guide lines rely on the honesty and sportsmanship of all members and their respect for sports fishing and game fishing ethics.

IGFA rules apply at all times unless stated.

Sport Fishing for the Club will include bottom fishing.

1. All fish must be hooked, fought and landed on a rod and reel as defined by IGFA regulations.
2. All fish must be hooked, fought and landed by one angler. No other person may touch the tackle except the trace at landing the fish.
3. All fish must be weighed on Club authorised [certified] scales, manned by an agreed club weighmaster. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that their catch is weighed and recorded correctly on a completed club weigh docket.
4. All species landed and taken must be legal as specified in MFish rules and regulations.
5. It is at the discretion of the Angler to bleed or gill fish that are to be weighed. All angling is conducted at the members own risk.

Tractors

Fees are set yearly at the AGM. Upon payment, a tractor sticker will be issued and is to be adhered to the boat trailer as high as possible on the front left hand side. [This also becomes a safety factor as we will have a record of the boat owner if the trailer is still on the beach after dark]

1. **It is the Skipper's responsibility to ensure the driver of the tractor can drive the tractor competently.**
2. Fees are payable before tractor is used.
3. All members must be financial at time of using the tractor.
4. Tractor membership is to be purchased for a named boat and is not transferable to any other boat unless permission has been sought and granted by the committee.
5. One person on the boat, either the skipper or a crew member, must be a financial member at time of use.
6. The annual fee entitles the purchaser unlimited use of the tractor for the current financial year.
7. The tractor is only to be used for the launching and retrieving of boats from the beach and must not to be taken from this area.

8. All financial members must have a current drivers licence to drive the tractor.
9. All users are to respect other users and ensure that they leave the tractor in the designated area.
10. All trailers are to be **removed** from the tractor immediately after launching or retrieving and returned to the parking area.
11. The Club tractors cannot be used by Commercial operators i.e.: for the launching and/or retrieving of commercial or charter boat operators.
12. The Club tractors are not permitted to be used by any member who is participating in any illegal activity whatsoever.
13. The committee reserves the right to forfeit any members tractor subscription if they do not abide by these tractor rules.

The Ngawi Sports Fishing Club will not be held liable for any accident or damage to property while tractor is in use.

Club Days

1. Club days to be held at committee's discretion and will be advertised by way of club calendar yearly.
2. A fee set by the committee will be payable before leaving the beach.
3. Tractor drivers will be organised to launch entrants between 7.00 - 9.00am [except in May/June when it will be 8 -10am] and to retrieve between 2 – 3.45pm. Outside these times, entrants will need to organise their own launching and retrieving.
4. Weigh in will be between 3 - 4pm unless otherwise advised on the day.
5. Presentation and food will be at 5.30pm on the scheduled day of fishing or at the Committee discretion.
6. If cancelled, notification will be over the VHF radio on Channels 4 and 6 between 6.45 and 7.00am on the morning of the competition.
7. If the Club Day is cancelled prize money will jackpot to the next Club Day **BUT** will not be carried over to the next financial year.

Skippers and crew have the option of getting text messages. **You need to register every year as the phone is cleared of phone numbers from year to year.**

To register phone or text 027 NGAWI FC [0276429432]

Club Trophies

Dye Family Trophy	Top Junior Angler
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. These points are for all fish caught during the year.	
Skeet Trophy	Highest Junior Points at Club Days
Points as per above trophy but to included Club Days only.	
Neil Smith Memorial Trophy	Heaviest Blue Cod caught by a Junior
Godfrey Wilson Trophy	Heaviest Terakihi
Bart Venema Trophy	Heaviest Trumpeter
Ngawi Sports Fishing Club Trophy	Heaviest Blue Cod
Days Transport Trophy	Heaviest Groper
Ngawi Sports Fishing Club Trophy	Heaviest Snapper
Deller Family Trophy	Heaviest Gurnard
Rayner Trophy	Heaviest Tuna - Albacore
Wayne Phelps Trophy	Heaviest Kahawai
Marel International Trophy	Heaviest Kingfish
Pain and Kershaw Ltd Trophy	Heaviest Tuna-Yellow Fin
Ngawi Trawling Company Trophy	Heaviest Marlin
Murray Nix Trophy	Heaviest Shark-Mako
Bunt Hayes Memorial Trophy	Heaviest Scarpi on Club Days
Reece DeMenech Memorial Trophy	Heaviest Groper on Club Days
Shona Zander Trophy	Top Lady on Club Days
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. These points are for all fish caught during the year on Club Days.	
Zander Family Trophy	Top Boat on Club Days
The Top Boat trophy is to be awarded to the boat with the most points from fish caught on club days during the year and is to be calculated as follows: Anglers being 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each species caught will be awarded points of 80, 40 and 20 respectively added to the weight of the fish. These points will accumulate.	
Pirinoa Garage Trophy	Light Tackle 10kg and Under
Duncan Harvey Trophy	Most Meritorious Catch
Rait Family Trophy	Most Meritorious Catch Land Based
Wylie Trophy	Heaviest Gamefish Caught at Ngawi Big 3
Carl Andrews Trophy	Heaviest Game Fish Overall
Hygrade Seafoods Trophy	Heaviest Game Fish in Nationals
Jean Robertson Memorial Trophy	Heaviest Tag and Release Striped Marlin
Top House Tea Gardens Trophy	Highest Number of Points
The Top House Tea Gardens Trophy to be awarded to the highest number of points - calculated as follows: 50 points per species, plus the weight of the heaviest fish of any species caught during the year. The species fished will be those that have trophies allocated.	
Ngawi Sports Fishing Club Trophy	Most Meritorious Catch in International Waters

All trophies are to be awarded to fish caught in our area [Honeycombe Rock to Turakirae Point] with the exception of marlin, broadbill and yellowfin tuna which must be caught in New Zealand waters. [Except for the Most Meritorious Catch In International Waters]

Only financial members [at the time of the catch] are eligible for club end of year trophies and prizes.

Skippers or crews of commercial boats may not take part in Ngawi Sports Fishing Club competitions while pursuing their business activities.

Proof of Particular Approval for commercial vessels is required before participating in any club competition.

Life Members

Nominations for Life Members can be forwarded to the committee and then will be accepted by way of a vote by members at the Annual General Meeting.

In the event of more than one nomination, the committee will decide the successful nomination as only one Life Membership can be awarded in any given year.

Life membership entitles the member to free membership for life. It does not give free tractor membership.

Big 3 Rules

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

2 Tournament Office Hours:

Thursday: 12-2pm 5-9pm Friday: 7-11am 5-6pm 8-9pm

Saturday: 7-11am 5-6pm 8-9pm Sunday: 8-11am 2-3pm 6-8pm

Or at committee's discretion. Please note: The tournament office **will** be closed following the closure of weigh in until after prize giving on each day. If fishing is cancelled on the Sunday the office will be closed from 11am until after prize giving.

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; \$30 per toddler 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 an Affiliated Boat Fishing Club. Proof of membership must be produced at registration.

5a. Early Bird Draw – There will be 5x \$100 Early Bird Draws. Entry fee and proof of membership must be received 1 Calendar Month before the Competition starts on the Thursday. You must be present to claim your prize on the Thursday night.

6 Scrutineering: All boats must be scrutinised for safety equipment requirements: e.g. Operational VHF radio, flares, life jacket per person. NB. Flares must have valid use by date. Boats will not be launched without scrutineer's sticker. 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. 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 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 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. If in the event two or more fish weigh the same, the first weighed fish will be declared the winner.
- 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.
- Weigh In:-** Friday and Saturday 2pm-6pm Sunday 1pm-3pm
- 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.
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| Friday 19 & Saturday 20 February | 8.00pm - Daily prizes followed by spot prizes. |
| Sunday 21 February | 5.00pm - Daily prizes followed by, Major prizes, followed by Spot prizes. |
- If fishing day is cancelled on Friday then prize giving will be held at 5.p.m.
 If fishing day is cancelled on Saturday then prize giving will be held at 7.00pm.
 If cancelled Sunday then prize giving will be at 1pm
- 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.

Rules For Toddler Angler Section

Toddler Anglers must be under 6 years of age as at 19 February 2021

E.g. If you have a birthday on the Saturday of the weekend and you will be turning 6 years, then you cannot fish in this section.

Species to fish for: Blue cod, scarp and parrot fish (solider fish)

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

Top Toddler 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 Junior Angler Section

Junior Anglers must be under 16 years of age as at 19 February 2021

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

Species to fish for: Kahawai, blue cod, tarakihi and 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 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 and 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 still 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 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 and 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 still eligible for the top prizes and daily species prizes.

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 and 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.

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 Entry: Entry is \$10.00 per individual angler. All entrants must have a spouse/partner/parent/grandparent registered that belongs to a club. Proof of membership must be produced at registration.

6 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. are not permitted.

7 Weigh In: As per Open Competition.

8 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.

9 Species: No sharks to be caught. One fish of each species can be weighed in with no limit to the species other than sharks. Fisheries rules and regulations apply. No fish will be weighed if it is less than 120mm.

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.

Pukemanu Interclub Rules

Scheduled Days:

One day per month for two months until held

Entries:

\$10.00 per angler.

Total entry money received to be divided by number of species caught and then allocated to 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and paid out to the three anglers with the top weight fish in each species.

Species to fish for:

Blue cod, tarakihi, groper, kahawai, tuna and kingfish.

Hosting club to choose extra species before lines in and the top fish in this named species will receive a one off prize.

This extra species will not be calculated in the points system for the challenge.

Points:

50 points per species, one fish per species, to be awarded to angler with weight of fish added to points.

The club with the lowest number anglers entered is the team for the Pukemanu/Ngawi Challenge (both teams have the same amount of anglers). Points of all anglers fishing for each club to be added together, and then divided by the number of anglers in the team for each club. The club with the highest average is declared the winner.

Trophy:

Winning club is to engrave trophy before the next challenge.

Launching:

All boats are to be launched from Ngawi Bay.

Food:

Each club is to provide and serve food on alternate years.

Tractors:

Launching will be between 7.30 -9.30am and retrieving between 2-4pm.

Tractor duties to be shared, either one from each club morning and afternoon or two from one club in the morning and two from the other club in the afternoon. To be organised before the challenge.

Registration:

Ngawi club is to organise.

Weighing:

Ngawi club is to organise.

Point's calculations: Donna and Liz will do this duty together.

Important Notice: The rules and bylaws within this booklet may be changed from time to time at the committee's discretion.

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