

Ngawi Big 3 Competition Rules

All Registered Anglers Must Attend Briefing - Thursday Night 9 February 2023 at the Marquee - Beside the Fire Station at 8pm

- 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:	7-10am	3-6pm	8-9pm	
Saturday:	7-10am	3-6pm	8-9pm	Sunday:	8-10am	1-3pm	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 any given time.
- 5 Entry:** Entry fee is \$90/open angler; \$30/junior angler; \$30/toddler angler. Entry fee must be paid in full prior to fishing. Entries may be limited at the discretion of the committee. Entry fee is NON refundable and NON transferrable. All entrants must belong to NSFC or an affiliated boat fishing club. Proof of membership may be requested at registration.
- 5a. Early Bird Draw** – There will be 5x \$100 Early Bird Draws at Thursday Briefing. Eligible entries must be received and paid in full 1 calendar month prior to competition briefing. Winners must be present to claim the prize. Early Birds are only available to Open competition anglers.
- 6 Scrutineering:** All boats must be scrutineered for safety equipment, e.g., operational VHF radio, flares, life jackets, spare rope, anchor. NB flares must be current, life jackets 1 per person. Boats will not be launched without a scrutineer's sticker. Commercial boats must provide the Particular Approval from the MPI to be able to participate in recreational fishing.
- 7 Boat Classes:** 5m and under, over 5m. 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 to launching and retrieving of boats from Ngawi Bay. All boats must launch from and retrieve at 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 tractor team. The committee may allow beaching elsewhere if safety concerns arise. Committee's decision is final.
- 9 Fishing Tackle:** All fishing will be with rod and reel or hand line only. Long lines/buoy lines/nets or any other such equipment shall not be present on any competing boat. Organisers reserve the right to inspect any boat or tackle at any time during the competition to ensure compliance. Any deviation from this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the boat and all associated anglers. Maximum line weight is 60kg. IGFA rules apply to Billfish, Tuna and Kingfish.
- 10 Landing/Presenting Fish:** Landing or presenting a fish to the weigh station that does not comply with MPI regulations will result in immediate disqualification of the angler and all other anglers from the same boat for the duration of the BIG 3. The person presenting the fish must be the person who caught it and brought it to the gaff or net unassisted. In the event two or more fish weigh the same, the first weighed fish will be declared the winner.
- 11 Weigh-In:** One fish per species per angler can be weighed in per day.
Weigh In Times: Friday and Saturday 2-6pm Sunday 1-3pm
These times may change at the discretion of the Committee.
- 12 Skipper's Responsibility:** It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure all anglers on the boat are registered for the tournament and that all fish taken and presented comply with MPI regulations. A breach of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the boat and all anglers for the duration of the Big 3.
- 13 Changing of Boats:** The committee must be notified when an angler changes boats prior to launching.
- 14 Prizes/Prize Giving:** Registration bands must be worn on the wrist/ankle at prize giving when claiming prizes. Bands are not transferable. 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 drawn prizes. In the event there is no fishing over 3 days cash prizes will not be drawn and remain the property of Ngawi Sports Fishing Club.
Prize Giving Times:

Fri and Sat	8pm - Daily prizes followed by spot prize draws
Sun	5pm - Daily prizes followed by major prizes followed by spot prize draws

If fishing is cancelled on Friday prize giving will be held at 5pm
If fishing is cancelled on Saturday prize giving will be held at 7pm
If fishing is cancelled on Sunday prize giving will be at 1pm
- 15 Marquee:** Only sponsored products purchased from the bar are to be consumed in and around the marquee. A breach of this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the competition and all prizes forfeited.

Rules For Toddler Angler Section

Toddler anglers must be under 6 years old as of 12 February 2023

Species: blue cod, scarpi and parrot fish (soldier fish) - 1 fish per species per angler per day

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

Top Toddler Angler Points: 50 points per species plus the weight of the fish. Points are accumulated over the course of the competition for the overall winner.

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

Rules For Junior Angler Section

Junior anglers must be under 16 years old as of 12 Feb 2023. Juniors over 13 years old may elect to fish in the Open section paying Open entry fee (\$90) - fish weighed as a Junior in the Open section during the Big 3 will not be eligible for Junior Trophies at the end of the season.

Species: blue cod, kahawai, tarakihi and gurnard - 1 fish per species per angler per day

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

Top Junior Angler Points: 50 points per species plus the weight of the fish. Points are accumulated over the course of the competition for the overall winner.

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

Rules For Lady Angler Section

Ladies wishing to fish in this section must state this on entry. There is no additional fee to enter Lady Angler.

Species: blue cod, kahawai, tarakihi, gurnard, groper, snapper, trumpeter, tuna, kingfish, billfish - 1 fish per species per angler per day

Top Lady Angler Points: 50 points per species plus the weight of the fish. Points are accumulated over the course of the competition for the overall winner.

Rules for Boat 5m and Under

All anglers on the boat must be registered

Species: blue cod, kahawai, tarakihi, gurnard, groper, snapper, trumpeter, tuna, kingfish, billfish - 1 fish per species per angler per day

Top Boat Points: 50 points per species plus the weight of the fish. Points are accumulated over the course of the competition for the overall winner.

Fish weighed in this section are eligible for all other prizes

Rules for Boat Over 5m

All anglers on the boat must be registered

Species: blue cod, kahawai, tarakihi, gurnard, groper, snapper, trumpeter, tuna, kingfish, billfish - 1 fish per species per angler per day

Top Boat Points: 50 points per species plus the weight of the fish. Points are accumulated over the course of the competition for the overall winner.

Fish weighed in this section are eligible for all other prizes

Landbase Competition Rules

Entry: Only spouses/partners and children/grandchildren of registered Big 3 competitors are permitted to fish in the Landbase Competition. If you have entered Big 3 you cannot enter the Landbase Competition.

YOU CANNOT ENTER BOTH COMPETITIONS

- 1. Registration and Entry Fee:** Landbase competitors must enter on the appropriate form at the **same time** as their spouse/partner registers in the Big 3. Entry fee is \$10 per person
- 2. Competition Area Limits:** Between Hamenga Point and Little Mangatoetoe Stream - No fishing permitted in Ngawi Bay.
- 3. Fishing Times:** As per Big 3 competition - if Big 3 is cancelled there will be no Landbase Competition.
- 4. Fishing Tackle:** All fishing will be with rod and reel or handline only. Rule 9 of the Open Competition applies including devices such as kontiki, kite and balloons etc.
- 5. Weigh In:** As per Big 3 competition
- 6. Prizes/Prize Giving:** Times as per Big 3 competition. Landbase competitors are not eligible for any Big 3 prizes - prizes are allocated for the Landbase section.
- 7. Species:** no limit on species except for sharks - NO SHARKS. All fish presented to weigh in must comply with MPI regulations and must be a minimum of 120mm.

Prizes will be awarded on a points system - 50 points per species plus the weight of the fish.

Daily prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd plus overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.