

RULES AND BYLAWS OF THE

Ngawi



SPORTS FISHING CLUB INC.

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Weighmasters: information at weigh station

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

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 Guidelines

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

IGFA rules always apply 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 MPI rules and regulations.
 - a. Landing or presentation of fish to the weigh station that does not comply with MPI rules and regulations may result in immediate disqualification of the angler and all other anglers from the same boat for that competition or club day. Anglers repeating the offence will forfeit the club membership and will be banned from entering any club competition (including Big 3) for the current season.
 - b. Only fish meeting the criteria of NSFC will be weighed and recorded on club and competition days.
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 member's 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 do so competently.**
2. Fees are payable before the tractor is used.
3. All members must be financial members 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 be taken from this area.
8. All financial members must have a current driver's 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 member's 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 the 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 8.00 – 10.00am) and to retrieve between 2.00 – 3.45pm. Outside these times, entrants will need to organise their own launching and retrieving.
4. Weigh in will be between 3.00 – 4.00pm 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 (027 642 9432)

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 include Club Days only.	
Neil Smith Memorial Trophy	Heaviest Blue Cod caught by a Junior
Godfrey Wilson Trophy	Heaviest Tarakihi
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.	
Allen Family Trophy	Top Toddler Angler at Big 3
Each angle gets a bonus of 50 points per species caught per day. The weight of the fish is added to the species points. The points are for fish caught at the Big 3	
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 Game Fish 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 [Honeycomb Rock to Turakirae Point] except for 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: 7-10am, 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.
 - a. Early Bird Draws:** 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 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 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 shall 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. Recreational outriggers can be used with a rod and reel. Any commercial fishing equipment may not be used during the Big 3 competition i.e. long lines/buoy lines/nets/tuna poles or other such equipment shall not be present on any commercial / recreational or 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/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 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 these rules 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 the 3 days cash prizes will not be drawn and remain the property of the Ngawi Sports Fishing Club.
- Prize Giving Times:**
Fri and Sat 8pm – Daily prizes followed by spot prizes 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 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 as of Sunday of the Big 3 competition.

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 Section

Junior anglers must be under 16 years as of Sunday of the Big 3 competition. 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 with the exception of 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.

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 of anglers entered is the team for the Pukemanu/Ngawi Challenge (both teams have the same number 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 the 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 - 3.45pm.

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.

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