



## **RULES FOR CLUB PINS, POINTS, RECORDS AND TROPHIES**

### **For the 2017-2018 Season**

1. The season opens on 1 July and ends on 30 June.
2. Eligibility: Only full financial members of the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club are eligible for Club Pins, Points, Records and Trophies.
3. Fishing Area: (Inside & outside Chart 54). Only fish caught within the TSFC stated fishing area shall qualify for Club Pins, Points, Records and Trophies. The area is all water encompassed in the Hydrographic Modified Chart NZ54 - Cuvier Island to East Cape, line north of Lottin Point northwards as per Sponsors Grid Chart. Fish caught outside Chart NZ54 within NZ Territorial waters only qualify for trophies that relate to outside Chart NZ54.
4. Weigh station: The recognised weigh stations are the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club Clubrooms at Sulphur Point, and all NZSFC affiliated clubs in the Bay of Plenty / Coromandel region.
5. Catch cards: A Tauranga Sport 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. For live or dead bait fishing the Club accepts J and offset hooks for pins points and Club records.

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 following fish must equal or exceed the breaking strain of the line and meet the following minimum weights/length:

<b>Marlin</b>	<b>90kg</b>	<b>Broadbill</b>	<b>Must exceed line weight</b>
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**Tuna 15kg Y/T Kingfish 1 meter**

To qualify for pins and trophies, the following 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**

IGFA Braid Top-shot rule applies for pins points and trophies. BRAID line under 15kg used in a capture of a fish must be recorded as 15kg. And every line class above 15kg rounded up one line class from here. (i.e. 15kg recorded as 24kg, 24kg as 37kg and 37kg as 60kg). Braid rated higher than 37kg will not be recognized for Club pins or points.

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:

**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 TSFC catch cards must be accompanied by a photograph/video clearly showing the tag in the fish. A tag and release fish is recognized by the TSFC 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).

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 (i.e. 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. Only monofilament can claim Club records or adhering to the IGFA Top-shot rule. The minimum accepted 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 Shortbilled Spearfish 150 points**

**Shark 100 points Tuna (Yellowfin, Big Eye, Bluefin) 150 points**

**Mahi Mahi 50 points Y/T Kingfish (over 1 meter) 50 points**

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**

### **For the 2017-2018 Fishing Season**

- Headquarters** Headquarters for each contest will be the Sulphur Point Clubrooms. Tournament communications will be through VHF Channel 3 or Coastguard VHF Channel 66.
- Eligibility** All anglers must be current financial members of the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club or other NZSFC 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 Modified Chart number NZ54 - Cuvier Island to East Cape. Line north of Lottin Point northwards as per Sponsors Grid Chart.
- Entries** Entry forms accompanied by contest fees must be received by the TSFC Office, Sulphur Point by the time specified on the entry form. Entries will be accepted by direct debit or on our website at [www.tsfc.co.nz](http://www.tsfc.co.nz) up until the day prior to the event. After this time, entries will only be accepted at the Club. Contest starting dates and times will be detailed on the entry form for each contest.
- Teams** Anglers may fish tournaments as individuals including fishing from PWCs and kayaks as long as they have communications with Coastguard Channel 01 or a support vessel. 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 in writing 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 24 hours 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 TSFC 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 TSFC Catch Cards will be used and must be completed by the time of the weigh in.

**Minimum Fish Weights** The minimum weights for fish in all sponsored tournaments unless otherwise stated on the tournament entry form are:

Billfish	90kg
Tuna	15kg
Albacore	7kg
Skipjack	5kg
Mahimahi	4kg
Kingfish	1 meter
S/B Spearfish	10kg
Snapper	2kg
Broadbill	must exceed line weight

**Line Breaking Strain** The maximum line breaking strain used shall be 60kg.  
Braid: Braid may be used in tournaments. If the events are line class events, then the top-shot rule applies.

**Disputes** The TSFC 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.

**Weighmasters** Any authorized weighmaster may weigh fish.

**General** The above Rules of the Tauranga Sport 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 TSFC are eligible for Club Records, Pins and Trophies providing the fish has been caught in accordance with the TSFC 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”.  
Rule changes may be implemented prior to the start of the event for any reason and will be communicated clearly at briefing.