

# MEASURE AND RELEASE RULES 2019

## LONGEST KINGFISH & SNAPPER Measure and RELEASE categories

*The fish must swim away and be returned in good condition for an entry to be eligible.*

### LENGTH PHOTO REQUIREMENTS;

#### A. MEASURING REQUIREMENTS

1. Fish must be measured using a IGFA, NZ Fishing Competition, Decoro or Top Catch measure board. Measure boards should be used on a flat surface. No other measures accepted unless checked with Tournament Convener.
2. The fish's snout must be touching the nose stop with the mouth closed and free of lures or lifting devices.
3. With the fish lying on top of the measuring device, measurements will be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout with the mouth closed to the rear centre edge of the tail.
4. All measurements will be made in 0.5 centimetres increments.
5. Fish that measure between increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 45 and 45.5 centimetres will have a recorded length of 45 centimetres. This is determined by the last line that falls inside of the fork in the tail. A fork length "on the line" will mean again the lower of the two increments.

#### B. PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS

All measured and released fish require photographic evidence clearly showing the fish on a TSFC approved measure board. Photographs included with applications must contain the following information.

1. The full length of the fish on the measuring device clearly showing the position of the mouth and tail. The fish may be held in position, but must be done in a manner that does not obscure the view of the fish on the tape.
2. A close up showing the position of the fish's nose and tail on the measuring device.
3. **Every fish must have the angler number included in the picture (placed on the fish)** Angler numbers are issued at registration and will be your Angler Number.
4. If in doubt take extra photographs, or even GoPro footage to authenticate.
5. All photographs must be digital and recorded on SD or CF cards or be able to be emailed from cell phones so that resolution is clear (when zoomed in) Please bring in USB lead to the camera for any other format. Photos can be emailed to [office@tsfc.co.nz](mailto:office@tsfc.co.nz) or [roly@tsfc.co.nz](mailto:roly@tsfc.co.nz) and must be high enough resolution to clearly see measure.
6. All entries must be submitted on a TSFC catch card and presented to the weigh station Saturday. Angler complete with catch card, measure board and photographic proof must be at the weigh station by final weigh in time.

**Any doubt as to the authenticity or accuracy of the measured fish will result in disqualification.**

