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# BLUEFIN TUNA BUST-UP!

## TOURNAMENT GUIDE



**TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB**  
**BLUEFIN BUST-UP 2023 - TOURNAMENT GUIDE**

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**ELIGIBILITY** - Anglers may fish this tournament as individuals. Each team member must be a current financial member of the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club (Inc.) or a club affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council.

**CONTEST FEES** - ADULT \$80.00 per angler. JUNIOR \$30.00 per angler

**REGISTRATION** - Anglers may enter the tournament at any time but must have their entry fee paid 12 hours prior to going fishing.

**RANDOM ACCESS RULE** - Boats may launch / depart from any port but may only fish inside the sponsor's grid for the duration of the event.

**FISHING AREA** - Chart NZ54 Modified. (All of Chart 54 west of a line drawn due North from Lottin Point – i.e the sponsors grid map attached.)

**FISHING TIMES** - Start Fishing: From 0600hrs (6.00am) Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 continuous until 1500hrs (3pm) Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Final weigh in time is: 1500hrs (3pm). All fish and catch cards must be at the weigh station by final weigh in time 1500hrs (3pm) No exceptions.

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** - Tournament communications will be through VHF Ch03 & Ch05. Monitored radio hours on Ch03 & Ch05 are between 07:00 – 20:00hrs (7am-8pm)

Please call-in hook-ups and results of hook-ups on **Ch03 & Ch05** to arrange for a weigh master to be available during one of the prescribed weigh in times.

If outside of VHF range, phone in to TSFC Office **(07) 578 6203**

**WEIGH-IN** - All fish must be weighed at the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club. Please ensure Catch Cards are filled out before fish are presented to the weigh station. Catch cards are available in the Clubrooms. Weigh station hours are daily from 0700-0800hrs (7:00am-8:00am) and 1700-1800hrs (5:00pm-6:00pm) except for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July where final weigh in time is 1200hrs-1500hrs (12:00pm - 3:00pm) (No exceptions). **You must contact the club to organise a weigh master to be at the weigh station during one of the prescribed weigh in times.**

Anglers must present the completed catch card and fish at the TSFC weigh station along with all tackle, including gaff, with which the fish was caught. The Club has the right to retain any fish for further analysis if required. All must fish be in good condition when presented at the weigh station. (take plenty of ice) The fish must be presented in a fresh, not frozen condition. The weigh master will be the sole judge of the fish condition. Fish may only be weighed from the vessel it was caught on. **FISH MAY BE BLED and GUTTED – THIS WILL NOT DISQUALIFY YOUR CATCH.**

**IGFA RULES AND REGULATIONS** - Any matters not specifically covered in the tournament guide - IGFA Rules and Regulations OR Regulations for the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club Sponsored Tournaments will apply.

**TACKLE** - All tackle must be in accordance with IGFA Rules and Regulations but shall not exceed 60kg.

**TAG & RELEASE** - All tags require photo/video evidence clearly showing the tag in the fish. Cameras recording tagged and released fish must be presented to the weigh master by final weigh in time. Along with the tag card, completed catch card and all tackle with which the fish was caught.

**SPECIES (MINIMUM WEIGHTS)**

Albacore Tuna 7 kg

Wreckfish (Hapuku, Bass, Bluenose) No Minimum

BlueFin Tuna 15kgs

Only TWO Southern BlueFin Tuna may be weighed per angler for the duration, no catch limits for other species.

Due to MPI regulations there is a bag limit of 1 Southern Bluefin Tuna per person, per day.

**WEEKLY LUCKY DRAW** - A Weekly Angler will be drawn at 6.45PM on each Thursday during the tournament. The winners will be notified via Facebook and TSFC website.

**MAJOR PRIZE GIVING** - The major prize giving will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - 1830hrs (6:30pm) Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners as follows, with only one prize package awarded per fish. To receive the CD Tournament Pitch Bait rod and a Penn Authority 10500 Spin Reel the angler must be present at the prizegiving, in the event that they are not present it will be given to the next closest average weight Southern Bluefin Tuna.

**Major Fish Prizes:**

Average Weight Bluefin Tuna

1-5<sup>th</sup> Heaviest Bluefin Tuna

1-2<sup>nd</sup> Heaviest Albacore Tuna

1-2<sup>nd</sup> Heaviest Wreckfish (Hapuka | Bass | Bluenose)

1<sup>st</sup> Heaviest Bluefin Tuna (Junior)

1<sup>st</sup> Heaviest Albacore Tuna (Junior)

1<sup>st</sup> Heaviest Wreckfish (Hapuka | Bass | Bluenose) (Junior)

Most Tagged and Release Bluefin Tuna Per Boat

In the event of prizes not being won by qualifying fish they will be drawn. Anglers must be present at the final prize giving to receive their prize otherwise it will be redrawn until won. The distribution of prizes within your team is the team's responsibility. Anglers must enter and fish at least one day of the tournament and be present at prize giving to be eligible for drawn prizes.



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