



## Stoney Creek One Base 2026 Rules

## ESSENTIAL INFO

**Registration** – Opens at 1300hrs (1pm) on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and is located at the TSFC Club rooms. Team angler numbers and shirts may be collected from this time.

**Briefing Check In** – With the One Base reception team in the Club between 1700-1830hrs (5:00-6:30pm) to record your attendance. **(Attendance is compulsory).**

**Skippers Pot** – This year we will be running three skippers pot, one with a buy in of \$1000 the other with a buy in of \$250 for Weighed / Tag and Release Billfish, and a \$150 Snapper Kingfish Skippers Pot.

**Briefing** – 1830hrs (6:30pm) Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club.

**Fishing Times** – *Start fishing 7:30am Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February continuous until 3:00pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February. No boat in the tournament may depart Tauranga before 7:30am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. All teams traveling by road to another port must check in to the Club with the entire team from 6:30am for departure no earlier than 7:30am. – THE 2026 'SHOTGUN START' WILL BE FROM MT MAUNGANUI MAIN BEACH. ALL ELIGIBLE BOATS TO FALL IN LINE BEHIND THE MARKER BOATS UNTIL THE SHOTGUN SOUNDS, STONEY CREEK FLAG BOATS WILL IDENTIFY THE LINE TRAILER BOATS OVER 6M TO LINE UP AT THE WESTERN END **BOATS 6M AND UNDER ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOTGUN START. They may leave the entrance after the launches shot gun start.***

### **Weigh Station** –

Open Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 5:00pm to 8:00pm;

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00am to 10:00am and 5:00pm to 8:00pm;

Saturday final weigh in time is 3:00pm (No exceptions).

**Major Prize Giving** – 7:00pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**Communications** - All communications through **Game Base VHF Ch03 & 05** broadcast monitored from 07:00 – 19:00hrs from the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club. Remember to radio all 'hook ups' (except Snapper and Kingfish) and acknowledge whether the fish is landed, tagged or lost. Daily scheduled round-ups will be at **0800 & 1600hrs**

**EMERGENCY** – Tauranga Coast Guard **VHF Ch01 or Ch16**      **Club Phone** – (07) 578 6203

**\*Remember to keep your angler and team numbers on hand at all times\***

### **Minimum Fish Weights/Length**

Billfish	90kg	Squid	No Minimum
Broadbill	90 kg	All Tuna	10kg
Shortbill Spearfish	7kg	Mahi Mahi	4kg
M&R Kingfish	minimum is 1m	M&R Snapper	minimum is 45cm

### **CHAMPION BOAT POINTS/SKIPPERS POT POINTS**

Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin & Swordfish - T&R 400 points / Weighed 3 point per kilo (min 90kg)

Shortbilled Spearfish - T&R 150 points / Weighed 3 point per kilo (min 7kg)

**TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB**  
**STONEY CREEK ONE BASE 2026 - TOURNAMENT GUIDE**

**The Tauranga Sport Fishing Club's annual One Base Fishing Tournament held at Sulphur Point is the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this prestigious Sport Fishing Tournament and also a major event on Tauranga City's Calendar.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Operations Manager - Lizz Parsons  
Bar Duty Manager – Pani Te Haara  
Weighmaster –  
Sea Dog Bistro

Convener – Nick Shearman  
VHF Operator – Deryk Nielsen & Alex Radford  
Administrator – Lisa Stroeven

One Base Committee – Doug Stewart, Nick Sheehan, Nick Shearman, Alex Radford, Phil Eynon, Doug Roberts, Tara Hedgman

**HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN**

Please be advised the One Base Tournament now has a Health and Safety policy. A hard copy will be available from the Club or also available on-line at [www.tsfc.co.nz](http://www.tsfc.co.nz). \*Reminder: The skipper of the boat is always responsible for ensuring the area, weather and sea conditions are satisfactory for the safe use of the craft they are using.

**TOURNAMENT RULES ELIGIBILITY**

Anglers may fish this tournament as individuals, including fishing from PWC or Kayaks as long as they have VHF communications with Club on VHF Channel 03 & 05. The team captain must enter and participate in the tournament. 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. If visiting anglers cannot produce current membership cards, their membership will be checked through the secretary of their club. Failure to be a financial member of an affiliated club will result in disqualification from the contest. Team Captains are responsible for this. Day membership to the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club (Inc.) of \$20 per day will be accepted.

**PRIORITY ENTRY**

A team may stand down for one year so long as they inform the One Base Committee in writing. A team that stands down two years in a row or fails to inform the One Base Committee in writing of their wish to stand down will be out the following year. A team cannot pay for an entry to retain their position for the following year. If a team captain is standing down, they cannot fish on another boat for that One Base unless they are willing to give up their Priority Entry. The priority entry rights belong solely to the team captain and not the boat. The team captains' entry is non-transferable. Angler numbers are assigned in order of payment made to the club. An angler is not considered entered into the One Base until payment is received.

**WAITLIST**

Teams who fish the 2025 One Base on the Priority List have first right of entry into the 2026 One Base. In some instances new teams from the waitlist, are offered a provisional 'stand in' position replacing teams on a one year 'stand down'. After this time they will retain their position on the waiting list or gain priority entry. Priority of entry off the waitlist is firstly to teams who were a stand in for the previous year and finally teams who have put themselves forward to the

waitlist, all in order of date the One Base committee was informed. From 1 Feb 2025 remaining available entries will be offered firstly to those entrants on the waiting list and then on a first come first serve basis until the limit of 140 teams is reached.

## **REGISTRATION**

The team captain or a nominated member of the team must register for the tournament and sign an acknowledgement that he/she has read and accepts the rules for the One Base Tournament. A starter pack will be issued to each team. Registration opens at **1300hrs** (1pm) on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026** and is located in the TSFC Clubrooms. At any time during the tournament if an angler wishes to change teams they must seek the approval of the Tournament Convenor.

**CUT-OFF TIMES** Early Bird: Only entries fully paid by midnight on **31<sup>st</sup> December 2025** are eligible for the early bird prize draw which will be drawn on briefing night.

**Final Changes: Any Anglers that enter after the 10<sup>th</sup> of February will not be guaranteed a Shirt or be eligible for any spot prizes. NO REFUNDS will be available after the 10<sup>th</sup> of February without approval of the One Base Committee, requests must be submitted in writing and emailed to [manager@tsfc.co.nz](mailto:manager@tsfc.co.nz).**

## **BRIEFING**

Attendance at the briefing is compulsory for the team captain or their representative. Briefing will be held in the Club and commences at **1830hrs** (6:30pm) on **Tuesday, 25th February 2026**. Please **check-in** with the One Base Reception staff in the Club on Tuesday between 1700 – 1830hrs (5pm – 6:30pm), who will record your attendance.

## **RANDOM ACCESS RULE**

For the purpose of small craft safety, boats are able to be launched from other ramps and depart from other ports inside Chart 54 modified (sponsors grid) for the duration of the event. Teams choosing to utilise this rule must 'check in' with the boat and entire team present at the TSFC on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 between 0630hrs and 0730hrs. These teams may depart the TSFC no earlier than 0730hrs (start time). Where boats (trailer or launches) permanently reside outside of the Tauranga area, dispensation can be applied for to the Committee to leave boats in their home port. This must be done before **22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025**. In these cases the team is still required to 'check in' as above. No boat in the tournament may depart Tauranga before 0730hrs (7:30am) on Wednesday 26th February and may then fish continuously until 1500hrs (3pm) on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## **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.

## **CANCELLED FISHING DAYS**

In the event that any day's fishing is cancelled due to bad weather or any other unforeseen event or circumstance, notification will be via Club Channel 03 & 05. The Club will also notify the following Coastguards: Whitianga (Ch63), Whangamata (Ch04), Whakatane (Ch18) and Waihou Bay (Ch65). Any vessels outside of Ch03 coverage should make contact with one of the above Coastguards. Tournament Committee will make the decision to cancel any days fishing no later than 0700hrs (7:00am) on the day, but will endeavour to communicate their 'intention' at 1900hrs (7:00pm) on the day prior. In the event that only a part of the fishing area is deemed "Bad Weather" & the other areas are fishable, then that specific area only will be cancelled for that days fishing. (Example- North of the Aldermans). All skippers will receive a text message regarding possible and cancelled fishing areas/days.

## **STAY AWAY**

All vessels must notify Tournament Base of their intention to stay away and also their intended overnight location at 16:00hrs (4pm) roundup or prior to going out of radio range each day. Prior to leaving VHF CH03 & 05 coverage boats are to radio CH03 or 05 and then establish communications with the relevant Coastguards: Whitianga (Ch63), Whangamata (Ch04), Whakatane (Ch18) and Waihou Bay (Ch65). Inform the above that they are fishing the TSFC One Base and advise their intended overnight location.

## **FISHING TIMES**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026** Start Fishing: From **0730hrs** (7:30am) continuous until **1500hrs** (3pm) **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026** Final weigh in time: **1500hrs** (3pm).

All fish and catch cards must be at the weigh station by final weigh in time 1500hrs (3pm) No exceptions.

## **HOOK-UPS**

All hook-ups (except snapper, kingfish and squid) must be radioed to the Tournament Base on CH03 or 05. The result of hook-ups are also to be radioed to base immediately, acknowledging whether the fish is landed, tagged or lost. Failure to report all hook-ups (less snapper/kingfish and squid) including the sponsors grid square in which the hook-up took place could result in the fish being disqualified. Report Boat Name – Species – Angler Name – Sponsors Grid Map Location **RADIOS** All boats must be equipped with a **VHF RADIO IN GOOD WORKING ORDER** and be in radio contact with Tournament Base on VHF Ch3 & Ch5.

## **COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

Cell phones or similar type devices may be used if outside VHF range. All ONE BASE Tournament communications will be through **Ch03 & 05**. Monitored radio hours on Ch03 & 05 are between **07:00 – 19:00hrs** (7am-7pm) All hook-ups and results of hook-ups along with roundups and lucky draws will be on **Ch03 or 05** or via the Facebook Event which will be managed through the Club. "Our Fishing Channels Ch03 & 05" have been brought to you from the generous sponsorship of our members and corporate sponsors. Please use it in a polite,

courtesy and professional manner. We record and monitor these channel and any miss-use will be taken seriously by the Committee and may lead to disciplinary action.

### **ROUND-UPS**

Daily scheduled round-ups will be at **0800 & 1600hrs (8:00am & 4:00pm)** Please let us know what your plans are for the day and where you intend to spend the night. Daily weigh master round-ups will be at **1800hrs (6pm)** Please notify Tauranga Game Base if you are leaving VHF CH3 or CH5 Coverage so we can exclude you from the schedule. Please call us on your return into the coverage area. This is considered north of the Alderman Islands and East of White Island. (Weather conditions may affect this range.)

### **TEAM AND ANGLER NUMBERS**

Have your team and angler numbers on hand at all times while fishing so you can quote it along with your boat name when making radio contact and for lucky draws. Anglers are required to have these numbers on hand in the Club for the purpose of ID and lucky draws.

### **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. (Refer to the Yearbooks in your starter packs)**

### **TACKLE**

All tackle must be in accordance with IGFA Rules and Regulations but shall not exceed 60kg.  
**IGFA Braid Top-shot rule applies for pins points and trophies.**

### **WEIGH-INS**

#### **Weigh Station –**

Open Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 5:00pm to 8:00pm;

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7:00am to 10:00am and 5:00pm to 8:00pm; **you must** inform Game Base of your intended ETA Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February final weigh in time is 3:00pm (No exceptions).

Marlin & Swordfish caught on any day must be presented to the weigh station no later than, the close of weigh station the following day.

All other species do not have to be presented within 24 hours however they must be in good condition. Fish caught on a **trailer boat** away from Tauranga may be brought to the weigh station by sea or road and must be accompanied by the **entire team and all equipment used in the capture excluding the boat.**

Please use the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club catch cards only. All details are to be clearly entered and the card passed to the weigh person immediately upon arrival at the weigh station. Date of Birth must be included on the catch card to be eligible for the 'Youngest' and 'Oldest' angler prizes.

The angler must present all tackle, including gaff or tag pole, with which the fish was caught. The Club has the right to retain any fish for further analysis if required. Once the catch card has been presented to the weigh master, it cannot be withdrawn.

Fish must be presented to the weigh station in a fresh but 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. The TSFC will do a nightly fish catch report via VHF03/05 at **1800hrs**.

## **PROTESTS**

Any protests concerning the validity of any catch or breach of rules, must be filed in writing, signed by and presented in person to the Tournament Convenor or his/her nominated representative by close of weigh station on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026. In case of any protest, the One Base Committee's decision is final. The One Base Committee reserves the right to change or amend the Tournament or its rules at any stage in the interests of public safety or in the best interests of tournament participants.

## **TAG & RELEASE**

All tags require good quality video/photo 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. The Angler, tag card, tag pole, completed catch card and digital camera/phone with original phone, along with all tackle with which the fish was caught must be in the hands of the weighmaster no later than 1500hrs (3:00pm) Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## **2026 New Zealand Sports Fishing Council Nationals**

All anglers are encouraged to also enter the Nationals which runs from the 21<sup>st</sup> of February – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The Nationals can be entered online or in the clubrooms. **Your entry fee does not include entry into the 2026 Nationals.** The rules for the Nationals can be found in the New Zealand Sports Fishing Councils Yearbook. If weighing any Nationals fish during the tournament please be sure to inform the weighmaster/club. This is the anglers responsibility.

## **MEASURE & RELEASE SNAPPER AND KINGFISH**

\*For Sustainability we promote the release of these larger fish, but the angler has the choice to keep the fish for weighing in, mounting or eating purposes.\*

### **A.MEASURING REQUIREMENTS**

1.Fish must be measured using an 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 OneBase 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 centimetres.

5.Fish that measure between ½ centimetres increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 45 and 45.4 centimetres will have a recorded length of 45 centimetres.

**B.PHOTO / VIDEO REQUIREMENTS**All measured and released fish require photo or video evidence clearly showing the fish on a TSFC approved measure board. Photos/Videos 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 One Base Angler Number.

4.If in doubt take extra photographs, or video footage to authenticate.

5.All photographs must be digital. Photos 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. Angler complete with catch card, measure board and photographic proof along with all tackle with which the fish was caught must be at the weigh station by final weigh in time.

7.The original photo must be presented to the weigh station, a screenshot of the time stamp of the photo is required to be emailed to [catch@tsfc.co.nz](mailto:catch@tsfc.co.nz)

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



**SPECIES (MINIMUM WEIGHTS & LENGTHS)**

Billfish	90kg	Broadbill	90 kg
Mahi Mahi	4 kg	Squid	No Minimum
Tuna	10kg	Shortbill Spearfish	7kg

Measure & Release Kingfish minimum is 1m Measure & Release Snapper minimum is 45cm

**NACSAN LUCKY FLOATS**

Keep your eyes peeled! Two lucky floats will be deployed. This buoy will have a flag on it . Notify Tournament Base if you find them and notify game base to receive 1 of 4 Nacsan prizes.

## MAJOR PRIZE GIVING

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 7pm, TSFC Clubrooms

### Major Fish Prizes;

1-3rd Heaviest Billfish (Blue & Black Marlin)  
Mt Smart Marine Trophy (must go to a TSFC Member)

1-3rd Heaviest Striped Marlin

Heaviest Broadbill

1-3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Tuna  
1-3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Mahimahi  
1-3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Shortbill Spearfish

1st Heaviest Squid

1-5th Longest Kingfish (minimum 1 metre)  
1-5th Longest Snapper (minimum 45cm)

**FIRST 5x** Tag & Release Marlin/Swordfish (Choice between part share of Fuel or Gold Reel)  
After the first 5 Tag and Release Marlin/Swordfish a part share of \$5000 Fuel Vouchers.

The Most Senior Angler to catch a Marlin. **(Must have birthdate on catch card)**  
The Youngest Angler to catch an eligible fish. **(Must have birthdate on catch card)**

1-2 Junior Heaviest

1st - 3rd Ladies Heaviest Gamefish  
Salon Sur La Mer Trophy (must go to a TSFC Member)  
If there are not 3 fish weighed from these categories then the longest Kingfish or Snapper will be included. Junior Ladies will be given the option before prizegiving of either the Ladies Section or the Junior section if they catch a fish that qualifies in both. They cannot win a prize for the same fish in both categories.

Best Hard Luck Yarn  
Hard luck yarns need to be with the tournament committee or office by 5pm in writing, before Prizegiving, please include all humorous aspects with details of what happened...the best ones will be read out at prize giving for the crowd to vote by applause

Champion Boat/Skippers Pot – Most Billfish Points (Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin & Swordfish *T&R Marlin/Swordfish 400 points / Weighed 3 point per kilo (min 90kg) Shortbill Spearfish - T&R 150 points / Weighed 3 point per kilo (min 7kg)*  
Skippers Pot - Kingfish/Snapper*The following points system will be allocated per boat, total length of fish combined.-2 Longest Kingfish - 1 point per cm of length-3 Longest Snapper - 1 point per cm of length*

Heaviest Gamefish in the One Base  
Ray Crapp Memorial Trophy (must go to a TSFC Member)

The tournament committee reserves the right to break down prize packages in the event that they are being drawn.