

GARMIN®

# SWORDFISH CHALLENGE

10th May - 9th August 2025

## BRIEFING:

Can enter at any time before  
or during tournament.

## PRIZES:

1st - 3rd Heaviest Swordfish  
Tag & Release Prizes  
Champion Angler (Most Points)  
Champion Boat (Most Points)  
Junior Heaviest Sword (1st tagged if nil weighed)

**\$65  
Entry**

## WEIGH IN:

Refer to tournament guide for weigh in times.  
Final weigh-in 3pm Saturday 9th August.

## POINTS STRUCTURE:

90 Kg Minimum weight  
Tag & Release 100 points  
1 Point per Kg of weighed fish

## PRIZE GIVING:

6:00pm Saturday 9th August  
Live band following prizegiving



Enter online [www.tsfc.co.nz](http://www.tsfc.co.nz)  
or at the clubrooms.

**TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB**  
**Swordfish Challenge 2025 - TOURNAMENT GUIDE**

Operations Manager – Lizz Parsons

Convener – Nick Shearman

Tournament Committee – Nick Sheehan, Brian Grey, Nick Shearman

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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 \$ 5.00 per angler. JUNIOR \$30.00 per angler

**REGISTRATION** - Anglers may enter the tournament at any time but must have their entry fee paid prior to leaving port.

**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) Saturday 10th May 2025 continuous until 1500hrs (3pm) Saturday - 10th August 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.

**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 via arrangement please phone the club to organise a weighmaster, except for Saturday the 9th of August where final weigh in time is 1500hrs (No exceptions).

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.

**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)**

Swordfish 90 kg

**MAJOR PRIZE GIVING** - The major prize giving will be held on Saturday August 18:30hrs (6:30pm , followed by a live band

**Major Fish Prizes;**

1 - 3 Heaviest Swordfish

Tag and Release

Champion Angler most points

Champion Boat most points

Heaviest Sword caught by a Junior Angler (to first tagged by a junior if none weighed)

In the event of a tie Champion Angler Boat Junior, first to catch or all fish to count for points wins. Anglers can fish multiple boats at their discretion.

Champion boat skipper must be entered in the tournament.

In the event a tie the prize will go to the fish caught first. In the event of prizes not being won by qualifying fish in one category they will be drawn from the qualifying fishing from other categories. 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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Plus The Local Plumber will be giving away \$500 cash to the first Angler Entered in the Higher Safe Swordfish Challenge to Tag and Release a Swordfish!!!!

