

# GFCSA 2015-16 Club Fishing Rules



## **CLUB YEARLY TOURNAMENTS, CHALLENGES AND EVENT SCORING**

Only fina

ncial members of the GFC of South Australia, will accumulate anglers score but any financial members of IGFA or a GFAA affiliated club can accumulate points score for GFCSA club members boats throughout the year of Club Events, Challenges and Tournaments.

### **MAJOR TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATIONS:**

All GFC of SA Tournaments are open to any & all affiliated financial members of GFAA, IGFA Entrants must be able to provide proof of their current financial membership to the above affiliations, if so requested.

### **SKIPPER:**

It is the skipper's responsibility to read and understand these rules. If in doubt ask any one of the GFC of SA Tournament committee for clarification. (*President, Weight Recorder, Tournament Director or Clubs Technical Advisor*)

### **RADIO PROTOCOLS:**

During radio sceds, you must give not only your boats name and position, but the number of people on board (POB) and your intended overnight location or intended destination.

### **REQUIREMENT FOR BOATS:**

During the period of any GFC of SA Tournament, Challenge or Club Event held at sea, the sea worthiness of a vessel is the sole responsibility of the owner, skipper and crew, and safety is a prime factor. We ask that you take no unnecessary risks. Vessels that put to sea, do so at their own risk. Adequate and legally approved safety equipment must be carried at all times. The Game Fishing Club of S.A. or any of its members will not be held responsible for any accident or injury during any of its Tournaments, Challenges or Club Events.

### **FISHING EQUIPMENT**

All Fishing Equipment Used Must Comply with GFAA Equipment Rules Refer (To the Latest GFAA Game fishing Journal)

## **RECORDING FORM REQUIREMENT PROCEDURES**

### **Note:-**

- (1) A witness to an angler's capture is required when and where possible. It is important that any witness attesting to the angler's capture be over the age of 18. If or when requested by the club's weight recorder, a signed statutory declaration be provided as proof of the capture and that compliance with GFAA fishing rules were adhered to during and throughout the capture.
- (2) Junior & Small fry members registered solely as junior or a small fry anglers with the Club, or falls under family membership registration as a junior or small fry who is not over the age of 9 and 16 age years and under for a junior, are required to have their captures witnessed by a senior Member of the Club for their recordings to be eligible for club points or trophies.

### **RECORDING FORMS & PROCEDURES**

- (1) All Recording forms must be completed in **Full** and forward to the Club's weight recorder C/O the game fishing club of SA P/O Box 95 Stepney 5069 SA within 14 days of the date of completing the trip in which the fish capture occurred.
- (2) If recording forms received by the club are incomplete, the club's weight recorder will contact you to complete the form. If contact and completion of the form is not achieved within 7 days, the recording form will be deemed invalidated for the clubs yearly point score processing. (*but may still count for state, world or national record claims where applicable*)
- (3) Recording Forms utilized for the claiming of a State or National & World Records have a lodgement deadline of 28 days from the date of capture.
- (4) Contact the Club's Weight Recorder for alternative record form receipt methods or any other information required.

(*Recording Form Books are available from the clubs merchandising officer or recording forms can be down loaded / printed off of the Clubs Web Site.*)  
([www.gamefishsa.com.au](http://www.gamefishsa.com.au))

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## FISHING BOUNDARIES AND TIMES

The boundaries, location and time of year will be chosen by the tournament director to allow the members to pursue specifically nominated species as well as seasonal species.

- (A) Only GFAA recognized species caught or tagged of South Australian Territorial waters during any sanctioned SAGFA Tournament, Event, Club challenge or the clubs fishing year are eligible and accumulative to that Anglers yearly point score within the club. Unless it is a GFC of SA .Specifically listed Fish or Sharks species which has been nominated and sanctioned by the club for Capture or Tag points during a sanctioned SA Tournament, Event, Challenge or Club yearly Fishing calendar, NOTE:- Any GFAA listed species caught/tagged outside south Australian waters maybe eligibly for a club perpetual trophy ( so check on club perpetual trophy Criteria's )
- (B) Any boundaries, dates or criteria for fishing a particular Tournament, Challenge or Event will be distributed to the membership by the GFC of SA Tournament Committee as a yearly fishing Calendar in the clubs news letter "The Pointer" on the Club's Web Site ( [www.gamefishsa.com.au](http://www.gamefishsa.com.au) ) for down loading and viewing or Directly at a briefing venue or by mail prior to the commencement of a fishing Tournament, Challenge or Event
- (C) The starting times will be referred to as the 'Lines In' time and a finishing time will be referred to as 'Lines Out' time. The location of fishing boundaries chosen will be described in terms of 'Landmark Boundaries.

## FISH HANDLING AND TAGGING ETHICS

The Game Fishing Club of S.A. fully supports tagging programs for scientific data collection and the preservation of fish stocks. The club recognizes and fully supports the programs run by the N.S.W. DPI. When tagging a fish the fish must be handled in the water where possible, or be landed with due care by using a net or lipping device where possible and NOT a gaff. Fish should also be handled in such a manner as to ensure its survival and allow it to be released in a good healthy condition.

The weighing of the fish is not totally necessary for the scoring of **Tag points ONLY** within the club but can be measured and an appropriate weight calculated off of a fish length to weight chart that as been approved by the GFCSA club, if claiming a **Tag Capture** the Fish, Shark or Eagle Ray **MUST be WEIGHED** before being tagged & released.

All measuring must be done in a straight flat line & not over the fish Fig (1) or on an official IGFA measuring mat i.e.( brag mat ) as shown fig(2)

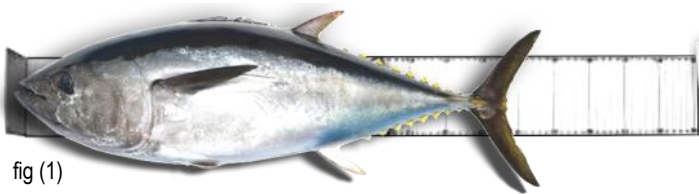
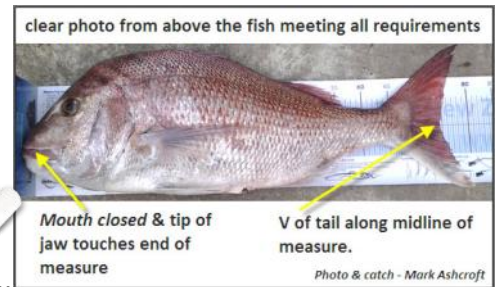


fig (1)



fig (2)



clear photo from above the fish meeting all requirements  
Mouth closed & tip of jaw touches end of measure  
V of tail along midline of measure.  
Photo & catch - Mark Ashcroft

Each angler will be given the appropriate tags required on request from the clubs weight recorder these must be used on the appropriate species and placed in the appropriate position or location (as per Diagram supplied below) The only tags and associated cards issued by the GFC SA and only be used on sanctioned GFC SA species or GFAA Game species listed will be accepted for point scoring

## PLACEMENT AREAS FOR TAGGING SHARKS, EAGLE RAYS AND FISH

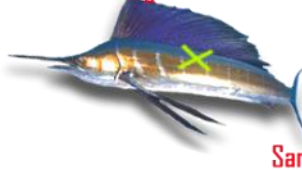
Small Fish Species Use  
Nylon Barbed Tag  
with the Pink Streamer



All Tuna's Use Nylon Barbed Tag with Yellow Streamer



All Bill Fish Species Use Double Barbed Bill fish Nylon Tag with Orange Streamer



All Shark Species Use Only S/Steel Bladed Tag also with Yellow Streamer



Eagle Ray Only Use S/Steel Bladed Tag with Yellow Streamer  
Same Tag same Tag as Shark Tag



All tags and serial numbers will be registered with the club's weight recorder and will be issued to competitors against the angler or boats name by the weight recorder. It is the responsibility of the skipper/owner of that boat or angler issued those tags to make sure that any tags not registered with the weight recorder are registered as soon as possible as un registered cards will not be accepted for any event, tournament or yearly score. All Tag cards are to be filled out completely in full when returned to the club's weight recorder along with a club recording form sheet.

**(Only tags issued by or pre-registered by the clubs weight recorder will be accepted for scoring points at any time)**

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## **BURLEYING**

### **S.A. State Fisheries Regulations Will Apply**

The state regulation does not prohibit the prudent dispersal of fish oil. However, any fishing activity must also comply with the requirements regarding where, when and how it is used (Refer to a current copy of)

**“The Official S.A. Recreational Fishing Guide “**

## **CARCASES/FISH FRAMES**

Anglers are totally responsible for the disposal of their unwanted fish burley, fish captures and or remains thereof not taken, or used during a competition or tournament. Unwanted fish burley, fish captures and or remains thereof and fish that are not wanted should be taken at least 3km out to sea and cut up before disposing.

**NOTE:-** There are strict laws on littering and or contaminating of the environment that apply and there are heavy fines for indiscriminately littering and also the contaminating of our water ways and its associated environmental areas.

## **SALE OF FISH**

Members are reminded that it is an offence in South Australia for unlicensed fishermen to sell fish or to give fish to a licensed fisherman. Any capture (or part thereof) that is subsequently sold shall not be deemed to be a legal capture.

## **SAFETY**

All boats must be seaworthy and must comply with the SA Department of Transport's regulations with regard to safety equipment. All skippers must be aware of their own capabilities, and the capabilities of their boat or crew, and should not put to sea or continue fishing should conditions be beyond those capabilities.

## **PROTESTS**

A protest lodged for clarification and or judgment of equipment regulations, fishing rules, captures, unsportsmanlike behavior, fishing times, boundary infringements and point scoring issues during competitions, or tournaments, will be judged on by the "Tournament Committee" which will consist of the President, Weight Recorder, Tournament Director and the Technical Adviser, and their decision in these matters will be final.

## **MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES & LIABILITIES**

The ultimate decision or liability to put to sea, return to harbour, or continue with fishing or be involved with fishing venues organized by GFC of SA, remains the members, competitors or individuals responsibility. The GFC of SA will not accept any responsibility, liability or blame and will not be held liable or responsible for any unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal abuse, loss or damage to any persons or property, including personal injury or death however occurred at or during any GFC of SA scheduled, venue i.e.; Tournament, Event. Challenge or Social event, entered into by members, competitors or visitors

## **WEIGHING**

Weighing of fish shall be the sole responsibility of the angler, which may be weighed at sea, except for record claims, which are required to be weighed on land, and the angler also must complete the record claim process and return it to the clubs weight recorder within 14 day from the end of the trip that the fish or shark was caught on, you can be obtained both the application and check list off of the GFC of SA Web Site ([www.gamefishsa.com.au](http://www.gamefishsa.com.au)) or the GFAA year book. This record claim checklist will be very helpful to you and is highly recommended that you use it

## **CAPTURES**

**All Recorded Captures & or Tag captures must be Weighed** and adhere to the GFAA equipment rules and regulation and must be line class or double the line class in the case of Sharks and Eagle Rays. Only the line classes listed by GFAA below will be recognized. It is not necessary to actually kill the fish or shark to record it as a capture, the fish or shark should be handled with care and restrained only long enough to remove your gear, weighed and then be released in a good and healthy condition and then recorded on your score sheet as a capture.

LINE CLASS: 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 36kg, 60kg.

RATIO: As per G.F.A.A. rules

E.g.:- **Weight of fish X 100 Divided by the line class (in kg) used.**

20kg fish X 100=2,000 :- 6kg line =333.33 points

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## **MINIMUM FISH & SHARK WEIGHTS or LENGTHS for CAPTURE or TAG / RELEASE**

Sharks must be a minimum of one metre in length of legal length by law and at 2:1 ratio with line used to claim points but when these criteria are met will be calculated at a 1:1 Ratio for point scoring.

- Eagle Rays & Sharks must be a 2:1 ratio to claim points but when this criteria is met will be calculated at a 1:1 Ratio.
- Game fish must be of legal length by law or GFAA (Refer GFAA size table) which ever is the greater and at a 1:1 Ratio with line used to claim points.

## **ILLEGAL CAPTURES**

Will include all captures not complying with:

- (1) **G.F.A.A.** Rules as laid out in the current copy of the official “**G.F.A.A. Australian Game fishing Journal**”
- (2) **S.A. State Fisheries Regulations** will apply and must be adhered to, in all matters pertaining to and concerning the legal aspect of Fishing in SA waters (Refer to a current copy of) “**The Official S.A. Recreational Fishing Guide** “ These legal regulations can also apply to equipment and it is each angler’s responsibility to be familiar and comply with the relevant government regulations.
- (3) Fish hooked out of season, in aquatic reserve or during a specific government area closure. (Refer to a current copy of) “**The Official S.A. Recreational Fishing Guide** “
- (4) Any capture or tag and release made whilst an angler is receiving remuneration shall not be eligible for club trophies, awards or points. (But may be eligible to be claimed as a State, National or World Record)

## **GREAT WHITE SHARK:**

**Fishing or any interaction with White Pointer Sharks (Free tagging or feeding for filming purposes included) is totally prohibited. by law**

## **TAGGING**

Any of the Game species listed by GFAA are eligible for tagging. The tagging of a listed Game fish, Shark or Eagle Ray will be regarded as a simulated capture and as such must also adhere to the equipment rules as laid out by GFAA as well as be of legal length by the law of the land or GFAA’s Size listing for that species which ever is the greater ( refer to GFAA Species size listing) and must be of line class or double the line class in the case of Sharks or Eagle Rays.

- (1) Only the line Classes Recognized by GFAA Listed in the capture section will count for a full Tag score Bonus of 50% of the Calculated Capture Points .

*E.g.:- Weight of fish x 100, Divided by the Line Class (in kg) Used. Plus 50% of these Calculated Capture Points to be then added to the Original Capture Points, this will give You Your Total Tagging Point Score*

- (2) None Line class tagging of only legal by law GFAA species will scored at a rate of a flat 50points

## **SPECIES ELIGIBLE FOR TAGGING SCORE :**

There are 3 Species categories plus one other listed as “Eligible for tagging” within the clubs tagging section.

- (1) **ANY FISH SPECIES NOMINATED BY GFC of SA and or GAME FISH SPECIES LISTED BY GFAA**
- (2) **ANY OF THE SHARK SPECIES LISTED BY GFAA**
- (3) **AN EAGLE RAY**
- (4) **NONE LINE CLASS** ( Must be a listed GFAA species, legal by law will not count as an species recording & will record only as a flat 50 points)

## **NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TAG AND RELEASE**

- (A) Undersized fish.
- (B) Fish hooked out of season, in aquatic reserve, fish farm, during a specific restricted area or species closure
- (D) Dead or Mutilated Fish, Shark or Eagle Rays
- (E) Foul hooked, Jagged, Trapped, Free Tagged, Gaffed or Free Netted
- (F) Sharks Under One Metre in Length
- (G) Species not listed by GFAA.



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## USE OF THE WEIGHT ESTIMATION FORMULA

### THIS CAN NOW ONLY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAGGING & RELEASING OF SHARKS

The committee has approved the following GFC of SA weight estimation formula to calculate the weight of sharks, where it is intended to Record Points for tag & release **Only** and only in the event that the skipper/crew on the boat or the Captain of a land based team deems it unsafe, impractical or could possibly cause undue stress or harm to the shark by landing & physically weighing it, as we ask all members to release their Sharks in a Good Healthy Condition.)

The measurements obtained of the length and of the breadth at its widest point. Must be measured in a flat straight line or on an IGFA brag measuring mat if possible (see examples)



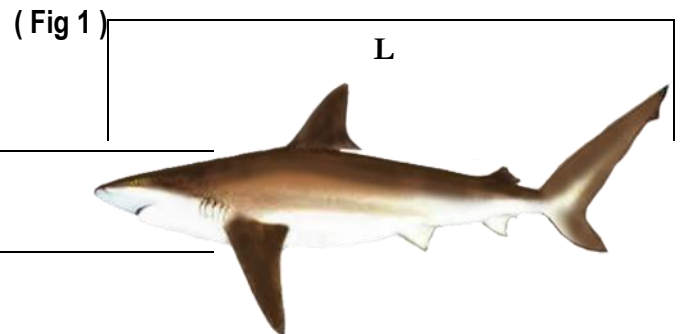
These measurements can now be used to mathematically calculate an estimated a weight (as shown in sample Fig 1) for scoring (T) tag points ONLY

The Sharks must be a Minimum of One Meter in Length and of legal size by law, or GFAA's Size listing for that specific species which ever is the greater and must meet the line class criteria of double the line class in the case of a Shark or Eagle Ray.

**Formula :-** L in (Cm) x H in (Cm) x H in (Cm) /6000= Weight in Kgs

Where L = Length of Fish in Cm

Where H = Height of Fish in Cm



## TAGGED GFAA SPECIES ONLY POINT FORMULA

The tagging bonus points will be 1.5 times your estimated or actual calculated capture points

(Example)

$$(L) 55\text{CM} \times (H) 25\text{CM} \times (H) 25\text{CM} = 34375 \div 6000 =$$

A fish weight of 5.7kg X 100 = 570 ÷ 2kg line class = 285 capture points X 1.5 to obtain your tag bonus tag points  
> = 427 total tag points scored

# Trophy Categories & Criteria Listings

## CHAMPION ANGLER CRITERIA:

To Qualify for a "Senior or Ladies Champion Angler Trophy, Anglers must fill each of the Four sections of fishing criteria required with the highest score. An angler must record in no specific order, these four fishing criteria as follows:-

- (1) RECORD THE CAPTURE OF GAME FISH SPECIES LISTED BY GFCSA OR GFAA
- (2) RECORD THE CAPTURE OF A SHARK SPECIES LISTED BY GFAA
- (3) RECORD THE CAPTURE OF AN EAGLE RAY
- (4) RECORD THE TAGGING OF A GAME FISH LISTED BY GFAA

*The Highest Scoring Angler completing these required four Sections of fishing criteria will be deemed the "Champion Angler in their specific category."*

## CHAMPION JUNIOR or SMALL FRY ANGLER

**Note:- There Must be more than one Junior or small fry Angler Competing to be eligible but all other categories are obtainable)**

The Highest Scoring Junior or small fry angler competing in any of the fishing categories i.e. 025ft, 25ft&Under or Land Based will be deemed the "Champion Angler" of that category. The highest scoring Junior angler over all categories will be also in line for "the Trevor Rule Perpetual Champion Junior Trophy"

## HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER CATEGORIES:

To Qualify for the Highest Point Scoring Senior or Lady angler for each of the clubs fishing categories i.e. 025ft, 25ft & Under or Land Based are not required to complete the (4) four sections of fishing criteria required for champion angler, as above .  
(This trophy cannot be won by the Champion Angler.)

**NOTE: Angler Must have a Higher Point Score than the Champion Angler in their specific Category to be deemed the winner.**

## HIGHEST TAG POINT SCORING ANGLER CATEGORIES:

To Qualify for the Highest Tag Point Scoring Anglers in each division and in each of the clubs fishing categories i.e. 025ft, 25ft & Under or Land Based are not you not required to complete the (4) four sections of fishing criteria required for champion angler, as above .  
The Angler with the Highest Tagging Score will be deemed the winner of their appropriate fishing Category & Division

**NOTE: Only the 50% Tag bounce score will be counted**

## OVER 25ft CHAMPION BOAT CATEGORY :

To qualify for Champion Boat. — Any GFCSA member or any financial affiliated members of G.F.A.A, I.G.F.A that have recorded on that Boat & completed the (4) four sections of fishing criteria required as listed in the Champion Angler section  
(This can be achieved by any individual or all anglers fishing on that boat) plus record the highest accumulated point score to be deemed the Winner.

## 25ft & UNDER CHAMPION BOAT CATEGORY :

*(Must be More than One Boat Competing)*

To qualify for Champion Boat. — Any GFCSA member or any financial affiliated members of G.F.A.A, I.G.F.A that have recorded on that Boat & completed the (4) four sections of fishing criteria required as listed in the Champion Angler section  
(This can be achieved by any individual or all anglers fishing on that boat) plus record the highest accumulated point score to be deemed the Winner.

## HIGHEST POINT SCORING BOAT OVER 25ft CATEGORY :

*( This trophy cannot be won by the Champion Boat Must be More than One Boat Competing)*

The Highest Point Scoring Boat overall is not required to complete (4) four sections of fishing criteria as the Champion Boat.

The Boat **Must have a Higher Point Score than the Champion Boat** to be deemed the winner.

## HIGHEST POINT SCORING BOAT 25ft & UNDER CATEGORY :

*(This trophy cannot be won by the 25ft & Under Champion Boat Must be More than One Boat Competing)*

The Highest Point Scoring Boat 25ft & Under is not required to complete the four sections of fishing criteria as the Champion 25ft & Under Boat. **Must have a Higher Point Score than the 25ft & Under Champion Boat** to be deemed the winner.

## HIGHEST TAG POINT SCORING BOAT CATEGORIES:

*(Must be More than One Boat Competing)*

To Qualify for the Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat in the 025ft, 25ft & Under categories.

The Boat is **not** required to complete the (4) four sections of fishing criteria required for Champion Boat or Angler, as above.

Any GFCSA member or financial affiliated members of G.F.A.A, I.G.F.A that have recorded Tags on that Boat will be Counted.

The Boat recoding Highest accumulated Tagging Score will be Deemed the Winner.

**NOTE: Only the 50% Tag bounce scores will be counted.**

# Trophy Categories & Criteria Listings

## **ANGLERS TAGGING CATEGORIES:**

There are (4) four tagging divisions catered for in each of club fishing categories of Over 25ft, 25ft & Under and Land Based  
The Highest Tagging Points Scored by an Angler in these division listed below

- **SENIOR IN ALL CATEGORIES**
- **LADIES IN ALL CATEGORIES**
- **JUNIOR IN ALL CATEGORIES**
- **SMALL FRY IN ALL CATEGORIES**

## **THE FISH MUST BE WEIGHED**

**TO QUALIFY FOR ANY HEAVIEST OR MOST MERITORIOUS CATEGORIES  
TO BE CLAIMED AS A TAG CAPTURE OR CAPTURE**

## **THE OVERALL SPECIES CATEGORIES :**

(There are Only (6) Six Overall Species Categories, these are listed below)

1. **THE HEAVIEST SHARK OVERALL**
2. **THE HEAVIEST EAGLE RAY OVERALL**
3. **THE HEAVIEST GAME FISH OVERALL**
4. **THE MOST MERITORIOUS SHARK OVERALL**
5. **THE MOST MERITORIOUS EAGLE RAY OVERALL**
6. **THE MOST MERITORIOUS GAME FISH OVERALL**

## **THE MOST MERITORIOUS INDIVIDUAL SPECIES CATEGORIES:**

### **THE FISH MUST BE WEIGHED**

All of the individual GFAA Species Will be awarded a Trophy for the Most Meritorious of that Species

**SEE QUALIFIED SPECIES CAN BE FOUND LISTED IN OR ON THE FOLLOWING :-**

- **GFAA YEAR BOOK**
- **GFAA WEB SITE**
- **GFCSA WEB SITE**
- **Or in the GFCSA News letter "The Pointer"**

## **OTHER TROPHIES & or CRITERIA:**

There are also Club Perpetual Trophies for Specific Species and or Specific Criteria Other than the yearly Trophies Listed Here In and you should take the time to read and study the club perpetual trophy list on our web site or in "The Pointer" News letter for those details. Trophies could be also issued were applicable for any GFAA listed Game Species not covered or listed already by a club yearly or perpetual trophy and any other Specially Nominated Fish Species List or Fishing Category that maybe put in place and Sanctioned by the Club Tournament Committee's yearly Calendar, Tournament, Event or Challenge and may either apply only during or at the time of that Tournament, Event,

## **TROPHY ALLOCATION:**

**NOTE:-** Allocation of Trophies will be at the Tournament Committees Discretion and their Decision is Final.

## **IN THE EVENT OF ANY TIE:**

All Winners will be Decided Using the Count Back System, Except Were a Category or Trophy has its Own Specific

Tie Break Criteria for Determining a Winner