

BRIEFING NOTES FOR
THE



2016 NZSFC NATIONALS

Rule Number 1 and most important – please read the rules
Please also have the 2016 Yearbook available – Refer Pages 38 - 49

SIMRAD NATIONALS Club radio base;

It is recommended Clubs call their club base radio; Simrad Nationals (Club name) BASE for the duration of the 2016 Simrad Nationals to support our Nationals Sponsor, Simrad

Braid

There is to be one Braid Section (Section 15) for the heaviest single fish in each species caught on braid. Because of its inconsistency when testing, Braid is not allowed to be used in any other section.

Length Section

Check out Section 16 for the length section. Enter your catches online at fishingcomp.co.nz. Please [register here](#) for the Measure Section prior to the Nationals as you'll need to be registered to upload a catch - registration only takes a minute and is FREE with the code DB Export.

Once registered, your [catches can be uploaded here](#) from any device , *including mobile*, which means you can photograph your catch on the measure, release it and upload the entry using the web-browser on your smart-phone when you have reasonable mobile coverage. Any catches of eligible species for the DB Export NZ Fishing Competiton (*prizepool ~\$40,000*) will automatically be in contention for prizes for the remainder of this season.

Reporting

All fish must be reported by the Club the Team is fishing for unless prior arrangements have been made with the NZSFC Tournament Secretary (Teams can get their days reports back to the club they are fishing for, either directly or by arrangement.)

Start time

Fishing start time is 8 am on the first day of the Tournament

Tag Cards

- All Tag Cards must be sighted by the Club the Team is fishing for, either the originals or an electronic copy sighted by the club recorder, unless prior arrangements have been made with the NZSFC Tournament Secretary.

- Prior means before the Simrad Nationals start or before the Team starts fishing
- Sighting of Tag cards means either the actual card can be sighted or an electronic copy can be forwarded. Either way it must be seen or sent to (and from) the Club the Team is fishing for unless prior arrangements have been made with the NZSFC Tournament Secretary
- Reports of Tagged fish must not be sent to the Simrad Nationals Recorder until the Tag Card has been sighted (actual or electronically), but this must be done asap after the fish has been tagged. (you can arrange for another to relay your messages to your club),
- Final sighting of all cards (actual or an electronic copy) must be done by 6 pm on the final night. Remembering Tag Cards must be sighted by the Club the Team is fishing for unless prior arrangements have been made with the NZSFC Tournament Secretary.
- Final results for all fish, Weighed and Tagged, must be reported to the Simrad Nationals Tournament Secretary by 8 pm on the final night.

Reminders

- Overseas Teams – one member must reside overseas
- Personal Watercraft Teams are included. Rules are along the same lines as Land Based Teams
- Braid is not allowed to be used in the Simrad Nationals – apart from Section 15
- Teams and anglers must register and pay PRIOR to going fishing
- Teams and anglers must register at the Club they are going to represent
- Results are to be sent by the Club the team is fishing for
- Everyone must be aware of the Courtesy Weigh rules

Briefings:

Clubs should hold pre tournament briefings to make anglers aware of their responsibilities in regard to the rules of the tournament, local coastguard/harbour rules, radio frequencies and times, and weigh station times. Where possible teams fishing away from their home base, should attend the briefing at the base where they intend to weigh, to acquaint themselves with the local conditions.

Clubs should ensure that all teams have access to a copy of the rules and a copy of this Briefing Paper and impress upon the teams the importance of reading them. See Pages 38 - 49 of our 2016 Yearbook and the info is also on our Website –

<http://nzsportfishing.org.nz/index.cfm/pageid/464/ViewPage/2016-SIMRAD-Nationals-Rules>

Area: - Page 43

The tournament will be fished in that area of water bounded by a line 200 miles from New Zealand's two main islands. The requirements of fish being weighed within 36 hours of being caught, and teams reporting daily still apply

Braid: - Page 45

Braid Line will not be accepted in the 2016 Simrad Nationals apart from Section 15

Courtesy Weighing: - Page 43

Please read carefully the teams responsibilities in regard to courtesy weighs. In particular, the following point - All participating anglers wishing to use the courtesy facility of another club must inform the host club as soon as such a requirement becomes apparent.

Courtesy weighing is a privilege, don't abuse it and spoil it for all.

Boat Safety

Please observe local Coast Guard/Harbour bylaws, and place the safety of your team, other teams, and other water users at the top of your priorities.

Fishing Days and Times: - Page 42

The tournament will start at 8 am on the first day of the tournament and catch cards must be sighted by 6 pm on Saturday, the last day of the tournament, (ie continuous fishing in between).

There is no lines out of the water time, an angler may fish until such time as they believe that if they land a fish they can have their catch card for weighed fish sighted by a weighmaster by 6pm on the final day. Tag cards must be sighted either physically or electronically by the Club the team is fishing for by 6 pm on the final day. There is no playing out of fish after 6pm on the final day. All fish must be reported by the Club the team is fishing for by 8 pm on the final night.

Juniors: - Page 41

Juniors must be under 17 at the conclusion of the tournament.

Personal Watercraft Teams: - Page 42

In the case of Kayak and Watercraft anglers, at any one time, all members of the team who are fishing must, be in sight of one another, and without the use of aids, be close enough together to be able to call to one another. They must have all prescribed safety equipment deemed appropriate for kayak and watercraft users.

Land Based Teams: - Page 42

In the case of land based anglers, at any one time, all members of the team who are fishing must, be on a stretch of uninterrupted foreshore, must be in sight of one another, and without the use of aids, be close enough together to be able to call to one another. Or if fishing from a structure, (such as a wharf or jetty) all members must fish from the structure.

Minimum Weights & Sizes: - Page 44

Please ensure everyone is aware of the Minimum weights/sizes See Rules 15 & 16

Number of Fish per Day: - Page 44

While each angler can weigh in 3 fish per species per day, in Section 1, only the top three scoring fish will count, along with unlimited tagged fish (for selected species) so there is not a lot of point in weighing in a lot of fish. Remember anglers can only weigh 1 shark per angler per day.

Recorders

Club Recorders need to check the internet each evening to see that all fish for their club have been entered. With over a thousand fish to record for the contest mistakes can be made but are easily fixed if picked up early.

Please only forward fish on the results schedules that relate to the Simrad Nationals.

It is expected that Clubs will send their entries via email. However if a Club wishes to send their entries through the mail then they must do so in time for the Nationals Secretary to receive them prior to the Nationals starting.

Teams – Page 42

- Teams consist of a MINIMUM of TWO and a MAXIMUM of TEN members

- Teams may be made up of members from different clubs, but they must nominate a single club in which all the team will be fishing for.
- At least one member of the team must be a member of the club they are fishing for.
- All members of the team must be financial members of a club affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. Day membership is permissible for the days a team member fishes.
- Teams will nominate a member who will be responsible for the communication of information between the Tournament Secretary, the Club, and the Team. This member will also be required to certify on the entry form that all team members are financial members of an affiliated club.
- It is the teams responsibility, not the Clubs, to ensure that all its members are eligible and financial. This does not stop a club from vetting teams if it so wishes.
- A team found to be fishing with an unfinancial member could be disqualified along with all catches to date.
- This rule is especially important to those anglers fishing a tournament outside of the Simrad Nationals - Only team members shall fish from the boat and catch tournament species. Boat skippers and deckies who are not team members shall not fish. A non team person catching a tournament species fish will disqualify the team. Take care that after a hook-up a non team person does not wind in the other tackle and get a second hook-up, it could end up disqualifying the team. For safety's sake only allow team members to handle rods when the tackle is in the water.
- At the time of the Simrad Nationals there are many other tournaments running in tandem and it is important that all anglers on the boat are entered in the Simrad Nationals regardless of which other tournaments they are entered in
- At any one time all members of the team who are fishing must be on the same boat
- Anglers may change teams during the tournament, but must not start fishing for the new team until the Tournament Secretary has been advised. An angler can only be fishing for one team at any one time.

Top Team from Each Club – Page 43

Points come from the Top scoring fish for each of the 13 species

Stop Press – New Nationals Rules

- When landing or boating a fish, the catch will not be deemed caught until the fish is weighed. Once a fish is gaffed it cannot be tagged and released.
- Recreational anglers have a responsibility to ensure the long-term conservation of all 'billfish' by using non-offset circle hooks when using live and dead natural baits when targeting any billfish. At the NZSFC AGM 2015 it was passed that this will come into effect for the 2016 Simrad Nationals.
- Section 3 – NZ Champion Line Weight Anglers – will now be for weighed fish only.
- New Section – NZ Chamion Line Weight Anglers – Tagged Fish. The winner will be the angler who tags and releases the most fish in each line weight in the following species: Blue & Black Marling, Broadbill and Striped Marlin. NB that on the Tag Card under remarks, anglers will need to record the time the fish was tagged.
- Equal number of tagged fish – In the event of an equal number of fish being tagged the winner will be the one who tags their last fish first.
- Minimum weights - for Skipjack, Snapper, Kahawai & Trevally – fish on 1, 2 & 3 kg must exceed 1 kg and fish on 4, 6, 8, & 10 kg must exceed 2 kg

Finally, please remember these notes just touch briefly on some of the rules

The FULL Rules should be read by all

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