



NATIONALS: 20TH – 27TH FEBRUARY 2016

The following are changes to the 2016 Tournament:

- Section 3 – NZ Champion Line Weight Anglers – will now be for weighed fish only
- New Section – NZ Champion 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 Marlin, 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 angler 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
- Mandatory that only non off set circle hooks must be used when bait fishing for billfish.
- When landing or boating a fish, the fish will not be deemed caught until the fish is weighed. Once a fish is gaffed it cannot be tagged and released.

#### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The New Zealand Simrad Nationals shall form the arena in which anglers from throughout New Zealand compete, club against club, team against team and angler against angler for the honour of winning various trophies and titles that have been offered for this tournament.

The ‘Council’ will determine the rules and conditions that will apply to this tournament.

The ‘Council’ will determine the dates and hours of fishing the tournament.

In addition to these above rules, the following will also apply:

1. The IGFA and the NZSFC angling and fishing regulations are incorporated as tournament rules, and will be adhered to as if fishing for a record. These rules have been evolved internationally so that, in their observances, every fish should have a sporting chance. Captures in which the fish has not had a chance to fight, except on the gaff rope or in the boats, are not caught within the intention of these rules and do not reflect credit on the fish or fisherman. Only fish caught in accordance with these and IGFA angling and fishing regulations and within the intent of these rules will qualify.

2. All current New Zealand Laws and Regulations regarding the taking of fish in New Zealand territorial waters.

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council reserves the right to use any information received by it through results sheets of the SIMRAD NATIONAL TOURNAMENT for publicity, statistical, or other purposes that may be beneficial to the Council or it's membership.

### **1. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

A Judicial committee will be appointed. The Judicial Committee's decisions shall be final on all matters pertaining to the contest, and any controversy arising over interpretation of these rules

Any dispute relating to the weight of a fish must be lodged with the weighmaster prior to the fish being removed from the weigh station. All other disputes must be lodged in writing, and faxed to the tournament secretary on the day in which the dispute relates.

### **2. SAFETY**

Although the Tournament has been arranged for 8 days it is the skippers responsibility to determine that on any one day, the sea conditions and weather forecasts are safe for his/her boat to put to sea. The Tournament is being run nationwide and the fact that boats may be fishing in one area, is not to be taken as an indicator that it is safe to fish in any other area.

It is each Skippers responsibility to ensure that the boat they intend to participate in is capable of putting to sea safely.

It is the Skippers, responsibility to ensure that the boat carries minimum legal safety equipment and inflation aids, including the requirements of local Coastguard/Harbour Board, or any other local body that has assumed control over the water-ways and ocean that the team intend to fish in.

Each boat must have a reliable means of communication, with the expectation that they can make contact, or be contacted at all times. Each Boat must return to port, or report to their base each day. Any club who is made aware of a Skipper who has put to sea against the advice or directions of one of the authorities named above, or who has not met minimum safety requirements in equipment must report the matter to the Tournament Secretary, and the Judicial Committee will consider the complaint and can disqualify the team. Any such disqualification will also disqualify any catches previously weighed by that team for the Tournament.

Land Based, Kayak, and personal Watercraft teams will suffer the same penalties if they are found to have ignored advice from officers of surf life saving clubs operating in the area.

### **3. INFRACTIONS**

Any person, club, boat skipper or crew, guilty of infraction of the rules could be disqualified from participation in this or any other NZ Sport Fishing Council contest.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

All team members must be financial members of an affiliated club.

All clubs being represented in the Simrad National Tournament must be affiliated to, and be financial members of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Inc. For the Club to be considered financial their fees must be paid and in the NZSFC account prior to the Tournament commencing.

Junior anglers must be under the age of 17 years at the conclusion of the tournament.

All teams must have access to a copy of the rules for the Simrad National Tournament

All teams must nominate a member who will be responsible for the receiving of information for that team, and for certifying that the above conditions have been met

All information given to the nominated member shall be deemed to have been given to the whole team.

A signed entry form, accompanied by the appropriate entry fees for the whole team must be lodged with the club the team is fishing for, before an entry is valid.

## **5 REGISTRATION**

A registration fee of \$25 per angler (inclusive of GST) must accompany the official entry form and be paid to the club the angler is representing.

All teams must register at the headquarters of the club they are going to represent in the tournament. Correct registration is the team's responsibility through their nominated member.

All team members must be registered and registration fees paid before they commence fishing. New teams, and additional team members can register after the tournament has started but registrations must be completed and registration fees paid and the Tournament Secretary notified before they commence fishing.

When members of unincorporated clubs are entering the Simrad Nationals and fishing for Council trophies they must prove they are a separate club in their own right and not part of another club, as indicated in the Bylaws.

## **6 CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

All participating clubs must have a nominated recorder, who will be the official contact for the Tournament Secretary for all matters relating to the tournament.

For the 2015 Nationals the preferred method of receiving and transmitting results will be by email. Council would expect all clubs to make a serious attempt to comply with this preference. However, it is recognised that some clubs may not be able to comply, and for these clubs a fax link will be maintained. Those clubs that are forced to use the fax link must inform the secretary early.

All participating clubs must have an email address/facsimile machine to receive and transmit results and other information between the club and tournament secretary.

All catches must be relayed to the tournament secretary on the day the fish is weighed or tagged. A day being 6 pm to 6 pm (see rule 9).

Daily catch results must be transmitted to the Tournament Secretary not later than 7.30 pm each day and be certified as true and correct. (Certifying will eliminate the need to send catch certificates in) Nil returns are just as important as positive returns!

Final catch results must reach the Tournament Secretary prior to 8 pm on the last fishing day of the tournament. The results for Day 8 will be sent as Day 8's results but Recorders and Anglers will have 24 hours to check that all fish have been entered and recorded correctly. Tagged fish must be reported as soon as possible after the fish has been tagged but must not be notified to the Tournament Secretary until such times as the card has been

sighted electronically or physically by the Club the team is fishing for unless prior arrangements have been made. All tagged fish must be reported by 8 pm on the final day.

All affiliated clubs must provide courtesy weighing and email/fax reporting to all anglers fishing in the tournament in line with Rule 13.

Clubs who have teams fishing away from their home base should make every effort to make sure they are aware of their obligations under Rule 13.

Clubs must provide competent weighmasters to officiate during the clubs weighing times.

Clubs should hold a pre-tournament briefing to make teams aware of their responsibilities as regards all aspects of the tournament – Local Coastguard/Harbour rules, radio frequencies and weighstation times.

Clubs must have available copies of the Council booklet for teams to purchase or copies of the rules so there is no excuse for teams to be ignorant of the rules.

## **7 TEAMS**

Teams will be identified by a team name as well as a team number. The Council will, through the clubs, allocate the team number.

All members of the team must fish for the same club, and at least one member of the team must belong to the club they are fishing for. A team must comprise not less than two (2) and not more than ten (10) persons. There must not be less than two members of the same team on the boat at any one time and in the interests of safety at least one person on the boat should be over the age of 18 years.

If for any reason the responsible member is changed, the tournament secretary must be notified as soon as possible.

MORE THAN ONE team may fish off the same boat, but all teams must be fishing the Simrad Nationals tournament.

Teams may change boats during the tournament, but must retain the same team name and number. At any one time, all members of the team who are fishing must be on the same boat.

No substitute of a team may be made after registration without the consent of the tournament secretary (generally it should not be expected to have substitutes approved after the tournament has commenced).

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.

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. As per

team numbers rule, minimum of two anglers (that may fish on one kayak or watercraft, or individual watercrafts) and no more than 10 anglers allowed.

With the exception of the rule regarding the catching of bait, only team members may fish from the boat during the tournament, and only team members may catch any of the fish as listed under Rule 15 Species. Guests, spectators and crew on the boat who are not team members may assist with the boating of tournament fish. When no game fishing tackle is in the water they may assist with the catching of baitfish, but may not catch any of the tournament species.

Fish should be weighed from the boat they were caught from, whether on their boat trailer or in the water. Fish can't be transferred to another boat any time for the purpose of weighing the catch except in exceptional circumstances. The only exceptions are if the angler or anglers as a team are changing boat because of availability, or in an emergency ie a breakdown. In both these situations their catch when weighed will have to be ratified by the disputes committee. This rule does not apply to Land based Anglers. Catch cards for weighed fish and Tag cards for tagged fish should also be handed in or reported from the boat the team is fishing from by a representative of the team

It is the team's responsibility to make themselves familiar with the rules.

Teams will nominate a responsible member on the registration form. Any official information given to the responsible member shall be deemed to have been given to the whole team.

## **8 ANGLERS**

Anglers may change teams, but must not start fishing from the new team until the tournament secretary has been notified of the change.

Anglers who change teams shall leave all team points behind, but will take individual points with them.

## **9 FISHING DAYS AND TIMES**

The tournament will run for eight days, finishing on the last Saturday in February. Teams can start fishing at 8 am. Recorders should ensure that all catch cards have been sighted by a weighmaster or recorder by 6 pm on the final day.

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 of the club weighing the fish 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.

## **10 AREA**

The tournament will be fished in that area of water bounded by a line 200 miles from New Zealand's two main islands. The provisions of Rule 14 reporting of catches, Rule 11 Weighing, and Rule 2 Safety, must be adhered to.

## **11 WEIGHING**

All fish must be weighed at the official weigh stations for the tournament ie Weigh stations are as listed in the front of the yearbook, plus any others notified to the Tournament Secretary prior to the Tournament

All fish must be weighed within 36 hours of being caught.

Weighmasters have the right to inspect any gear on the boat at any time of weighing.

The Council strongly recommends that circle hooks be used when live baiting for any species during the National tournament

## **12 FORMULA BASIS**

The formula is the weight of the fish times 100 divided by the line weight for weighed fish, and for tagged and released Blue & Black Marlin, Broadbill, Striped Marlin, Spearfish, Shark, Tuna & Yellowtail points will be Blue & Black Marlin, Broadbill & Striped Marlin 450 points; Spearfish 100 points; Shark 100 points; Tuna (Yellowfin & Bigeye only) 60 points; and Yellowtail 25 points. These tag and release points are regardless of line weight (but must be within the line weights referred to in 15. Species Section 1)

## **13 COURTESY WEIGHING**

All clubs must provide courtesy weighs for all anglers fishing the nationals. They must also provide recording and reporting of catches to the club the angler is fishing for in the tournament. (The general rule should be that visiting anglers should have available to them, the same hours of weighing and reporting services, as a local angler).

All participating anglers wishing to use the courtesy weigh facility of another club must abide by the rules and conditions for weighing at the host club as though they were a member of that club. It is the visiting teams responsibility to ensure that their team is familiar with any such rules and conditions.

**ALL PARTICIPATING ANGLERS WISHING TO USE THE COURTESY WEIGH FACILITY OF ANOTHER CLUB MUST INFORM THE HOST CLUB AS SOON AS SUCH A REQUIREMENT BECOMES APPARENT.**

Any team intending fishing away from their home base and intending to use courtesy weigh facilities must inform prospective hosts in advance and make their intentions known.

Weigh sheets used for courtesy weighing must be from the club providing the courtesy weigh. Two forms must be filled in, prior to weighing of the fish. One weigh sheet is for the club providing the courtesy weigh, and the other is for the angler to take back to their club for their records. This is the angler's responsibility.

If the words > courtesy, consideration, and common sense < are kept to the fore courtesy weighing should not present a problem

## **14 REPORTING OF CATCHES**

All fish must be reported as soon as possible after being boated, to the weigh station or club where the fish is expected to be weighed, giving the following details: Angler, Team Number, Team Name, Species and the time boated.

All fish tagged and released must be reported as soon as possible after the release but must not be reported to the Tournament Secretary until such time as the Tag card has been sighted either physically or electronically by the Club the team is fishing for.

The radio report should have the following details: Angler, Team Number, Tag Number, Team Name, Species and the time boated.

## **15 SPECIES SECTION 1**

To be fished in the following line classes (No Braid Allowed)  
60 kg, 37kg, 24kg, 15kg, 10kg, 8kg, 6kg, 4kg, 3kg, 2kg, 1kg

Blue & Black Marlin

Broadbill

Striped Marlin

Shortbill Spearfish

Mahimahi Line weights as above but excluding 60 kg

Shark (blue shark, bronze whaler, hammerhead shark, mako shark, thresher shark, tiger shark, porbeagle)  
Only 1 shark per angler per day may be weighed

Tuna (yellowfin, bluefin, bigeye, butterfly)

Yellowtail

## **SPECIES, SECTION 2**

To be fished in the following line classes (No Braid Allowed)  
10kg, 8kg, 6kg, 4kg, 3kg, 2kg, 1kg

Tuna Slender & Skipjack

Albacore

Snapper

Kahawai

Trevally

## **16 CATCH RESTRICTIONS**

Each angler can weigh a maximum of 3 fish per species per day for the Tournament apart from Sharks – Each angler may weigh one shark per angler per day

Minimum weights and lengths for fish in all sections are:

**Blue & Black Marlin**

Weighed - 90 kg  
Fly Fishing - 90 kg  
Tag & Release - No minimum

**Broadbill**

Weighed - Must exceed line weight  
Fly Fishing - Must exceed tippet weight  
Tag & Release - No minimum

**Striped Marlin**

Weighed - 90 kg  
Fly Fishing - 90 kg  
Tag & Release No minimum

**Shortbill Spearfish**

Weighed - Must exceed 10 kg  
Fly fishing - Must exceed 10 kg  
Tag & Release - No Minimum

**Mahimahi**

Weighed - Must exceed 4 kg  
Fly fishing - Must exceed 4 kg  
No Tag & Release

**Shark** (all species as listed under 15. Species)

Only 1 shark per angler per day may be weighed  
Weighed - 40 kg  
Fly fishing - 40 kg  
Tag & Release - 122 cm or 4 feet

**Tuna**

Weighed - Must exceed line weight  
Fly Fishing - Must exceed tippet weight  
Tag & Release - No minimum

**Yellowtail**

Weighed - Must exceed Line weight and must exceed 1m in length  
Fly Fishing - Must exceed 1m and must exceed tippet weight  
Tag & Release - Must exceed 75 cm in length

**Albacore**

Weighed - Must exceed line weight  
Fly Fishing - Must exceed tippet weight  
No Tag and Release

**Snapper**

Weighed - Must exceed 1 kg



Fly Fishing - Must exceed 1 kg  
On line weights 1, 2 & 3 kg  
Weighed - Must exceed 2 kg  
Fly Fishing - On line weights 3, 4, 6, 8 & 10  
No Tag & Release

**Kahawai**

Weighed- Must exceed 1 kg  
Fly Fishing - Must exceed 1 kg  
On line weights 1, 2 & 3 kg  
Weighed - Must exceed 2 kg  
Fly Fishing - On line weights 3, 4, 6, 8 & 10  
No Tag & Release

**Skipjack & Slender**

Weighed - Must exceed 1 kg  
Fly Fishing - Must exceed 1 kg  
On line weights 1, 2 & 3 kg  
Weighed - Must exceed 2 kg  
Fly Fishing - On line weights 3, 4, 6, 8 & 10  
No Tag & Release

**Trevally**

Weighed - Must exceed 1 kg  
Fly Fishing - Must exceed 1 kg  
On line weights 1, 2 & 3 kg  
Weighed - Must exceed 2 kg  
Fly Fishing - On line weights 3, 4, 6, 8 & 10  
No Tag & Release

**NB Shark (All Species as listed) – Tagged – 122 cm or 4 ft (it is not intended that anglers or crew should risk injury trying to measure sharks to the millimeter but should use the best possible estimate using any practical aid eg a mark on a gaff handle or length of cord).**

**FLY FISHING SECTION: ALL SPECIES**

Tippet classes are as follows: 1kg: 2kg: 3kg: 4 kg: 6 kg: 8 kg: 10kg

**17 TACKLE**

All fish must be caught on rod and reel only (handlines are permitted only for the catching of bait).

All fish must be weighed in the line class of the line manufacturers rating of the line used.

All tackle must comply with IGFA & NZSFC Fishing & Angling Regulations.

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**SECTION 1**

**TEAM TROPHIES**

The following Trophies will be awarded by the NZ Sport Fishing Council to the team scoring the most points for each of the thirteen species:

Blue & Black Marlin - Air New Zealand Trophy

Broadbill - Moutere Magic Trophy

Striped Marlin - John Hough Memorial Trophy

Shortbill Spearfish - Waihou Bay Trophy

Mahimahi - The Dennis Davey Trophy

Shark - NZI Trophy

Tuna - City of Auckland Trophy

Yellowtail - Westpac Trophy

Albacore - Hickey Sports Trophy

Skipjack & Slender Tuna - Wasabi Trophy & Tautuku Fishing Club Trophy (Slender Tuna only)

Snapper - Sheryl Hart Trophy

Kahawai - Black Magic Trophy

Trevally - Pursuit Trophy

Each species may be fished for on line weights as allocated for that species in RULE 15 on the formula basis.

Points are gained by:

For Blue & Black Marlin, Broadbill, Striped Marlin, Shortbill Spearfish, Tuna, Shark and Yellowtail all tagged fish will score points along with the top 3 scoring fish weighed. Only the top 3 scoring Mahimahi, Albacore, (Skipjack, & Slender Tuna combined), Snapper, Kahawai, and Trevally will count in their sections.

## **SECTION 2**

### **CHAMPION NEW ZEALAND ANGLERS – INDIVIDUAL ANGLERS**

The most meritorious catch on the formula basis for a fish scoring the highest points

## **SECTION 3**

### **NZ CHAMPION LINE WEIGHT ANGLERS – WEIGHED FISH**

The winner will be the angler with the heaviest single fish in each line weight and each game fish species.

### **NZ CHAMPION LINE WEIGHT ANGLERS – TAGGED FISH**

The winner will be the angler with the most fish in each line weight in the following species:- Blue & Black Marlin, Broadbill & Striped Marlin. In the event of the same number of fish being tagged and released on one line weight the angler who tags his last fish first will be deemed the winner.

## **SECTION 4**

### **NZ CHAMPION BLUE & BLACK MARLIN ANGLER**

The winner will be the angler with the most accumulated points (landed and tagged fish). The points to come from the top 3 scoring fish weighed plus all fish tagged and released

### **NZ CHAMPION BROADBILL ANGLER**

The winner will be the angler with the most accumulated points (landed and tagged fish). The points to come from the top 3 scoring fish weighed plus all fish tagged and released

#### **NZ CHAMPION STRIPED MARLIN ANGLER**

The winner will be the angler with the most accumulated points (landed and tagged fish). The points to come from the top 3 scoring fish weighed plus all fish tagged and released

#### **NZ CHAMPION SHORTBILL SPEARFISH ANGLER**

The winner will be the angler with the most accumulated points (landed and tagged fish). The points to come from the top 3 scoring fish weighed plus all fish tagged and released.

### **SECTION 5**

#### **CAROL ATWOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY**

This trophy will be awarded for the most meritorious tuna caught during the tournament (tuna scoring most points).

### **SECTION 6**

#### **TAG AND RELEASE SECTION**

The winner will be the angler tagging and releasing the most fish in each of the seven species sections, namely Blue & Black Marlin, Broadbill, Striped Marlin, Shortbill Spearfish, Shark, Yellowtail & Tuna. In the event of more than one angler tagging and releasing the same number of fish, the winner will be the angler who tagged his last fish first

Only fish tagged with the Council approved tags will count.

Released fish not tagged do not count.

### **SECTION 7**

#### **OVERSEAS TEAM**

The winning team will be the one scoring the highest aggregate points in the thirteen species sections.

To qualify as an Overseas Team, one member must reside overseas. Only the top three scoring fish will count.

### **SECTION 8**

#### **CHAMPION NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR ANGLERS – INDIVIDUAL ANGLERS**

The most meritorious catch by a Junior Angler on the formula basis for a weighed fish scoring the highest points in each of the thirteen species sections, namely Albacore, Blue & Black Marlin, Broadbill, Striped Marlin, Shortbill Spearfish, Mahimahi, Shark, Tuna, Skipjack & Slender Tuna (combined), Yellowtail, Snapper, Kahawai, and Trevally

### **SECTION 9**

#### **NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR CHAMPION BLUE & BLACK MARLIN ANGLER**

The winner will be the angler with the most accumulated points (landed and tagged fish). The points to come from the top 3 scoring Blue & Black Marlin weighed plus all Blue & Black Marlin tagged and released.

#### **NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR CHAMPION BROADBILL ANGLER**

The winner will be the angler with the most accumulated points (landed and tagged fish). The points to come from the top 3 scoring Broadbill weighed plus all Broadbill tagged and released.

#### **NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR CHAMPION STRIPED MARLIN ANGLER**

The winner will be the angler with the most accumulated points (landed and tagged fish). The points to come from the top 3 scoring Striped Marlin weighed plus all Striped Marlin tagged and released.

#### **NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR CHAMPION SHORTBILL SPEARFISH ANGLER**

The winner will be the angler with the most accumulated points (landed and tagged fish). The points to come from the top 3 scoring Shortbill Spearfish weighed plus all Shortbill Spearfish tagged and released.

#### **SECTION 10**

##### **FLY FISHING SECTION**

The winner will be the angler with the heaviest single fish in each tippet class and each game fish species.

#### **SECTION 11**

##### **INTERCLUB COMPETITION**

An Interclub competition is to be held in conjunction with the tournament. The following rules relate to the Interclub:

There will be 13 Interclub Champions.

The winning club/s will be the club/s scoring the highest number of points from the top 5 scoring fish from each club for each of the thirteen species

Interclub Trophies are:

Blue & Black Marlin - The Penn Tackle Trophy

Broadbill - Big Fish Bait & Tackle Trophy

Striped Marlin - The Gordon Traill Memorial Trophy

Shortbill Spearfish - The Webb Family Trophy

Mahimahi - The Maui Jim Trophy

Shark - Stuart Morrison Trophy

Yellowtail - NZ Fishing News Trophy

Tuna - Composite Development Trophy

Albacore - Kilwell Trophy

Skipjack & Slender Tuna - Wasabi Trophy & Canterbury Sport Fishing Club Trophy (Slender only)

Snapper - The Penn Tackle Trophy

Kahawai - The Black Magic Trophy

Trevally - The Dave White Memorial Trophy

#### **SECTION 12**

##### **VARTA CUP NORTHERN**

Will be awarded to the Northern club scoring the most points. Only the top 3 scoring fish will count.

##### **AUCKLAND REGION TROPHY**

Will be awarded to the Auckland Region Zone 2 club scoring the most points. Only the top 3 scoring fish will count.

We also recommend other regions consider sourcing a similar trophy for their Zone

#### **SECTION 13**

##### **VARTA CUP**

Will be awarded to the overall Club scoring the most points. Only the top 3 scoring fish will count.

#### REGIONAL SECTION

Clubs will be split into regional winners and certificates will be awarded for first placings.

Zones can purchase their own trophies to present if they wish

#### SECTION 14

##### TOP TEAM FROM EACH CLUB

Will be awarded to the team with the most points from the top scoring fish from each of the 13 species

#### REGIONAL SECTION

Teams will be split into regional winners and certificates will be awarded for first placings.

Zones can purchase their own trophies to present if they wish

#### SECTION 15

##### BRAID SECTION

The winner will be the angler with the heaviest single fish weighed in each species caught on braid

Points in this section will remain in this section only. This section stands alone so no line weights apply.

#### SECTION 16

##### LENGTH SECTION

The winner will be the angler with the longest fish in each of the following species:

Albacore, Kahawai, Snapper, Skipjack, Trevally & Yellowtail

- Fish in this section will remain in this section only
- Fish must be released so they can't be kept and weighed in for another section in the Nationals
- Anglers enter their own catches on line at [www.fishingcomp.co.nz](http://www.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 fish that qualifies as a NZ Record will be automatically added to the NZ Record section and if the angler is already entered in the DB Export NZ Fishing Competition then their entry will also be transferred to that competition.

#### NOTES FOR RECORDERS – NUMBER 1 RULE – PLEASE READ THE RULES

No Braid to be used in this event apart from Section 15. (Braid includes any gel spun polyethylene and includes Spectra – but it does not include Dacron)

1. All Clubs must appoint a Recorder who is willing to check the results each evening – especially those clubs with anglers fishing away from home
2. 'Entry Numbers' and a 'Team Details Form' along with a 'Results Schedule Form' will be sent to each Club prior to the contest. You will need a Results Schedule form for each of the days.

3. Please remember that Teams must register with the Club they will represent. If they intend to fish from another Club they must still register with their own Club. Each Club will forward the results for the Teams fishing for them.

4. The Team Details sheet needs to be emailed/faxed to the Tournament Secretary as soon as details are to hand. Results must be sent on the day the fish are weighed. Results for Tagged fish should be sent when the card has been sighted either electronically or physically by the Club the team is fishing for unless prior arrangements have been made.

5. The Daily Results Schedule needs to be emailed/faxed to the Tournament Secretary prior to 7.30 pm each evening. All fish weighed, and tag cards sighted (physically or electronically) that day must be written on this sheet. Results after 7.30 pm will go into the next day's tally (except on the final night of course). A 'Nil' return by phone, email or fax speeds up the results – very necessary on the final night.

6. Result Sheets are certified correct by the Recorder, it is therefore important that the Recorders check all results as they come out each night. All Tag cards must be sighted by the Club the team is fishing for and reported only when they have been sighted.

7. Teams and anglers can be added at any stage during the contest. Please ensure the 'extras' are emailed/faxed to the Tournament Secretary on a Team Details Sheet – please send the 'additions' only or mark very clearly where the additional teams and anglers start.

8. To make life simple if you have any further entries, additions to teams, or other queries it would be appreciated if these were dealt with during the day to leave the evening free for results to be processed.

9. Entry forms and ONE cheque from each Club should be posted to the Secretary, NZSFC, PO Box 93, Whangarei 0140, as soon as possible after the end of the contest or when ALL entries are to hand.

10. Recorders and Anglers have 24 hours after the Tournament finishes to check that all their fish have been entered and are correct.

Please deduct \$6 per angler before sending your cheque for your total entries