



CLUB RULES

1 MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1. Membership is in accordance with the current Geraldton & Districts Offshore Fishing Club constitution.

2 MEETINGS

- 2.1 Meetings are held in accordance with the current Geraldton & Districts Offshore Fishing Club constitution.

3 BOUNDARIES

- 3.1 All forms of fishing may be conducted by members both during Club Competitions and outside of designated Club Competitions.
- 3.2 Boundaries for fishing when being conducted as part of a Club competition shall extend from Green Head to twenty nautical miles north of Kalbarri and one hundred nautical miles offshore.

4 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 All forms of communication must be deemed acceptable by Volunteer Marine Rescue. These may include but are not limited to Marine Radio, Mobile Phone, SMS and Satellite Phone.
- 4.2 Members shall, whilst participating in club events must be contactable.
- 4.3 All members fishing offshore are required to notify the local Sea Rescue prior to departure and upon return to harbour.
- 4.4 All members fishing onshore in a Club event are required to notify the competition coordinator or nominee of their return to home.

5 MINIMUM NUMBERS

- 5.1 There must be a minimum of three (3) land based anglers or three (3) boats to constitute a competition.

6 COMMENCEMENT/WEIGH IN TIMES

- 6.1 A lines in time of 0600 hours shall apply to Competition days & weigh in time of 1700 hours unless another time is authorized by the Committee.

7 COMPETITION FEES

- 7.1 Competition fees shall be as approved by a quorum of committee members and advertised prior to or advised during the Briefing/Registration period where applicable if necessary.
- 7.2 A competition entry form must be completed and fees paid prior to or during the Briefing/Registration period.
- 7.3 Fees are not refundable or transferable except at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 7.4 A fee may apply to out of competition weighing.

8 ELIGIBILITY

- 8.1 Only financial Club Members are eligible for the end of year prizes/trophies.
- 8.2 All capture and release claims must be witnessed and accompanied by a digital photo forwarded to the Club to allow access to data information.
- 8.3 Competitors shall nominate in a minimum of three events to qualify for end of year prizes/trophies, excluding Fly and Game fishing
- 8.4 A competitor's best 6 scores for the competition year shall be counted towards all end of year category prizes.

9 WEIGH IN

- 9.1 All competitors shall be at the Weigh In area with their fish by the designated time. If a competitor has notified the Weigh Master prior to the designated time they shall be granted extension of 30 minutes.
- 9.2 If a competitor is unduly delayed and cannot be at Weigh In prior to the designated time, they shall notify the Weigh Master as soon as practicable. The Disputes Committee shall convene at the end of the Weigh In and a decision shall be made as to whether the fish will be allowed to be weighed.
- 9.3 Competitors may be required to present their rod, reel, line and rig used to catch the fish to the Weigh Master with the fish for inspection.
- 9.4 All fish presented for Weigh In shall be in good fresh condition. Fish that are considered by the Weigh Master to not be in a presentable condition shall be ineligible for weighing in.
- 9.5 A competitor's catch submitted for weigh in may only contain fish caught by the competitor.
- 9.6 Out of competition captures shall be presented to the Weigh Master or Geraldton Sports, Getaway Outdoors or a designated weigh in point for weighing and recording.

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- 9.7 A competitor's catch can be weighed in by another member if the member catching the fish cannot attend the weigh in and if the capture was witnessed by another competitor.
- 9.8 Sharks and northwest blowfish and rays are excluded from all categories and will not be eligible to be weighed at any time.
- 9.9 Fish may be presented for weigh in any container that keeps the fish in a good condition.

10 POINT SCORING

- 10.1 Members can fish and score points in 4 sections. Open Tackle, Game Fishing, Shore Based and Fly Fishing.
- 10.2 If a fish is weighed as a Game Fish it will be scored at weight of fish multiplied by 100 and divided by line class.
The weight of the fish being weighed must exceed 50% of the line class used to capture the fish.
NOTE: Fish captured on a Fly shall not have to exceed line (tippet) class in accordance with the IGFA rules. All Fish weighed in should be only weighed in once section, but be eligible for largest of species.
- 10.3 Only the largest fish of a species may be weighed in Open Tackle and Shore Based sections.
- 10.4 Members shall be able to record captures of three of any species per angler per day for Tag & Release, except Billfish (unlimited) whilst engaged in Game and Fly Fishing.
- 10.5 Multiple fish of the same species may be weighed where each one is weighed in for a different line class in Game and Fly Fishing sections as long as they comply with the bag limit.
- 10.6 Multiple fish of the same species may be weighed where one is weighed in the Open Tackle, Game and Fly section provided that the fish shall meet the criteria for their respective sections.
- 10.7 OPEN TACKLE CHAMPION
Will be scored at weight of fish multiplied by ten, plus ten (10) points for all recognized species and one (1) point per fish.
- 10.8 GAME FISHING CHAMPION
For IGFA recognized Game Fish caught on line class points will be scored at weight of fish multiplied by 100 and divided by line class.
- 10.9 SHORE BASED CHAMPION
Will be scored at weight of fish multiplied by ten, plus ten (10) points for all recognized species and one (1) point per fish.
- 10.9 CLUB CHAMPION
Club Champion points are a combination of Open Tackle points, Game Fish points and Shore Based Fishing points.
- 10.10 CHAMPION BOAT
Champion boat points will be awarded to the top five (5) boats in each competition. First place five (5) points, Second place four (4) points, Third place three (3) points, Fourth place two (2) points and Fifth place one (1) point. The winner will be the boat with the highest total points weighed in on the competition day.

11 FISHING RULES

- 11.1 All competitors must comply at all times to current WA Fisheries Rules.
- 11.2 Fishing rules for Open Tackle and Shore Based will be in accordance with the Australian Anglers Association (AAA) rules with minor local amendments. All species of fish caught in local waters are eligible for weighing excluding sharks and northwest blowfish and rays.
- 11.3 Competitors can only use electric powered reels with the prior approval of the committee.
- 11.4 All competitors must hook and land their own fish, but may receive assistance in gaffing or netting which does not involve the assistant handling the rod or reel.
- 11.5 All rules for Fly Fishing shall be in accordance with the IGFA rules. Species as per ANSA species list.
- 11.6 All rules for Game Fishing shall be in accordance with GFAA rules.
- 11.7 Fisheries regulations as to minimum size and bag limits shall be strictly adhered to.
- 11.8 Any boat not complying with the Department of Transport regulations shall not be permitted to take part in Club competitions.
- 11.9 A tag shall be tied between the floats of any pot ropes that have hooks and or sinkers snagged on them.
- 11.10 The Club Captain or Weigh Master may conduct random checks of bag limits and safety equipment or competitors boats on competition days. Failing to provide access to boats for inspection shall be deemed a breach of rules.

12 CANCELLATION

- 12.1 A competition shall be automatically cancelled due to Strong Wind Warning being current at 0600 hours on the Competition Day.
- 12.2 The Club Commodore or nominee may also cancel a Competition because of Bad Sea Conditions, Strong Wind Warnings etc.

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- 12.3 A competition that has commenced may be stopped at any time by the Club Commodore or nominee. In this situation, Competitors shall be advised of Weigh In times and procedures. The Competition shall be deemed to have been completed.
- 12.4 Should conditions prohibit safe launching and or fishing to take place on a designated Away Competition, the Club Commodore or nominee may elect to relocate the Competition to Geraldton. In this instance, all competitors shall return to Geraldton.

13 ETHICS

- 13.1 A club member bringing the reputation or integrity of the GDOFC into disrepute through physical or verbal action at or away from Club events, will be required upon demand of the committee to show cause why disciplinary action or expulsion from the club should not take place.
- 13.2 Disciplinary action may comprise a three to six month suspension of attendance at club events and loss of all points accrued to that date, or any part thereof.
- 13.3 A club member who receives two penalties for bringing the clubs reputation or integrity into disrepute within a three year period will result in automatic expulsion from the GDOFC.
- 13.4 Club members must have the right of appeal against penalties or suspensions at a committee meeting called for that purpose. The meeting must be called within two weeks of the suspension or penalty being exacted.

14 DISPUTES COMMITTEE

- 14.1 The Disputes Committee shall consist of the Commodore, Weigh Master and one other Committee Member nominated by the Commodore and Weigh Master when required.
- 14.2 The Commodore and Weigh Master shall nominate another Committee Member to perform Disputes Committee duties in their absence.
- 14.3 The Disputes Committee shall handle any disputes in the Club on Competition days.
- 14.4 Any disputes must be notified in writing to the Club Captain or Weigh Master within fifteen minutes of the completion of the Weigh In. There is a Disputes Fee of \$100 which should be included with the written notification.
- 14.5 In the advent that a dispute involves the Club Captain or Weigh Master, that person will be replaced on the Disputes Committee by another Club Committee Member for the hearing of the Dispute.

15 BREACHES OF RULES

- 15.1 It is the responsibility of all competitors to be conversant with the Club Rules.
- 15.2 Any breach of the Club rules may result in the competitor being disqualified from the day's competition by the Disputes Committee.

16 END OF YEAR PRIZES

- 16.1 The following prizes are available for each category:
- a) Club Champion
 - b) Junior Champion
 - c) Game Fishing Champion
 - d) Open Tackle Champion
 - e) Shore Based Champion
 - f) Champion Boat
 - g) Highest Point Scoring Game Fish
 - h) Most Species
- 16.2 Heaviest of Species
- a) Dhufish
 - b) Sampson Fish
 - c) Coral Trout
 - d) Mackerel
 - e) Tuna
 - f) Groper
 - g) Pink Snapper
 - h) Mulloway
 - i) Taylor



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j) Best unlisted

16.3 The following prizes are awarded for Fly Fishing:

- a) Overall most species, both weighed and released
- b) Highest point scoring fish