

New South Wales Game Fishing Association Inc.

CENTRAL ZONE

FISHING RULES FOR CENTRAL ZONE TOURNAMENTS

SEASON 2008 / 2009

1. The Zonal Chairman, who represents N.S.W.G.F.A., organises Central Zone Tournaments on behalf of the Zone's registered Clubs. The Tournaments are open to all financial members of Central Zone Clubs. These Clubs are:

Broken Bay Game Fishing Club
Sydney Game Fishing Club
Botany Bay Game Fishing Club
Port Hacking Game Fishing Club
Wollongong Game Fishing Club

Any future clubs that are accepted within the Zone can participate.

1.1 **Zonal Waters**

Central Zone Waters are the coastal waters within the bounded areas by **32.50 000S** in the north and **35.06.000S** in the south. Each round of the Central Zone Tournament will be fished within the prescribed waters of the host Club.

- 1.2 **Boat Registration** All Boats wishing to fish the Central Zone Competition **must be registered** with their respective clubs **and comply with their Club Safety Rules**. Each Club must provide the Central Zone Chairman with a copy of the Boat Registration Form for all boats intending to fish Central Zone. This form must provide a photo of the vessel and all other information relating to Safety, Radios and information that may be of use for safety purposes. **No boat shall participate in any Zone event without compliant requirements.**

- 1.3 **Event Registration** Club Secretaries must advise the Central Zone Chairman of the name of Boats competing and the number of anglers attending the Saturday Night BBQ by 7.30pm on the Wednesday before the Tournament. The Zone Chairman will advise the Host Club for arrangements to be made for berthing, food and all other facilities required. All entries after 7.30pm on the Wednesday will be considered a 'Late Entry' and will attract an Additional fee of \$20.00. **NO** entries will be accepted after 7.30pm on the Friday evening preceding the event.

1.4 **Entry Fee / Boat Registration**

The entry fees are **\$20.00** per boat for each weekend and must be presented to the Zonal Chairman on the Saturday Night of the event. Alternatively an **Annual Fee of \$75.00** can be paid through each Club Secretary prior to or at the commencement of the Season. **It will still be necessary for Skippers to enter their Boat for every round of the Central Zone Tournament** through their Club Secretary whether they have paid in advance or not. Note: No refund will be paid for a boat paying an annual fee that misses any round of the competition.

A **Registration Book** provided by the Zonal Chairman will list the participating boats in each Club. **Two competing anglers from each boat must sign this Registration Book**. If the book is not signed, **no points will be eligible for the Boat or Club**.

In the event of the Zonal Chairman's absence when competitors are present at the host club and wish to sign the attendance book, then the host club President (or their representative) shall have the competitors sign their details on a sheet of paper, collect the entry fee and provide that to the Zonal Chairman on arrival.

If a Club advises the Central Zone Chairman that a boat is registered and the boat does not participate in the event, **the Club** must still pay the Fee and **payment must be remitted on the evening of the event**.

1.5 Saturday Evening Meal

The Host Club will provide a meal on the Saturday Night at a Maximum Charge of **\$20.00** per head. If the host club has an alternative selection of food they can make this available to participating anglers. Anglers are requested to participate in the evening meal provided by the Host Club.

1.6 Angling Committee

In the event of any disputes, protests etc the Angling Committee will consist of the Club Presidents (or their representatives) under the Chairmanship of the Central Zone Chairman. Should the Central Zone Chairman be unavailable then the Host Club President shall Chair the Meeting. If a rule relating to competition is not specifically covered under the Central Zone Rules then the Tournament rules of the host club will apply to all boats and Anglers whether entered in the host Club's tournament or not.

1.6a Conduct

It is the expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to the Tournament Officials, other Competitors and the general public at all times during a tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include loss of points or disqualification from a Central Zone tournament round.

1.7 Bad Weather

To avoid taking unnecessary risks in the event of bad weather, the Host Club Tournament Committee will decide whether the day will be a Tournament Day or not. Skippers should establish contact with the Tournament Committee if they consider the event will not or may not proceed.

In the event of the Weather Bureau issuing a weather report which is a "Gale Warning" or a higher category of warning affecting a particular day of the Tournament then the Host Club will automatically cancel that day's fishing. If a "Gale Warning" or higher category of warning is issued after the commencement of fishing only those fish captured or tagged at the time fishing is cancelled or prior will count towards pointscore. Any fish still being played which is subsequently captured or tagged will not count towards the Club, Boat or Angler's pointscore for Central Zone or the Saturday night awards. On the issuing of a "Gale Warning" or "higher category of warning" all Boats should immediately return to Port.

It is the responsibility of every boat owner to be aware of the sea conditions and decide if these conditions are safe to operate in. The Zone Chairman, N.S.W.G.F.A or the Host Club shall in no way be responsible for any loss or damage, or injury occasioned by the vessel putting to sea or remaining at sea in conditions the vessel cannot operate safely in.

1.8 Ineligible Boats

The Host Club, or Central Zone Chairman, will advise via 2meg Channel 2284, a VHF Channel as nominated by the host Club and Channel 27.940 Radio on the Sunday, any participating boats not eligible to score points; i.e. non attendance or Register not signed by two crew members of the participating Boat at the Saturday Evening Meal / BBQ.

1.9 Communications

Communications will be conducted on 2Meg Channel 2284, 27Meg Channel 27.940 or a VHF Channel as nominated by the host Club. It is the Host Club's responsibility to provide 2 Meg and 27 Meg or VHF relay to Game Fish Base. Participating Boats must inform the Host Club on what radio frequency they will be using **before the event**. In the event of a vessel not answering two consecutive radio schedules, the Host Club **MUST** proceed with "Missing Vessel Report", as per current N.S.W.G.F.A regulations.

2. ANGLING RULES

Shall be per G.F.A.A and N.S.W.G.F.A Rules as published in each Association's Rule Book as current at the date of the Tournament Event. **2.1 Point Scorea.** Capture As per N.S.W.G.F.A Rules **b.** Tag & Release As per N.S.W.G.F.A Rules **c.** Minimum WeightsAs per N.S.W.G.F.A Rules

2.2 **Weighing of Fish**

- a. Fish captured on Saturday must be weighed at the Host Club Weigh Station and will only be accepted when brought to the station by boat. Fish or Tag cards may **NOT** be delivered by any other means i.e. by road etc.
- b. Fish caught on Sunday may be weighed at the competing boat's homeport. Details must be reported to the Central Zone Chairman as per rule 2.3b.

2.3 **Recording of Tag & Release**

- a. Tag & Release cards for Saturday must be accompanied by a Capture Certificate and be presented to the Weigh Master and to the Central Zone Chairman at the Host Club. NB: Tag & Release Cards will only be accepted from boats berthing at the Host Club on the Saturday Night, subject to Rule 2.2a.
- b. Tag & Release results for Sunday must be communicated to the Central Zone Chairman by respective Club Secretaries by Facsimile, Mail or Email (TELEPHONE CALLS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) BY **4.30PM ON THE THURSDAY FOLLOWING THE TOURNAMENT. Tournament results that are NOT received by 4.30p.m on the following Thursday WILL NOT BE COUNTED.**
- c. All Tag & Release cards or accompanying Capture Certificates must clearly show **the TIME the fish was Tagged & Released.** Tag & Release cards not showing the time of release will be deemed last for the day in the case of a count back.

2.4 **Recording of Captures**

- a. All Capture Certificates for Saturday must be presented to the Central Zone Chairman at the Host Club via the Weighmaster.
- b. Capture results for Sunday must be communicated to the Central Zone Chairman as for Tag & Release Rule 2.3b
- c. All Capture Certificates must clearly show **THE TIME** of Capture.

PLEASE NOTE:

Strict adherence to Rules 2.3b and 2.4b will allow the Central Zone Chairman to have complete results of the Tournament back to Club Secretaries within seven (7) days.

2.5 **Radio Schedule**

Wollongong - Ten (10) Minutes **PAST** the hour, starting at 8.10am

Port Hacking - Twenty (20) Minutes **TO** the hour, starting at 8.40am

Botany Bay - Ten (10) Minutes **TO** the hour, starting at 8.50am

Broken Bay - Twenty (20) Minutes **PAST** the hour, starting at 7.20am

Sydney - Ten (10) Minutes **PAST** the hour, starting at 9.10am

3. **FISHING DATES**

Wollongong G.F.C	20 th & 21 st September 2008
Botany Bay G.F.C	25 th & 26 th January 2009
Broken Bay G.F.C	14 th & 15 th March 2009
Sydney G.F.C	4 th & 5 th April 2009
Port Hacking G.F.C	16 th & 17 th May 2009

3.1 **Fishing Times**

- a. Each round of the Central Zone Tournament will be fished as per Host Club's times. The Sched Boat will remind everyone of times on the first two scheds.
- b. Club times are as follows for 2008/2009

	Start	Finish
Wollongong	6.00am	5.30pm (Saturday)
	6.00am	3.00pm (Sunday)
Port Hacking	8.00am	5.00pm
Botany Bay	7.30am	5.00pm
Broken Bay	7.00am	5.20pm(Saturday)
Broken Bay	7.00am	4.00pm (Sunday)
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Sydney	7.00am	5.00pm
	7.00am	4.00pm (Sunday)

** Note the clarification for Wollongong & Broken Bay on Sunday

3.2 **Saturday Awards**

Only Capture and Tag and Release results recorded by 8.00pm will be eligible for Saturday Awards for a Sponsor's contribution for the highest point scoring **BOAT** in both Capture and Tag & Release and a bottle of Scotch for the winning **ANGLERS** for the days results. In the event of a tie, a **'Count Back'** will decide the winner

3.3 **Trophies**

The following list of Trophies will be presented at the Annual Central Zone Dinner to be arranged by the Central Zone Chairman. **Points for Captures by Honorary Members will be counted as Boat Points only and will not qualify for Angler Trophies.**

Capture

Champion Club & Runner Up
 Champion Boat & Runner Up
 Champion Male Angler (Adult)
 Champion Female Angler (Adult)
 Champion Junior Angler***
 Heaviest Billfish
 Heaviest Shark
 Heaviest Other Game Fish

Tag & Release

Champion Club and Runner Up
 Champion Boat and Runner Up
 Champion Male Angler (Adult)
 Champion Female Angler (Adult)
 Champion Junior Angler ***
 Champion Angler Billfish
 Champion Angler Shark
 Champion Angler Other Game Fish

***** JUNIOR ANGLERS**

A junior angler becomes a senior angler on his/her 16th birthday.

CHAMPION CLUB & RUNNER UP to be decided by adding together the scores of the top five boats only from each Club. The scores for the top five boats will not be cumulative from one competition weekend to another, but the top five boats on each weekend will qualify. This applied to both Capture and Tag & Release.

4 **Central Zone Chairman**

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4.1 **Central Zone Administration**

Clubs within the Central Zone may approach the Zonal Chairman for assistance with regard to N.S.W.G.F.A matters and any matter that may consolidate the Members and Associations relationship. Clubs may have special projects that the Zone can financially contribute to. It is the Zonal Chairman's responsibility to administrate the Zone in all aspects with regard to the Zone Clubs' requirements, taking into consideration financial and governing regulations.



N.S.W. CENTRAL ZONE BOAT REGISTRATION FORM



NOTE IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OPERATOR OF THE VESSEL TO ENSURE ITS SAFE OPERATION AND SEAWORTHINESS AT ALL TIMES.

Name of Vessel : _____ Rego/Survey No : _____

Name of Owner : _____ Club Name : _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code : _____

Phone No Home : _____ Work : _____ Mobile : _____

Facsimile Contact : _____ E-mail Address : _____

**** Please enclose 1 recent photo of vessel ****

Type of Vessel : _____ Flybridge : _____ (Y/N) Tower : _____ (Y/N)

Colour of Vessel : _____ (Hull) : _____ (Superstructure)

Length of Vessel : _____ Metres Beam : _____ Metres Draught : _____

Type of engine(s) : _____ (HP) Drive Type : _____

Fuel Type : _____ Capacity : _____ (Ltrs) Approx Range : _____ (nm)

Fresh Water carried : _____ (Ltrs) Emergency Food : _____ (Y/N) No. Of days: _____

No. Of Life Jackets : _____ Life Raft : _____ (Y/N) (if Yes, describe - _____)

No. of Flares : _____ EXPIRY DATE : _____ (specify)

Fire extinguishers : _____ CHARGE CHECKED : _____ (Y/N)

EPIRB : _____ (type) EXPIRY DATE : _____ (specify)

Bilge pumps (no.) : Manual _____ Engine Driven _____ Electrical _____

Radios and frequency :

2 Mhz SSB (Frequencies) : _____

27 MHZ : _____

VHF : _____

INSURANCE COVERAGE DETAILS : Insurer : _____

Policy Number : _____ Expiry Date : _____

Club Committee Member who verifies the information provided for Central Zone registration is correct in accordance with club records and that the boat is registered on the current Club Boat Register.

Committee Member Name : _____

Position Held : _____ Club : _____

Phone No : _____ Signature : _____

I confirm that the vessel described above meets or exceeds all relevant NSW Maritime Authority Safety Regulations and requirements for a vessel of its size.

(Owner / Skipper SIGN HERE PLEASE)