



The Executive of GFAA was looking at continuing the point scoring for National Trophies and the Junior Tournament to allow those in areas that were still open for fishing to continue with their sport and a healthy outdoor lifestyle. A system of creating fair and equitable results to ensure those that could not fish were not disadvantaged was a part of the process.

However, following the Prime Minister's address imposing further restrictions on us all, an urgent re-think was required.

In line with Government guidelines and restrictions, the GFAA will be suspending all point scoring for National Awards and the Junior Tournament as of March 31 2020. This includes record claims, although it should be noted that at present IGFA is still processing world records, so if there are any claims they should be sent direct to IGFA and not through GFAA.

We are hopeful that the crisis may be over in the short term, which may allow us to reinstate the awards prior to the end of the fishing season. We urge you all to obey all regulations put in place and most importantly to stay safe and healthy.

Contingency plans are being made for the longer term future so that we are ready if the crisis continues for an extended period. These include proposals for membership and the holding of the Annual General Meeting. Any initiatives will require the support of the State Associations and we will keep you informed as plans are developed.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

Yours in Fishing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Bladin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ian Bladin
President.