



1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

Tournament Rules

1. Eligible Fishing Days

The tournament will be conducted from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024 and ALL days of the year are eligible fishing days.

2. Entry Fee

Entry into the competition is FREE. To enter, a Junior/Smallfry must complete either online entry that can be found at the GFAA website

http://www.gfaa.asn.au/junior_tourn/jt_online_captures/register.php

Each entrant will have a unique "login ID" after registering online

Note: An angler may only enter the tournament under one (1) Game Fishing Club, the Club location determines the angler's state waters.

Once an angler has registered in the competition, there will be **no need to reregister in future year's tournaments**. An angler will be registered to compete in the tournament until they reach the age of 16.

An angler must have joined the competition prior to Capturing/Releasing any fish. All fish Captured & Released entered into the competition must be after the tournament entry date.

3. Categories Small Fry – Capture and Release

Anglers under the age of 11 years at the date of entry will be placed into the "Small Fry category." They will remain in the Smallfry category until the end of the tournament year even if they turn 11 years old throughout the year.

Junior – Capture and Release

Anglers 11 years at the date entry and under 16 years are eligible to fish in this tournament. If an angler is 15 at the beginning of the tournament year, he/she may fish and be eligible for trophies until his/her 16th birthday.

4. Eligible Species

For the eligible Capture and Release species list, please refer to the separate 'Eligible Species List' in these rules.

5. Eligible Line Classes

Line classes are:

1kg; 2kg; 3kg; 4kg; 6kg; 8kg; 10kg; 15kg; 24kg & 37kg

Note: 60kg line is **NOT** eligible in this tournament

6. Capture and Release sections

Capture and Release (Tag & Release or Measure & Release) are two (2) separate sections, however an angler may enter fish in both sections.

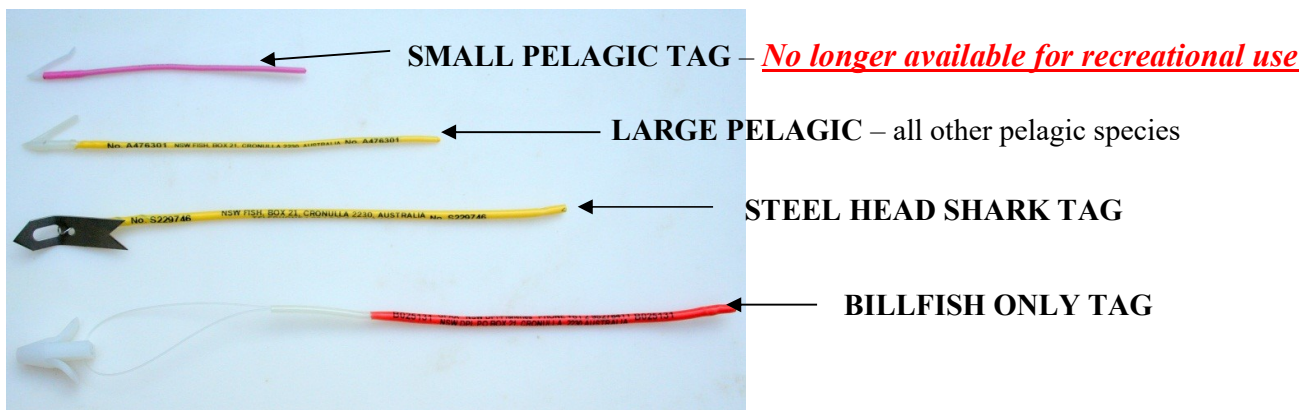
7. Capture Section

- (i) Capture section includes Water Based (ie: on a boat), Land Based and Freshwater species.
- (ii) Minimum weights for capture is as per angler's home State Association minimum weights, if none stipulated, then Billfish and Other Gamefish **MUST equal line class used** and Sharks & Rays **MUST double line class used**.
- (iii) A maximum of 5 Captured fish of any one species can only be entered on any one day.
- (iv) Capture limits must comply with each State's individual Bag limit requirements.

8. Release Section (Incorporating Tag & Release and Measure & Release)

8a. Tag & Release

- (i) Only those species listed on the attached eligible Tag & Release species list are eligible for tag and release pointscore, min Length 60cm. **please note:** any special conditions that may apply for certain species.
- (ii) **All Billfish MUST be tagged** with "Billfish Only" tags to be eligible for pointscore.
- (iii) **The GFAA Guideline for use of specific tags is:**



- (iv) A maximum of 5 tagged &/or measured fish of any one species can be entered on any one day.
- (v) For Tag & Release, any minimum lengths or weights set by the angler's home State or a State's embargoes for Tag & Release including State Fishery Laws must be adhered too by all anglers.

8b. Measure & Release

The introduction of Measure & Release to the National Junior Tournament has been provided as a further option for anglers to account and score points for fish that may not be eligible for either Tag & Release or Capture.

- (i) Only approved Measure/Brag mats can be used. These include the Shimano, NSW Fisheries & IGFA Mats. **Note: For all M&R World Record claims, only the IGFA mat can be used.**
- (ii) Fish must be clearly photographed on the Mat - **2 photos**. (Photo 1 - showing the whole fish on the mat & Photo 2 - a close up shot of its tail showing the precise length of the fish on the mat.)
- (iii) The Measure & Release Form or the GFAA Measure & Release Card is to be filled out, scanned and uploaded into the On-line Entry & Reporting section of the website.(similar to Tag Cards). Forms are to be retained by the angler for their own reference. Forms are available from the Junior Tournament Section of the GFAA Website.
- (iv) To be eligible to score points, the photos (refer 8b (ii)) **MUST** also be uploaded via the On-line Entry & Reporting section of the website section when inputting the data from the Measure & Release form.
- (v) Refer to Species List regarding specified lengths & eligibility for Capture/T&R/M&R. A minimum Length of 30cm applies to the Measure & Release of all species unless otherwise indicated on the Eligible Species list.
- (vi) A maximum of 5 measured &/or tagged fish of any one species can be entered on any one day.
- (vii) For Measure & Release, any minimum lengths or weights set by the angler's home State or a State's embargoes for Measure & Release including State Fishery Laws must be adhered to by all anglers.
- (ix) Fish are to be measured as indicated (X – X) on the M&R Form.
- (x) Carp may be measured only for points but are **NOT** to be release under any circumstances.
- (xi) Bread and Butter Species - **CARE** – Please ensure fish recorded under the Bread & Butter Species list are NOT also a listed in Game Fish Species list and therefore may be eligible for higher points.

9. Point Scores

- (i) Point scores are as per the attached capture and release point score list and are progressive throughout the year with State overall winners being those with the highest accumulated points in each division.
- (ii) All points will go to the state that the angler is affiliated with and has nominated as the angler's home Club on the entry form.
- (iii) Only fish captured/released in the angler's "home" state are eligible for state pointscore, any fish captured/tagged/released in another state's waters will be eligible for National pointscore only.
- (iv) Progressive point scores will be available on the GFAA website after verification by coordinators. An angler has to the end of the following month to query that month's pointscore. The angler must contact their respective State Coordinator with any point score query.

10. Trophies

- (i) There are a total of 56 trophies available for State winners. Each State/Territory will have 8 winners – two (2) in each category of Capture and Release (one(1) Male & one(1) Female).
- (ii) As well, there are (2) two National awards given i.e. Overall Small Fry & Junior National Champions in Capture and Release.
- (iii) Winners will be determined by the tournament pointscore system; in the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the count back system i.e. the first angler to reach the points.

11. Online Reporting

Online reporting is completed on the GFAA website. This facility enables you to submit your captures and Tag/Measure releases directly on the website rather than having to submit monthly reports. Reporting can be done at any time but must be completed by 14th of the following month.

You are required to input a photo or scan copy of the following:

- Club capture form for all Captures,
- A copy of the tag card for all tagged fish
- A copy of the measure & release form for all fish measured & released.

You may also submit a photo of your fish for consideration for publication on the website.

Please ensure copies of Capture forms, Tag Cards and Measure & Release forms are legible & readable before saving to the database.

12. Other Tournament Awards

There will be (2) two tournament prizes awarded each month, one for each of the highest point scoring Capture and Release angler categories. Up to a further 2 meritorious awards may also be provided for outstanding achievement. (anglers can only win 1 category award throughout the year, ie: once you win an award, you cannot win it again.)



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Eligible Species List

Common Name	Capture	Tag & Release	Measure & Release	Lengths	
				T&R	M&R
ALBACORE	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
AMBERJACK	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
BARRACUDA	Y	Y	N	60+	
BARRAMUNDI	Y	N	Y		>30
BASS, Australian	Y	N	Y		>30
BONEFISH	Y	N	Y		>30
BONITO	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
BROADBILL	Y	Y	N	60+	
CARP (Capture & Measure only - NOT to be released)	Y	N	Y		>20
CATFISH, Freshwater	Y	N	Y		>30
CHINAMAN	Y	N	Y		>30
COBIA	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
COD, Murray	Y	N	Y		>30
EAGLE RAY	Y	Y	N	60+	
JEWFISH, Black	Y	N	Y		>30
KINGFISH, Yellowtail	Y	Y	Y	70+	>30 - <70
MACKEREL, Broad Barred	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
MACKEREL, Butterfly	Y	N	N		
MACKEREL, Narrow Barred	Y	Y	N	60+	
MACKEREL, Shark	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
MACKEREL, Spotted	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
MAHI MAHI (Dolphin Fish)	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
MANGROVE JACK	Y	N	Y		>30
MARLIN, Black	Y	Y	N	60+	
MARLIN, Pacific Blue	Y	Y	N	60+	
MARLIN, Striped	Y	Y	N	60+	
MULLOWAY (Jewfish)	Y	Y	Y	70+	>30 - <70
PERCH, English (Redfin)	Y	N	Y		>20
PERCH, Estuary	Y	N	Y		>20
PERCH, Golden	Y	N	Y		>20
PERCH, Silver	Y	N	Y		>20
QUEENFISH	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
RAINBOW RUNNER	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
SAILFISH	Y	Y	N	60+	
SALMON, Atlantic	Y	N	Y		>30
SALMON, Australian	Y	Y	Y	50+	>30 - <50
SALMON, Chinook	Y	N	Y		>30
SALMON, Threadfin	Y	N	Y		>30
SALMON, Blue/Beach	N	N	Y		>20
SAMSON FISH	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
SARATOGA	Y	N	Y		>30
SHARK, Blue	Y	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Grey Nurse	N	N	N		
SHARK, Gummy	Y	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Hammerhead	Y	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Mako	Y	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Porbeagle	Y	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Thresher	Y	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Tiger	Y	Y	N	100+	

Eligible Species List - Cont

Common Name	Capture	Tag & Release	Measure & Release	Lengths	
				T&R	M&R
SHARK, Whaler	Y	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, White	N	N	N		
SNAPPER	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
SPANGLED EMPORER	Y	N	Y		>30
SPEARFISH	Y	Y	N	60+	
TAILOR	Y	N	Y		>30
TOPE	Y	Y	N	100+	
TREVALLY, Big Eye	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TREVALLY, Brassy	Y	N	Y		>30
TREVALLY, Giant	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TREVALLY, Gold Spot	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TREVALLY, Golden	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TREVALLY, Silver	Y	Y	Y	45+	>30 - <45
TROUT Brook	Y	N	Y		>20
TROUT, Brown	Y	N	Y		>30
TROUT, Rainbow	Y	N	Y		>30
TUNA, Bigeye	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TUNA, Bluefin	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TUNA, Dogtooth	Y	Y	N	60+	
TUNA, Kawa Kawa	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TUNA, Longtail	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TUNA, Skipjack	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
TUNA, Yellowfin	Y	Y	Y	60+	>30 - <60
WAHOO	Y	Y	N	60+	
Bread & Butter Species					
BREAM - all species	N	N	Y		>20
COD, Tropical Rock	N	N	Y		>20
EMPORER, Grass /Blue Lined	N	N	Y		>20
FLATHEAD - all species	N	N	Y		>20
GARFISH	N	N	Y		>20
HERRING, Ox Eye / Tarpon	N	N	Y		>20
HERRING, Australian / Tommy Rough	N	N	Y		>20
LEATHERJACKETS - all species	N	N	Y		>20
MORWONG	N	N	Y		>20
PARROT FISH	N	N	Y		>20
SALMON, Blue/Beach	N	N	Y		>20
SNAPPER, Tropical	N	N	Y		>20
TRAVELLY, Others (Caranx Sub Family)	N	N	Y		>20
WHITING - all species	N	N	Y		>20

Sharks, Barracuda, Dogtooth Tuna, Narrow Barred Mackerel, Wahoo, all Billfish & Spearfish are not eligible for M&R due to OH&S and mortality risks to the Shark species.

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TAG/MEASURE & RELEASE

SPECIES	Ultra Light 1 - 3kg	Light 4 - 8kg	Medium 10 - 15kg	Heavy 24kg	Heavy 37kg
Albacore	40	30	20	10	-
Amberjack	80	60	40	20	10
Barracuda	40	30	20	10	-
Barramundi	80	60	40	20	-
Bass, Australian	5	4	-	-	-
Black Jewfish	80	60	40	20	-
Bonito	15	10	5	5	-
Bonefish	20	10	-	-	-
Broadbill	400	300	200	100	50
Carp	5	4	3	2	-
Catfish, Freshwater	15	10	-	-	-
Chinaman	30	20	15	10	-
Cobia	60	40	20	10	5
Cod, Murray	80	60	40	20	-
Eagle Ray	50	40	30	20	10
Kingfish, Yellowtail	80	60	40	20	10
Mackerel, broad barred	40	30	20	10	-
Mackerel, narrow barred	60	50	30	15	-
Mackerel, shark	40	30	20	10	-
Mackerel, spotted	40	30	20	10	-
Mahi Mahi (dolphinfish)	40	30	20	10	-
Mangrove Jack	20	15	10	-	-
Marlin, blue, black & striped	400	300	200	100	50
Mulloway, jewfish	80	60	40	20	-
Perch, English (Redfin)	5	4	-	-	-
Perch, Estuary	5	4	-	-	-
Perch, Golden	5	4	-	-	-
Perch, Silver	5	4	-	-	-
Queenfish	30	20	10	-	-
Rainbow Runner	20	15	10	5	-
Sailfish	300	230	150	80	40
Salmon, (Atlantic & Chinook)	5	4	3	-	-
Salmon, Australian	15	10	5	-	-
Salmon, Threadfin	30	20	15	-	-
Samson Fish	80	60	40	20	10
Saratoga	20	15	10	-	-
Shark - All (except those listed below)	80	60	40	20	10
Shark - Blue	40	30	20	10	5
Shark - Gummy	20	15	10	5	5
Shark - Porbeagle	30	20	15	10	5
Snapper	20	15	10	5	-
Spangled Emperor	20	15	10	-	-
Spearfish	300	230	150	80	40

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TAG/MEASURE & RELEASE – Cont'd

SPECIES	Ultra Light 1 - 3kg	Light 4 - 8kg	Medium 10 - 15kg	Heavy 24kg	Heavy 37kg
Tailor	5	4	3	2	-
Trevally, big eye	30	20	10	10	-
Trevally, brassy	30	20	10	10	-
Trevally, giant	40	30	20	10	-
Trevally, golden	30	20	10	10	-
Trevally, Gold Spot	30	20	10	10	-
Trevally, silver	30	20	10	-	-
Trout, Brook	5	4	3	-	-
Trout, Brown	5	4	3	-	-
Trout, Rainbow	5	4	3	-	-
Tuna, bluefin (Pacific & SBT)	80	60	40	20	10
Tuna, bigeye	80	60	40	20	10
Tuna, dogtooth	80	60	40	20	10
Tuna, kawa kawa	30	20	10	10	-
Tuna, longtail	40	30	20	10	-
Tuna, skipjack	30	20	10	10	-
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	60	40	20	10
Wahoo	80	60	40	20	10
Bread and Butter Species					
Bream – all species	5	4	3	2	-
Cod – all Tropical Rock	5	4	3	2	-
Emperor – Grass / Blue Lined	5	4	3	2	-
Flathead – all species	5	4	3	2	-
Garfish	5	4	3	2	-
Herring - Ox Eye / Tarpon	5	4	3	2	-
Herring (Australian) / Tommy Rough	5	4	3	2	-
Leather Jacket – all species	5	4	3	2	-
Morwong – all species	5	4	3	2	-
Parrot Fish – all species	5	4	3	2	-
Snapper - all Tropical	5	4	3	2	-
Salmon – Blue/Beach	5	4	3	2	-
Trevally – all others	5	4	3	2	-
Whiting – all species	5	4	3	2	-

CARE – Please ensure fish recorded under the Bread & Butter Species are NOT also a listed Game Fish Species and therefore eligible for higher points

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CAPTURE

$$\frac{\text{Weight of Fish} \times 100}{\text{Line Class}} = \text{Point Score}$$

Sharks & Rays get 50% of points

Gilled & Gutted Fish – Scale Weight of Fish + 10% = Weight of fish for Capture points.

Line Class Captures – All Gamefish must be equal to or greater than Line Class & all Sharks/Rays must be Double line class.