



NSAA

NATIONAL TRIALS/CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. CAPTAINS MEETINGS

- i) Will be held prior to commencement of the National Trials at a venue and time stipulated by the NSAA exco.
- ii) On completion of each competition day at a venue and time as determined on the opening or previous Captains meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE AND RULES

- i) The Chief Weighmaster or Appointed Tournament Director shall act as Chairman
- ii) The Manager and Captain from each team to be present,
- iii) Only Captains to deliberate and vote.
- iv) Tournament Officials, (for administrative purposes only), as well as recording officials
- v) The NSAA Chairman and Exco Officials
- vi) The Chairman (or appointed person) of the NSAA may assist the Weighmaster at all Captains meetings.
- vii) All votes to be 50% plus one
- viii) The Chief Weigh Master/Tournament Director shall have a casting vote
- ix) Ladies combined with Junior U/16 venue will be discussed separately.
- x) Only Ladies and Junior U/16 captain to vote on these areas.

3. POWERS

- i) To share any announcements from NSAA/NFSA/MFMR
- ii) To elect three members to serve as Competition **dispute** committee
- iii) To determine the Venues for the Championships.
- iv) To appoint recording officials.
- v) To allocate recording officials to areas
- vi) To make bait arrangements
- vii) To discuss / implement any possible Nature/Sea Fisheries conservation matters
- viii) To attain consensus on all decisions.
- ix) To address any problems that may have arisen during the course of the competition day.
- x) To decide on the competition angling hours. Lines in and lines out (see 5.1 (v))
- xi) To determine the Boundaries within selected area for the competition.

3.1) Area Selection

- a) Day by day venue to be selected at First Captains meeting.
- b) Practice area to be announced 10 days prior to tournament commencement.
- c) No participant to fish other areas within 72hrs to start of tournament.
- d) Ladies and Junior U/16 combined to fish a different area.

3.2) The Chief Weighmaster or Tournament Director may:

- a) at any time stop the competition if conditions are deemed too dangerous to fish. (communicate a stop time to all officials and managers prior to stopping)
- b) Apply a no wading rule if conditions are too dangerous.
- c) At any time stop the competition and move to another location if conditions become unfishable.

Note: All fish caught prior to stop time will be recorded and count.

4. DEFINITION:

Person:

Referred to in these rules and guidelines means combinedly or separate any individual who is officially part of the tournament in any capacity.

Team:

Includes all management, anglers or person of such a group.

Venue:

Place or area.

Live Rod:

The rod with bait on and casted into the water.

Chart

Length to weight conversion chart.

5. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

- 5.1. The area that will be fished in during a competition will be determined by the first Captains' meeting prior to start of tournament.
 - i) All Teams (Men) : The area will not be less than five kilometers and not more than ten kilometers.
 - ii) Ladies and Junior U/21 not less than 3km and not more than 5km.
 - iii) One fixed boundary to be specified and distance measured from there.
 - iv) Ladies and Junior U/21 venue (area) not to be further than 5km from other venue. (Or as decided by Tournament Director)
 - v) Angling hours will be not less than six (6) and no more than eight (8)
- 5.2 All unused bait must be placed in the water directly after the competition has ended and **NOT** be discarded on the beach.
- 5.3 An **Angler is permitted** to use only one live rod at any given time. (He/she may carry spare rods).

- 5.4 Only two single hooks or one treble hook is allowed to be on the end of the line while fishing.
- 5.5 **No artificial equipment** may be used while fishing, or casting.
- i) Rod stands/ rests may be used while fishing, (waiting for a bite, preparing next bait, etc)
 - ii) Under no circumstances may a fish be fought while the rod is in the stand. (Fish on)
- 5.6 **No assistance** may be rendered by any person to an angler to;
- i) build a bait, bait a hook, cast, hook a fish or play a fish.
 - ii) The fish of an angler will be disqualified (see (i)) or if the angler hands over his rod to any person while the fish is being fought (from the time it is hooked till the time it is landed). (Landed – when a fish cannot return to the water without assistance)
- 5.7 **No Gaffing allowed** – period.
- i) During the assisted landing process **only the leader line** may be handled, not the main line. (see 6.2 & 6.3)
- 5.8 A harness or other equipment can only be used by a disabled person. Applications for this privilege must be timeously forwarded in writing to the committee of NSAA. A certificate providing details of the disablement must accompany such an application. Every application will be handled on merit.
- 5.9 Bait may only be casted into the water by an angler making use of only a rod and reel. No sliding, using a kite, baitboat, any artificial method or mechanical device to place bait in the water is allowed.
- 5.10 **Floatation** with a size of not larger than 40mm x 40mm x 40mm is allowed to be added to a bait. This float added is not to be visible and covered with the bait presented.
- 5.11 In the case of two anglers hooking the same fish the angler's hook that is in the mouth of the fish will count. If both anglers hooks are in the mouth, the fish will be disqualified.
- 5.12 No angling is permitted from canoes, small boats or any other type of floating equipment.
- 5.13 During competitions anglers **must** wear clothing that identifies and associates the angler with a specific team.
- 5.14 Electronic communication equipment may be used during competitions.
- 5.15 **Assistance** may be rendered to an Angler upon his/her request by **any person** when landing a fish. (Rule (6.2 & 6.3) applies to any person rendering assistance)
- 5.16 If a fish is hooked before;
- i) the competition ends it may be fought until it is landed but the Chief Weigh Master/Tournament Director must be notified as soon as possible before the scales close. (see 5.17)
 - ii) Hooked within the area but is fought outside the boundaries, an official must be notified immediately.
- 5.17 "Scales" (recording of fish)
- i) will **be open** until the captains meeting commences after a days fishing.
 - ii) Will **be kept** open until (see 5.16)
- 5.18 Any fish tagged and recought on the same day will count.
- 5.19 Any Mutilated catch will be Measured. The angler will receive points as to the length/weight ratio as indicated on the chart of the section/portion of the mutilated fish, providing:
- i) The mutilated fish can be identified.

- ii) The mutilated section to be recorded complies with the minimum length as described.(minimum length to prescribed species)
 - iii) An angler to receive points on the length and weight ratio of the mutilated fish.
- 5.20 Should a **catch unhook** or the line part **any person may** (excluding officials)
- i) grab the fish (Dive for it)
 - ii) grab the leader line or trace (see 6.2 & 6.3)
 - iii) This fish will count towards the anglers points whose line it parted from.
- 5.21 The use of keep nets in the water is prohibited.
- 5.22 All fish to be recorded on the beach – **No in water** measurement recording. (see 5.32.)
- 5.23 Team members are only allowed to be transported (moved to new location) with their own team vehicle/s during the competition, except in the case of an emergency.
- 5.24 Anglers in the same team may exchange bait between themselves.
- 5.25 Managers, guides, coaches, ass managers or any person may not supply an angler with bait in the water.
- 5.26 A fish is **considered landed**.
- i) When it cannot return to the water without assistance.
- 5.27 Process of recording**
- i) When a fish is handed over to any person who will transport the fish to a recording station/official.
 - ii) This person may not wait for other anglers to land a fish but must do the transport immediately.
 - iii) If handed to a recording official (by him/herself) at hand the angler must wait until the fish is recorded and return it to the water.
- 5.28 An angler **may only recast** his bait after landing a fish and;
- a) **Sharks** or in edible's.
 - i) As soon as the fish has been recorded by an official (or appointed person) at hand.(see 5.27 (iii))
 - ii) As soon as it is handed over to a person who will transport the fish to an official for recording.
 - iii) The angler **may not accumulate** inedible fish. (MFMR Rules– only one inedible fish in possession per person per day
 - b) **White fish or edibles**.
 - i) An Angler **may accumulate** edible fish as prescribed by MFMR of fisheries. This means he may have the accumulated amount of 10 edible fish in his possession and be within the law.
 - ii) The angler may cast directly after catching an edible fish and also have more than one fish in his possession. (not more than 10)
 - iii) This practice is however not encouraged and participants are requested to handle edible fish as in (5.28 a).
 - iv) However, the angler (see iii) will not be penalized (apply 5.28 (b) i)
 - v) All edible fish that cannot be returned to the water will be tail marked by a recording official
- 5.29 No manager, guide, coach or assistant manager **may not** at any time have more than one **inedible** (shark etc.) of a **single angler** in his possession. (He may not wait for an angler to catch more than one and then transport it to a measuring point/official).
- 5.30 Any manager, guide, coach or assistant manager **may** however have **more than one** inedible (shark etc.) in his possession from **different anglers**. (NSAA. has exemption from the MFMR to do this during competitions).

- 5.31 Managers, guides, coaches or assistant managers from opposing teams may transport any angler's fish for recording.
- 5.32 **How deep** in the water may an angler be assisted in landing a fish?
- i) At any depth.
 - ii) The angler must accompany the person who assisted him/her to dry ground (water's edge)
 - iii) Process of recording then applies. (see 5.28 (a))
 - iv) Only then may the angler cast new bait.
 - v) Rocks, reefs, islands and sandbanks in the water are not deemed as dry ground.

6. LINES AND TRACES

- 6.1. No restraint on line diameter or breaking strain.
- 6.2. Should no casting leader be used only the terminal tackle (trace) may be handled when assistance is given during the landing of a fish. (defined as from the knot which ties the mainline to the terminal tackle (trace)
- 6.3. A shock or casting leader not exceeding nine (9) meters, when extended may be used. The length of this leader, shall be the overall length, measured from where the knot where 2 lines with different diameters are joined together, to the furthers part of the trace (terminal tackle). There is no restriction on the breaking strain or diameter of shock leaders. This section of line (9m) may be handled by any person assisting the angler landing the fish.
- 6.4. Officials do have the right to measure and check all lines and traces during a competition.

7. BAIT

- 7.1. During national angling championships the bait will be supplied by the NSAA.
- i) Only the **bait provided** may be used at any time.
 - ii) No dispersable additives/lures/skirts/Hi glow floats,
 - iii) No fish may be cut for bait e.g. Barbel, sandshark etc.

8. DISPUTE COMMITTEE

- 8.1 Officials and the action (dispute) committee must ensure that all rules are adhered to
- 8.2 The decision of the dispute committee shall be final and binding.
- 8.3 Differentiate between direct angling and non angling matters
- I) **Direct Angling matters** will be where the action of the person/s will have a direct outcome on the competition e.g. found guilty of using illegal bait and his/her/their points for the day gets disqualified etc.
 - II) **Non angling matters** will be where the action of the person/s is for eg. more conduct related e.g swearing, not good sportmanship, arriving under the influence of alcohol, speeding on the beach etc.
- 8.4 Any complaints received from any person must be recorded and given attention.

9. COMPLAINTS

9.1 Complaints need not be in writing and can be lodged by any person.

9.2 Complaints during angling hours

A) Fish in contention

- i) The fish in contention should be measured and recorded.
- ii) This recording and relevant information regarding this contention should be reported to the dispute committee directly after lines up.
- iii) The dispute committee will gather all relevant information (facts, witnesses etc.)

B) Complaints during fishing hours.

- I) Where a report is made which requires physical evidence e.g. an angler reported sliding, fishing with illegal bait etc.
- II) Notify any official immediatly.
- III) Official to investigate immediatly and record facts.
- IV) To be discussed and acted upon by the dispute committee directly after lines up.

C) Complaints after lines up

- i) The complaint will either be lodged by a team manager or official.
- ii) The complaint will be lodged during but adressed seperately at the Captains meeting.
- iii) This complaint will then be referred to the dispute committee.
- iv) The dispute committe will gather all relavant information. (facts , witnesses etc)

D) Complaints after the competition.

- i) It does happen that a complain with merit only emerges after lines up or during team meetings. (E.g. wrong info on score card, After hr insident)
- ii) This complain must be lodged before the commencement of the following captains meeting.
- iii) This complaint will then be referred to the dispute committee.
- iv) The dispute committe will gather all relavant information. (facts , witnesses etc

E) Action by the dispute committee.

- i) Resolve the complaint immediatly.
- ii) Resolve the complaint within 6hrs
- iii) Postpone resolvement to not later than the following Captains meeting.
- iv) Leave unresolved and refer to the governing body (NSAA).

F) Penalty/s imposed by the dispute committee.

- i) Fish in contention be disqualified
- ii) Anglers complete catch for the day be disqualified
- iii) Teams catch for the day be disqualified.
- iv) Angler be disqualified for the day or duration of the tournament
- v) Team be disqualified for the day or duration of the tournament
- vi) Combination of the above

- vii) Any or combination of the above **and also** be referred to the Exco of the (NSAA) for further disciplinary action.

10. SCORING SYSTEM:

10.1. National Championships

A) Edible fish

- i) The MFMR rules will apply for any edible fish to score.
- ii) Minimum size as prescribed will apply.
- iii) One (1) point per kilogram or part there of will be recorded.
- iv) Foreign Species (Shad, Garrick etc.) minimum length to weight be 0.7kg to score.
- v) All fish will be measured and not weighed - (length to weight chart applied)

B) Inedible Fish

- i) All fish will be measured and not weighed - (length to weight chart applied)
- ii) Minimum weight to score will be one (1) kilogram.
- iii) Minimum length equals one (1) kilogram will apply.
- iv) One point per kilogram or part there of above one (1) kilogram will be recorded.

10.2. Individual Scoring.

- i) Any individual angler's points will be accumulated daily and combined for the duration of the tournament.
- ii) The individual with the highest accumulated score for the duration of the tournament will be declared the winner in his/her category.

10.3. Team scoring.

- i) All 7 (seven) individual team members scores will be accumulated and combined daily and combined for the tournament.
- ii) After the final day only the top six (6) anglers scores combined and accumulated for the duration of the tournament will count towards the team ranking.
- iii) The top six anglers score combined will reflect the teams final points at the end of the tournament.
- iv) The team with the highest accumulated score for the duration of the tournament will be declared the winner.

11. SCORECARDS

- i) Only NSAA issued scorecards to be used
- ii) All data requested to be completed
- iii) Stays the responsibility of the angler
- iv) To be handed in on requested time (no late scorecards entertained)
- v) Write neat and dont cross over (cancel and re-do on next line).

- vi) No card no points.
- vii) Unreadable water damaged scorecards will be discarded.
- viii) Scorecards only to be completed by designated and appointed persons.
- ix) Lost score card:
 - Angler to be issued with new score card. (by tournament director only)
 - No previous caught fish (on lost score card) to be re - recorded.
 - Should "lost" score card be found, both cards to be handed to the records officer who will then accumulate the scores of both cards.
 - No 2 score card system will be tolerated to speed up performance.

12. TRANSPORT & VEHICLE ALLOCATION

All teams are responsible for supplying their own transport on the beaches and are subject to the regulations of the different authorities. These allocations of vehicles may change if so decided by the NSAA committee.

a) Senior men including U/21 Junior:

No more than 2 (two) vehicles are permitted and allocated to a team consisting of maximum 7 (seven) anglers, 1 (one) junior angler U/21, a manager and a guide.

b) Ladies:

No more than 2 (two) vehicles are permitted and allocated to a team consisting of maximum 7 (seven) anglers, a manager and a guide.

c) Junior U/16:

No more than 2 (two) vehicles are permitted and allocated to a team consisting of maximum 7 (seven) anglers, a manager and a guide.

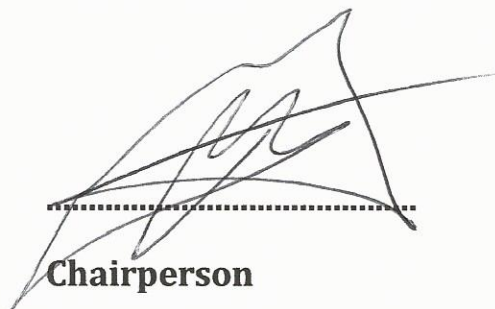
d) Combined Ladies & Junior U/16:

No more than 2 (two) vehicles are permitted and allocated to a combined team of maximum 7 (seven) anglers, a manager and a guide.

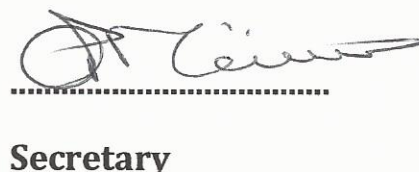
e) Extra Vehicle allocation:

- i) Only should the amount of Junior U/21 exceed 4 in total. (see 12 a)
- ii) Only should the amount in (12 b, c, or d) exceed 4 as prescribed in (12 b, c or d)

Good sportsmanshship should prevail during the competition, bad behavior will not be tolerated.



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Chairperson



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Secretary