

6. ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS, TOURNAMENTS & COMPETITIONS

6.1 The Club will run a year-long competition open to financial Club members beginning 1st January and ending 31st December each year. This competition will be the Annual Club Awards to acknowledge the year's Club Champions.

6.2 A club member can accumulate points for the Annual Club Awards by fishing in any or all 3 divisions within their age group and/or category.

(a) There are 3 divisions in the annual club awards:

- Capture
- Tag and release billfish
- Tag and release gamefish

(b) There are 5 different categories or age groups in the annual club awards:

- Open (All financial members)
- Adult male (16yrs and over)
- Adult female (16yrs and over)
- Junior (12 to 15 yrs)
- Smallfry (Up to 11yrs)

Points accrued as a Smallfry or Junior will remain as points in those categories up until the age of 11 or 15 individually, after such date points will accrue in the corresponding Junior or Adult category.

(c) Club members can fish throughout the year and weigh fish and/or hand tags to the Weighmaster or their assistant at any time in accordance with the fishing rules.

(d) Point scoring and trophy calculations are described in section 6.6 of these rules.

(e) Weigh sheets and tag cards should be handed to the weighmaster as soon as practicable after capture, any weigh sheets or tags handed in after the 7th of the following month after capture will not be included into the yearly scores except when prior arrangements have been made.

6.3 The following trophies will be awarded at the annual club awards each year at a venue and date set by the committee.

1. Champion Boat - Capture
2. Champion Boat - Tag and Release Billfish
3. Champion Boat - Tag and Release Gamefish

4. Champion Angler - Capture - Adult male
5. Champion Angler - Capture - Adult female
6. Champion Angler - Capture - Junior
7. Champion Angler - Capture - Smallfry

8. Champion Angler - Tag and Release Billfish - Adult male
9. Champion Angler - Tag and Release Billfish - Adult female
10. Champion Angler - Tag and Release Billfish - Junior
11. Champion Angler - Tag and Release Billfish - Smallfry

12. Champion Angler - Tag and Release Gamefish - Adult male
13. Champion Angler - Tag and Release Gamefish - Adult female
14. Champion Angler - Tag and Release Gamefish - Junior
15. Champion Angler - Tag and Release Gamefish - Smallfry

16. Highest Point Scoring Mackerel - Adult
17. Highest Point Scoring Mackerel - Junior
18. Highest Point Scoring Mackerel - Smallfry

19. Highest Point Scoring Shark - Adult
20. Highest Point Scoring Shark - Junior
21. Highest Point Scoring Shark - Smallfry

22. Highest Point Scoring Gamefish other than mackerel or shark – Adult
23. Highest Point Scoring gamefish other than mackerel or shark - Junior
24. Highest Point Scoring gamefish other than mackerel or shark – Smallfry

25. Heaviest Mackerel – Adult
26. Heaviest Mackerel – Junior
27. Heaviest Mackerel – Smallfry

28. Heaviest Shark – Adult
29. Heaviest Shark – Junior
30. Heaviest Shark – Smallfry

31. Heaviest Gamefish other than mackerel or shark – Adult
32. Heaviest Gamefish other than mackerel or shark – Junior
33. Heaviest Gamefish other than mackerel or shark - Smallfry

6.4 In addition to the annual club awards, the committee will organise other club tournaments and competitions also. These will be, the “*Dampier Classic*” and 2 further gamefishing tournaments.

6.5 The “*Dampier Classic*” will be open to be fished by non-members. All other tournaments may or may not be open to non-members at the discretion of the committee.

6.6 **Trophy Calculations:** The following calculations are used to decide the winners for trophies in the annual club awards and all club organised gamefishing tournaments and competitions.

Champion angler calculations apply to male, female, junior and small fry trophies. There may be other trophies available in some events and the calculations for those trophies will be included in the literature for that competition.

6.6.1 Capture Division

Trophy/Prize	Annual Club Awards	Competitions / Tournaments
Champion Boat – Capture	The addition of the points allocated to the 2 highest points scoring of each eligible species weighed from that vessel over the duration of the year. (Maximum of 1 from the <i>Dampier Classic</i>).	The addition of the points allocated to the highest point scoring of each eligible species weighed from that vessel over the duration of the competition.
Champion Angler – Capture	The addition of the points allocated to the 2 highest points scoring of each eligible species weighed by an angler over the duration of the year. (Maximum of 1 from the <i>Dampier Classic</i>).	The addition of the points allocated to the highest point scoring of each eligible species weighed by an angler over the duration of the competition.

6.6.2 Tag & Release Billfish Division

Trophy/Prize	Annual Club Awards	Competitions / Tournaments
Champion Boat – T&R Billfish	The addition of all points allocated to club members that have tagged fish in the vessel over the duration of the year. There are no limits on the number of billfish that can be tagged.	The addition of all points allocated to vessel over the duration of the competition. There are no limits on the number of billfish that can be tagged.
Champion Angler – T&R Billfish	The addition of all points allocated to an angler over the duration of the year. There are no limits on the number of billfish that can be tagged.	The addition of all points allocated to an angler over the duration of the competition. There are no limits on the number of billfish that can be tagged.

6.6.3 Tag & Release Gamefish Division

Trophy/Prize	Annual Club Awards	Competitions / Tournaments
Champion Boat – T&R Gamefish	The addition of the 10 highest point scoring tags per species/group allocated to the vessel over the duration of the year. (Maximum of 5 from the Dampier Classic).	The addition of the 5 highest point scoring tags per species/group allocated to the vessel over the duration of the competition.
Champion Angler – T&R Gamefish	The addition of the 10 highest point scoring tags per species/group allocated to the angler fishing over the duration of the year. (Maximum of 5 from the Dampier Classic).	The addition of the 5 highest point scoring tags per species/group allocated to the angler over the duration of the competition.

- 6.7 In the event of a tie, the team or angler that has the lowest number of tags to reach their total will be awarded as the winner. If the number of tags is exactly the same, then it will be the team or angler that handed in their tags first.

7. **FISHING RULES**

These rules apply to all annual club awards and gamefishing tournaments organised by the Club.

7.1 Capture and Tag & Release: GFAA (Gamefishing Association of Australia) Rules and Equipment Regulations apply to all tournaments and the annual club awards.

7.2 The weight of fish equal to line class rule does not apply in tag and release sections only.

7.3 All anglers are advised to use factory tested mono or Dacron lines only. The use of backing is permissible, i.e. Braid, Dacron or Monofilament line. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five meters of the line directly preceding the double, leader & hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line.

7.4 The Club Weighmaster or Assistant will record all captures and tags made or placed by the members to determine the winners of all tournaments and annual club awards.

7.5 Fishing areas are restricted to:

	Annual Club Awards	Competitions/Tournaments
All fish must be caught or tagged within:	100 nautical miles of the KBGFC Gantry.	60 nautical miles of the KBGFC Gantry.

7.6 Club rulings for point eligibility:

	Annual Club Awards	Competitions/Tournaments
Billfish	<p>Eligible billfish may be weighed for the capture division for points as per the point score for billfish. See section 8.8 for point score calculations.</p> <p>Billfish may be tagged and released and nominated to one of three divisions. See section 7.8 for divisions. See section 10.7 for point score.</p>	<p>All billfish are tag and release only, unless specified by the Committee prior to the tournament.</p> <p>Billfish will be tagged and released and nomination procedures will be described in the competition literature.</p>
Points for Billfish tagged and released, will be allocated to the annual club awards from competitions in any division as per 10.7 Tag & Release Eligible Species & Points Table		

	Annual Club Awards	Competitions/Tournaments
Sharks	<p>Eligible sharks may be weighed for the capture division for points as per the point score for sharks. See section 8.8 for point score calculations.</p> <p>Sharks may be tagged and released and nominated to one of two divisions. See section 7.10 for divisions. See section 10.7 for point score.</p>	<p>All sharks are tag and release only, unless specified by the Committee prior to the tournament.</p> <p>Sharks will be tagged and released and nomination procedures will be described in the competition literature.</p>
Points for sharks tagged and released, will be allocated to the annual club awards from competitions in any division as per 10.7 Tag & Release Eligible Species & Points Table		

- 7.7 Inline circle hooks MUST be used when using live baits for Billfish.
- 7.8 A tagged billfish can be allocated to one of three divisions
- a) tag and release billfish
 - b) tag and release gamefish
 - c) capture
- Billfish tags will be allocated to the tag and release billfish division unless nominated for another division.
- 7.9 The nomination procedure for the annual awards is: The tag must be nominated to the required division when handing the tag to the Weighmaster/assistant and the division must be marked on the top of the tag card. Nomination procedures for competitions will be described in the competition literature.
- 7.10 A tagged shark can be allocated to one of two divisions
- a) tag and release gamefish
 - b) capture
- Shark tags will be allocated to the tag and release gamefish division unless nominated for capture.
- 7.11 The nomination procedure for the annual awards is: The tag must be nominated to the capture division when handing the tag to the Weighmaster/assistant and capture must be marked on the top of the tag card. Nomination procedures for competitions will be described in the competition literature.

8. CAPTURE DIVISION

- 8.1 GFAA Rules and Equipment Regulations will apply to all sections of capture competitions and the annual club awards.
- 8.2 Line classes shall be limited to 1 kg through to 37kg.
- 8.3 All fish that are weighed in must be accompanied by the tackle used in that capture and be available for inspection. The weigh master and/or tournament committee reserves the right to inspect and /or test any tackle used in the capture of a fish.
- 8.4 All anglers are advised to use factory tested mono or Dacron lines. The use of backing is permissible, i.e. Braid, Dacron or Monofilament lines. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five meters of the line directly preceding the double, leader & hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line.
- 8.5 Fish may be gilled and gutted but will not be eligible for any record claim and no allowance will be made for the decrease in weight caused by this action. Mutilated or frozen fish will not be accepted for weigh in.
- 8.6 All fish must be weighed on club certified scales to be eligible for tournament or club points.
- 8.7 Where permissible, (section 7.6): for gamefish and billfish captures to be eligible for points, they must be at least equal in weight to the line class used in its capture;
For shark captures to be eligible for points, they must be at least twice the weight of the line class used in its capture.
- 8.8 Point Scoring: Where eligible for weighing, the point scoring is:
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| Gamefish | - | Weight x 100 ÷ line class = points |
| Billfish | - | Weight x 100 ÷ line class = points |
| Sharks | - | Weight x 50 ÷ line class = points |
- 8.9 Points for sharks and billfish tagged will be allocated to competitions and the yearly awards as per the club Tag & Release Eligible Species & Points Table (10.7). Note: see limitations on tags counting as capture in item 6.6.1 Annual Club Awards.

- 8.10 Eligible species:
- a) for the annual club awards it will be as per the GFAA Game fishing Journal. This will include both Saltwater and Freshwater species, please note that there are different rules for Freshwater species in regard to double line and leader lengths.
 - b) for other club competitions and tournaments, the tournament committee will decide and advise competitors which species are eligible.
- 8.11 One fish can only win one prize (i.e. it cannot win highest point scoring and heaviest). In the event of this situation, the fish will be allocated the highest point scoring and the second heaviest fish will be promoted to the heaviest.
- 8.12 In the event of a tie, the fish weighed first will be allocated the trophy.
- 8.13 WA fisheries bag limits and minimum sizes apply. Any fish presented over the state bag limits or under state size limits cannot be weighed.

9. TAG AND RELEASE BILLFISH DIVISION

- 9.1 GFAA Rules and Equipment Regulations apply to tag and release billfish, the only exception to this is the weight of fish to exceed the line class does not apply.
- 9.2 The maximum line class that can be used for tag and release is 15kg.
- 9.3 All marlin are classed as one species.
- 9.4 The points for tag and release Billfish will be calculated using the Tag & Release Eligible Species & Points Table (10.7).
- 9.5 All tag cards must be completed so that all boxes and lines are filled in.

10. TAG & RELEASE GAMEFISH DIVISION

- 10.1 GFAA Rules and Equipment Regulations apply to tag and release gamefish, the only exception to this is the weight of fish to exceed the line class does not apply
- 10.2 The maximum line class that can be used for tag and release is 15kg.
- 10.3 Minimum size for tagging gamefish = 60cm
- 10.4 Minimum size for tagging sharks = 100cm
- 10.5 The points for tag and release Gamefish will be calculated using the Tag & Release Eligible Species & Points Table (10.7).
- 10.6 All tag cards must be completed so that all boxes and lines are filled in.

10.7 Tag & Release Eligible Species & Points Table

Species/Group	Points
Marlin (all one species)	300
Sailfish	200
Tiger Shark	300
Whaler Shark (all one species)	100
Hammerhead (all one species)	200
Wahoo	120
Tuna Long Tail	120
Tuna Kawa Kawa	80
Tuna (all others one species)	100
Mackerel - Shark	80
Mackerel - Narrow Barred	100
Mackerel (all other one species)	80
Cobia	100
Barracuda	80
Mahi Mahi	80
Queenfish	80
Trevally - Golden	80
Trevally (all other one species) *	80

All species within the group are encompassed to equal one species for allocating points.

* Only the following species: Giant, Gold Spot, Big Eye.

10.8 A maximum of 5 tags per species/group per angler per day applies to tag and release gamefish in club competitions and the annual club awards.

10.9 Rods, reels and tackle used in the capture of the tagged fish must be presented to the weighmaster for inspection if requested.

10.10 The correct tags must be used for the species being tagged:

- billfish long billfish tag
- gamefish plastic gamefish tag
- sharks steel tag

If an incorrect tag is placed in a fish it will be deemed ineligible for points.

10.11 It is recommended all gamefish (excluding billfish and sharks) be brought on board (unless unsafe to do so) and placed on a damp cool towel or brag mat, measured and the tag placed in the shoulder of the fish and locked in place behind the internal rays of the dorsal fin and returned to the water as soon as possible. Failure to adhere to this process will result in unnecessary damage to the fish and the tag falling out.