



2022 Dampier Classic T&R Billfish Section Rules



1. Line classes for T&R Billfish will be limited to a maximum of 15kg. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect and/or test any rod, Reel, rig or tackle used in the tournament.
2. Only IGFA rated and factory tested Mono will be accepted. The only exception to this is IGFA factory tested Dacron. 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.
3. *When a billfish is tagged regardless of which section It must be radioed to King Bay Base stating the following:*
 - Species
 - Angler
 - Time of tagging
 - Estimated weight
 - Line class
 - The section the tags is being nominated for

At this time the angler may be asked to present the gear for inspection when next at the weigh station. If staying overnight this may not be possible until the following day. If the radio cannot be contacted a committee boat will take the details.
4. A deposit of \$50.00 will be required for the issue of 5 orange Billfish Tags. All unused Tags must be returned at the completion of the Dampier Classic Monday at 8.00pm or the deposit will be forfeited.
5. *Tag cards can be presented at the weigh in daily, fish tagged on one day but handed in the following day will count for the day that they are handed to the weigh master. Radioed billfish tag cards are not considered authenticated until they are received by the Weigh master.*
6. *This year we will also be having a daily tag sheet for the T&R sections. This sheet must be filled out by the angler prior to going to the weigh master in full with boat name, angler, age division, tag number, species and line class. Once complete this sheet along with the anglers tag cards will be presented to the weigh master for cross referencing and then will be signed by the angler and weigh master.*
7. Only in line circle hooks are to be used when live baiting for billfish. KBGFC strongly recommends that stainless steel hooks are not to be used in the capture to tag fish.
8. All Billfish must be tagged with – NSW Fisheries GFAA Billfish Tags (Orange Card) to be eligible for points.
9. **All tag cards must be filled out correctly and completely.** There will be a weigh master assistant available at the weigh station if you are unsure if your tag cards are filled out correctly. Please if there is any doubt check before you go to the weigh master. If the tag card is not filled out correctly or completely and handed to the weigh master it cannot be accepted for point's allocation.

POINTS FOR T&R BILLFISH WILL BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:-

Species/Group	
Marlin (all one species)	300
Sailfish	200

Category Rules:

Champion Boat T&R Billfish: the team with the most points after adding all the entered tags for that team.

Champion Individuals: is the angler with the most points after adding together all the tags entered by the individual angler for their category Male, Female, Junior and Small Fry.

Lucky angler daily prizes: will be the angler drawn out on presentation night. **Anglers must be present at the presentation to claim this prize. If the angler does not attend a redraw will occur.**

To be eligible to win the prize you simply have to enter a fish by either weighing or tagging and hand it to the weigh master for that respective day between weigh in times. Fish will only count for the daily prize on the day they are handed in.

i.e. Fish caught on Friday and weighed during the weigh in times on Friday will count for the Day 1 Fish caught on Friday but weighed during the weigh in times on Saturday will count for the Day 2

And the same for tags, if tagged Friday but handed in on Saturday it will count for the Day 2 prize.

There will be only 1 entry per angler in each draw so you only have to weigh or tag one fish to have an equal chance of winning that day's prize.

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