

Sunshine Coast Game Fishing Club Inc. By Laws and Club Rules -  
effective August 2023.

(Last update: 19 May 2023- SCGFC Committee)

1. G.F.A.A. rules apply.
2. Financial members only can score Club points. The exception to this rule is Club By-Law and Club Rules 7 and 8.
3. Members automatically become un-financial as at midnight on 30 June yearly, unless renewal of membership has been received prior to this date.
4. Full club membership rate (as applies to nominated membership) is applicable to all renewing club members regardless of the month the member renews their membership in a club year.
5. Discounted membership is available to new club members only, from January 1 until 30 June in any one Club year.
6. If a new member applies for membership in May or June, full club membership fee may be tendered -at applying members' discretion - for full club membership until 30 June the ensuing year.
7. QGFA, GFAA or IGFA affiliated Club members, fishing on SCGFC Club boats, shall be eligible to contribute to SCGFC Club Boat points for Champion Boat Trophies.
8. An angler, who is not a QGFA, GFAA or IGFA affiliated Club member, is eligible to contribute to SCGFC Club Boat points for Champion Boat Trophies on their first point scoring day of fishing only, after which to contribute to SCGFC Club Boat points the angler must join a QGFA, GFAA or IGFA affiliated club. This rule excludes SCGFC Club boats fishing on Charter.
9. Club points are only awarded on the submission of completed tag cards and activity sheets.
10. Tag cards and activity sheets must be submitted to the Club Captain within 14 days (two weeks) of the tag or capture to be eligible to score Club points.
11. Club fishing boundaries - Bustard Head (24'05) to Tweed Heads (28'10).
12. All fish captured and tagged within the club boundaries contribute to end of year boat and angler club points, provided the criteria in points 2, 9 and 10 are satisfied.
13. Fish tagged outside of the club fishing boundaries (including overseas) are classified as Outside Zone. Points for these fish apply only to the Outside Zone category in the club championship, and do not contribute to overall angler or boat points. QGFA and GFAA recognise tag records for all outside zone fish, except for fish tagged overseas.

14. Fish may be captured and weighed on any I.G.F.A. line class. To score points the fish must weigh the same or exceed the line class used (points = fish weight x100/line class)
15. Fish can be tagged on any IGFA line class regardless of whether the estimated fish weight exceeds the line class.
16. Each member is limited to tagging five fish (except billfish) of any species per day and capturing two of any one species per day for weighing.
17. Edible fish (except in the case of record claim fish) may be gilled and gutted and 10% of the body weight will be added to attain live weight.
18. Zone 1 is less than 80m in depth.
19. Zone 2 is from 80m to 150m in depth.
20. Zone 3 is a depth greater than 150m.
21. Points are scored for the various eligible tagged fish species, zones and allocated line classes as per the SCGFC Points Table (July 2021). Zones are determined at the point of hook-up.
22. Heavy tackle (15-60kg) trophies will be judged from Zone 3 only. Light tackle (1-10kg) trophies will be judged from Zone 1 and 2 only. Fish tagged in Zone 1 and Zone 2 on 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg line class will go to overall points only.
23. Fish caught on live bait will only attract points if a non-offset circle hook is used. The use of any other hook will result in nil points.
24. Fly-fishing is awarded 4 times the lure/dead bait points for billfish and 2 times for other species for the relevant line class.
25. Junior Club members are eligible to win the SCGFC Junior Champion Trophy for their respective gender. Junior Club members are also eligible to win the SCGFC Overall Club Champion Trophy. Junior Club members are not eligible to win either SCGFC Champion Senior Male Angler or SCGFC Senior Champion Female Angler Trophies.
26. All boats nominating to fish a SCGFC Tournament are required to have current boat insurance. Details of such insurance must be completed on tournament entry forms. Should a boat not have insurance, nor be able to supply evidence of insurance prior to the commencement of the tournament, that boat shall be excluded from participating in the tournament. All onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner / skipper.