

TOURNAMENT Rules

GFAA EQUIPMENT AND ANGLING REGULATIONS APPLY

1. Each team will consist of no more than 6 anglers and no less than 2.
2. There will be 1 line category fished, 8kg only for light tackle Billfish, noting that light tackle zone is less than 150m deep.
3. Tag points will be awarded as follows: Light Tackle Billfish (7500), all other QGFA Species (50).
4. A maximum of 2 predetermined rods set with either lures or natural dead bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 2 predetermined rods at any stage while trolling lures or natural dead bait).
5. A maximum of 1 predetermined rod set with live bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 1 predetermined rod at any stage while live baiting). The rod must not be handled by others including pitch baiting or setting.
6. In regard to rules 4 and 5. There must also be equal fishing "time" and "opportunity" for each angler. (Clarification: no one angler can maintain strike more than another).
7. Skippers may maneuver the boat to assist anglers.
8. Boat crews are not permitted to assist anglers in any other way than to tag and release or capture fish as per GFAA rules.
9. Hookups that go into overtime are permitted but must be radioed into Game Base prior to cease fishing.
10. Only NSW DPI Billfish tags are to be used, failure to use the correct tags will result in zero points being allocated for that fish. It is the responsibility of each competing team to provide their own tags. No points will be allocated for weighed billfish.
11. Capture points are as follows: fish weight x 100 divided by line class. Fish may be gilled and gutted and a 10% allowance will be made for this. However potential record claims must be presented intact.
12. Other species: a limit of 2 fish of any one species per angler per day. Any fish to weigh must be equal to or greater than line class. Eligible species are limited to: Yellowfin Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Cobia, Mahi Mahi and Wahoo. Queensland Bag / Possession limits apply.
13. Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler or team recording their points total first.
14. The tournament committee will decide all trophy winners, that decision will be final. The club reserves the right to review the awarding of any trophy if a contravention of the fishing rules becomes apparent.
15. No fishing including bait fishing will be allowed prior to start fishing (no live bait on board). Teasers are fishing gear and may not be deployed before the start of fishing.
16. Any protests are to be lodged on the day of the alleged incident. In the event of a protest, a group will be formed to determine the merit of any such protest based on a majority vote.
17. No points are awarded for sharks or rays.
18. Anglers, skippers and crew MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either GFAA or QGFA. All trophy winners may be asked to provide proof of current membership.
19. Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc. reserves the right to refuse any application to participate in this tournament.
20. No transfer of anglers or fishing gear at sea is to occur in the event of boat breakdown. Teams may be disqualified for breaching this rule.
21. Teams are to clearly identify rod and reel combinations at the time of the hook-up, and these rod and reel combinations are to be presented for inspection. (Identification is up to the team but should be simple and easy to identify – eg, different coloured band or tape on each outfit.)