



**SASAA/NRSAA**  
**RULES AND GUIDELINES**  
**INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**



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## **1. CAPTAINS MEETINGS**

- i) Will be held prior to commencement of the Championship at a venue and time stipulated by the hosting country.
- ii) On completion of each competition day at a venue and time as determined at 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) No voting and deliberation on areas (see 3.2.1. and 3.2.2).
- v) Tournament Officials, (for administrative purposes only), as well as recording officials.
- vi) The NSAA/SASAA Chairman and Exco Officials.
- vii) The Chairman (or appointed person) of NSAA/SASAA may assist the Weighmaster at all Captains meetings.
- viii) All votes to be 50% plus one.
- ix) The Chief weigh Master/Tournament Director shall have a casting vote in all deliberations.
- x) Ladies combined with Junior U/16 venue will be discussed separately.

## **3. POWERS**

- i) To share any announcements from SASAA/NSAA.
- ii) To elect three members to serve as Competition action committee (see 8.1).
- 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 (iv)).



### 3.1 Announcement of Venues

- i) Possible venues/area (min (6) six) to be announced at least 7 days before the start of the tournament.
  - Venue/area not to be less than 10km and not exceed 15km)
- ii) Day by day venue (3days) to be selected at First Captains meeting.
- iii) Subsequent captains' meetings: To decide on the angling area in the event of drastic weather or sea conditions change
- iv) No participant to fish possible venues as (see(i)) above within 72hrs to start of tournament.
- v) Ladies and Junior U/16 combined to fish a different area.
  - Apply 3.1 (i)
  - Area not to be less than 8km and not exceed 12km
- vi) Apply (3.2.1) (3.2.2) when selecting an area.

### 3.2 To determine the Boundaries (within selected venue (area)) for the competition.

#### 3.2.1 Process (Senior men and other teams)

- i) The Host Nation will be responsible for a well-researched and properly motivated proposal on selected venues/areas.
- ii) Provision should be made for
  - Propose reserve Areas that could be utilised in the event of adverse weather and/or sea conditions, see par 3.1iii).
- iii) Hosting country Senior Men's team to select and motivate venues/areas.

#### 3.2.2 Process (Ladies and Jnr U/16)

- i) The Host Nation will be responsible for a well-researched and properly motivated proposal on selected venues/areas.
- ii) Provision should be made for
  - Propose reserve Areas that could be utilised in the event of adverse weather and/or sea conditions, see par 3.1iii).
- iii) Hosting country Senior Ladies' team to select and motivate venues/areas.

### 3.3 The Action Committee

- i) May at any time stop the competition if:
  - conditions are deemed to dangerous to fish.
  - conditions become unfishable.
- ii) Must communicate a stopping time to all officials and managers at least 30 minutes prior to stopping
- iii) All fish caught prior to this stop time will be recorded and scored
  - Should the competition be stopped after 4 hours of fishing then it will be deemed as being a competition day.
- iv) All fish caught prior to this stop time will not be recorded and scored
  - Should the competition be stopped within the first 4 hours of fishing it will be deemed as not being a competition day
- v) Rules 3.3 i) to 3.3 iv) may only be applied if these conditions were not foreseen at the captains' meeting of the previous day. Par 3.1 iii) refers.



#### 4. DEFINITION:

**Person:**

referred to in these rules and guidelines means combinedly or separate any individual who is officially part of a team in any capacity.

**Team:**

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

**Live Rod:**

The rod with bait on and casted into the water.

**Venue:**

The general area where the competition will take place.

**Area:**

The exact area between two boundaries.

#### 5. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

5.1. The areas (all 3 days) that will be fished in during a competition will be determined at the First Captains' meeting,

- Gala Tournament
  - a) Determined by see (3.2.1).
  - b) Ladies and Jnr U/16 area determined (3.2.2).

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- a) Determined by see (3.2.1).
- b) Ladies and Junior U/16 area determined (3.2.2).

- i) All Teams: The area will not be less than 5 km and not more than 10 km
- ii) Ladies and Junior U/16 not less than 4km and not more than 8km.
- iii) One fixed boundary to be specified and distance measured from there.
- iv) Angling hours will be not less than six (6) (unless the competition is stopped, in which case the 4-hour rule (see 3.3 (iii)) will apply) and no more than eight (8) hours.

5.2 All unused bait must be placed in the water directly after the days angling has ended and **NOT** be discarded on the beach. In areas where this is not allowed it will be communicated at the captains meeting.

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 SASAA/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, bait boat, 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 (radios, phones) 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)  
•**No official may render assistance to an angler when landing a fish.**
- 5.16 If a fish is hooked before;
- i) the competition ends it may be fought until it is landed but the chief weighmaster/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 day's fishing.
- ii) Will **be kept** open for the specific fish(es) see 5.16 i). For all other fish the scales will close as per par 5.17 i)
- 5.18 Any fish tagged and recaught 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**
- i) grab the fish
- ii) or the leader line or trace (see 6.2 & 6.3)
- iii) This fish will count towards the anglers points whose line it parted from.

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- 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 (2 allowed) 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 may supply an angler of the same team 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.
- 5.28 An angler **may only recast** his bait after landing a fish.
- a) **Sharks** or in edible's.
- i) As soon as the fish has been recorded by an official (or appointed person) at hand.
- 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.
- b) White fish or **edibles**.
- i) An Angler **may accumulate** edible fish as prescribed by the Ministry of fisheries of the hosting nation.
- ii) The angler may cast directly after catching a fish and also have more than one fish in his possession
- 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 Any 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**. (exemption has been obtained from the Ministry of fisheries to do this during competitions).
- 5.31 Managers, guides, coaches or assistant mangers 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 angling from rocks, reefs, islands and sandbanks 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

During International angling competitions the bait will be supplied by the hosting country.

- i) Only the **bait provided** may be used at any time.
- ii) No dispersible additives/lures/skirts/Hi glow floats,
- iii) No fish may be cut for bait e.g. Barbel, sandshark etc.

## 8. ACTION COMMITTEE

- 8.1 Will be compiled of the Chief weigh master/Tournament director and one representative of each country.
- 8.2 Officials and the action committee (ex officio) must ensure that all rules are adhered to
- 8.3 The decision of the action committee shall be final and binding.
- 8.4 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 more conduct related e.g. swearing, not good sportsmanship, arriving under the influence of alcohol, speeding on the beach etc.
- 8.4 Any complaints received from any person must be recorded and receive 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 fish should be clearly marked on the score card.
    - iii) This recording and relevant information regarding this contention should be reported to the dispute committee directly after lines up.
    - iv) The action 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 immediately.
- III) Official to investigate immediately and record facts.
- IV) To be discussed and acted upon by the action 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 separately at the Captains meeting.
- iii) This complaint will then be referred to the action committee.
- iv) The action committee will gather all relevant information. (facts, witnesses etc)

**D) Complaints during the competition. (after angling hours)**

- i) It does happen that a complaint with merit only emerges after lines up or during team meetings.
- ii) This complaint must be lodged before the commencement of the following captains' meeting.
- iii) This complaint will then be referred to the action committee.
- iv) The action committee will gather all relevant information. (facts, witnesses etc)

**E) Action by the action committee.**

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

**10. SCORING SYSTEM:**

10.1.

**A) Edible fish**

- i) Ministry of Fisheries rules apply. (Hosting Nation)
- ii) All fish (local or foreign) will be measured and not weighed – (length to weight chart applied)
- iii) One (1) point per kilogram or part thereof will be recorded.



### **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 thereof 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.

### **10.3. Team scoring**

- i) All 7 (seven) individual team members scores will be accumulated and combined daily and combined for the duration of 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 team's 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 issued scorecards to be used
- ii) All data requested to be completed
- iii) All recordings stay the responsibility of the angler to accept as correct.
- iv) To be handed in on requested time (no late scorecards entertained)
- v) Write neat and don't 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) Should a unknown species of fish be landed
  - Take a photo of the fish
  - Measure full and precaudal length (Sharks)
  - Measure tail "V" and full length (Edibles)
  - Measure disk width (Rays)
  - Mark clearly "SEE PHOTO" on scorecard
  - Discuss and verify at first captains' meeting
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## **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 hosting country.

- i) No more than 2 (two) vehicles are permitted and allocated to a team consisting of maximum 7 (seven) anglers, a coach, a manager and a guide. (Gala test series)
- ii) No more than 2 (two) vehicles are permitted and allocated to a team consisting of maximum 7 (seven) anglers, a manager and a guide. (Gus Kohlner invitation series)



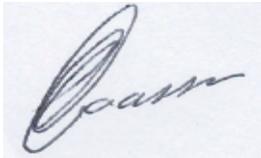
**13. OFFICIALS AND APPOINTED PERSONS.**

- i) Officials may not assist in landing fish.
- ii) Any fish in contention must be measured and recorded
  - Clearly mark this recording on the scorecard
- iii) Report this contention to the chief weigh master/tournament director at first following captains' meeting with particulars of incident.
- iv) No official or appointed person may outright disqualify any fish on his/her own discretion – refer to dispute committee
- v) All to ensure that a fish recorded is placed back into the water.
- vi) Not record any fish on nameless scorecards
- vii) Officials and appointed persons to ensure that the correct species of fish vs the correct method of measurement is practiced.

**14.** Good sportsmanship should prevail during the competition.

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**30 August 2018**

Date

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Signature

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Date

These rules to be amended from time to time as changes may arise and will only be binding by the signatures of both Countries