



SASAA/NRSAA
RULES AND GUIDELINES
INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS



CAPTAINS MEETINGS

- Will be held prior to commencement of the Championship at a venue and time stipulated by the SASAA/NRSAA.
- On completion of each competition day at a venue and time as determined on the opening Captains meeting.

ATTENDANCE

- The Manager and Captain from each team to be present, only captains to deliberate and vote.
- Tournament Officials, for administrative purposes only, as well as weigh officials
- The NRSAA/SASAA Chairman and Exco Officials
- The Weighmaster/Competition Official shall act as Chairman
- The Chairman of NRSAA/SASAA may assist the Weighmaster at all Captains meetings.
- All votes to be 50% plus one

POWERS OF CAPTAINS MEETING

- To share any announcements from SASAA/NRSAA
- To elect three members to serve as Competition action committee
- To determine the Venues for the duration of Championships
- To determine the Boundaries for the competition
- To decide on the competition angling hours
- To make bait arrangements
- To discuss / implement any possible Nature/Sea Fisheries conservation matters
- To attain consensus on all decisions.
- To address any problems that may have arisen during the course of the competition day.

1 GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

- 1.1 The area that will be fished in during a competition will be determined by the Captains' meeting, The area will not be less than five kilometers and not more than ten kilometers. One fixed boundary to be specified and distance measured from there. (In Namibia)
- 1.2 All unused bait must be placed in the water directly after the competition has ended and **NOT** be discarded on the beach.
- 1.3 An Angler is permitted to use (line in water) only one set (Rod and Reel) of angling equipment at any given time. (He/she may carry spare rods)
- 1.4 Only two single hooks or one treble hook is allowed to be on the end of the line while fishing.
- 1.5 No artificial equipment may be used while fishing, whether casting, or fishing except a 'Rod Bucket'. Rod stands/rests or any other aid may not be used in any fishing situation. Rod stands/ rests may be used while fishing, under no circumstances may a fish be fought while the rod is in the stand.
- 1.6 No assistance may be rendered from a fellow angler to bait a hook , cast, hook a fish or play a fish. The fish of an angler will be disqualified if the angler hands over his rod to another angler while the fish is being fought (from the time it is hooked till the time it is landed).
- 1.7 No Gaffing allowed – period. (see 2.2 & 2.3)
During the gaffing process **the leader only** may be handled, not the main line.
- 1.8 A harness or other equipment can only be used by a disabled person. Applications for this right must be forwarded timeously in writing to the committee of SASAA/NRSAA. A certificate providing details of the disablement must accompany such an application. Every application will be handled on merit.
- 1.9 Baits must be cast by an angler on their own, but 'sliding' of live or dead baits is not to be allowed.
- 1.10 The use of boats, track skis, kites, wave drivers or any other artificial methods like balloons "floats or corks above the size of 64 cm³ (40 x 40 x 40 mm)" for the casting of bait will not be permitted.
- 1.11 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 hooks are in the mouth then the fish will be disqualified.
- 1.12 No angling is permitted from canoes, small boats or any other type of floating equipment.
- 1.13 During competitions anglers **must** wear clothing that identifies and associates an angler with a specific team.
- 1.14 Electronic communication equipment may be used during competitions.

- 1.15 Assistance may be rendered to an Angler to land a fish by any competitor, manager or guides (The rod and line may not be handled). Officials **may not** gaff or assist to land a fish. The Leader line only may be handled.
- 1.16 If a fish is hooked before the competition ends it may be fought till it is landed but the weighmaster must be notified as soon as possible before the scales close.
- 1.17 Any fish tagged and recaptured on the same day will count if hooked in the mouth.
- 1.18 Any Mutilated catch will be weighed
- 1.19 Should a catch unhook or the line part. Only the angler may grab the fish
- 1.20 The use of keep nets in the water is prohibited.
- 1.21 All fish to be recorded on the beach – No in water measurement recording

2 LINES AND TRACES

- 2.1 No restraint on line diameter or breaking strain.
- 2.2 Should no casting leader be used only the terminal tackle (trace) may be handled when assistance is given during the landing of a fish.
- 2.3 A shock leader not exceeding nine (9) meters, when extended may be used. The length of the leader, shall be the overall length, measured from where the main line ceases to be single, or where the shock leader knot has been implemented. There is no restriction on the breaking strain or diameter of shock leaders. This section of line (9m) may be handled by the person assisting the angler landing the fish.
- 2.4 No more than two single hooks or one treble hook may be used for bait casting.
- 2.5 Officials do have the right to measure and check all lines and traces during a competition.

3 BAIT

During International angling competitions or other competitions as organised and planned beforehand the bait will be supplied by the NRSAA/SASAA. **Only the bait provided may be used** at any time. No dispersable additives/lures/skirts/Hi glow floats, Barbel etc. may be used.

4 COMPLAINTS

- 4.1 Competition officials and the action committee (ex officio) must make sure that all rules are adhered to.
- 4.2 If an Angler or a team is caught contravening any rules by the Weighmaster or Action committee(ex officio) and/or such angler or team is officially reported by any other angler before the scales close, the fish in contention must be weighed and all aspects must be handled by the Weighmaster and Action committee before the evening of such competition is over. The decision of the action committee is final and binding. The maximum penalty will still be that the total catch of an angler or team can be disqualified for the day.
- 4.2 Under no circumstances complaints are to be addressed during the Competition hours, by any participant, any fish in contention should be weighed and recorded, complaints to be handled after Lines up only. At all times sportsmans like behaviour should prevail during the competition.
- 4.3 All complaints (those of the Weighmaster and action committee excluded) must be handed in, before the scales close in writing and the nature of complaints must clearly indicate the names of all interested parties and witnesses signed by the complainant and countersigned by the captain/manager of the relevant team.

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Name Representative SASAA



Signature
14 November 2016

Date

Johan Agenbag

Name Representative NRSAA



Signature
23 NOVEMBER 2016

Date

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