

WHANGAMATA OCEAN SPORTS CLUB

FISHING RULES 2021-2022

(Amended 31/05/21)

WOSC fishes by IGFA and NZSFC Rules as set out in YEARBOOK together with the following rules.

Fishing Area

The WOSC fishing area includes the whole of the Bay of Plenty. As far North as the northern tip of Great Barrier (The Needles) and as far east as East Cape. The western limit is the line drawn from Cape Barrier to Port Charles.

A trophy is available for fish caught outside of local waters, but these must be caught inside of New Zealand territorial waters.

Age Groups

Small fry - through to age 10 at the date of capture
Junior - 11 – 16yrs at the date of capture
Adult - 17 yrs of age and over

Trophies

Trophies can only be claimed by fully financial members of the WOSC.

Day members are not eligible for Club trophies but catches count for boat points.

Fee - \$10.00 per angler

Day Member Application Forms are available at Club and must be filled in and paid for prior to leaving harbour.

Early birds can leave forms and money under Main door at WOSC.

At the completion of each season fish weighed or tagged will be awarded pins, trophies and certificates where applicable.

A list of these can be found on the back of these rules.

Boat & Angler Points

Species: Marlin, Broadbill, Tuna (all species), Short Bill S/F, Kingfish, Mahi Mahi. Boat points are awarded to, financial members of WOSC, affiliated anglers fishing on financial WOSC members boats and day members of WOSC.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Weighed Fish

Fish weight x 100 divided by line weight (kg)

Tag and Release- the following fish will be awarded points: Billfish, Short Bill S/F, Tuna (Y/Fin, B/Fin & Big Eye ONLY), Kingfish

All Billfish = 450 points

Short Bill S/F and Tuna = 200 points

Kingfish = 25 points. NOTE: one fish per day per angler.

- The T&R points are regardless of line weight but must be the line classes within IGFA guidelines- 1kg to 60kg.
- Skippers/Anglers have a time period of 72 hours from when the fish is tagged and released to have tag card, catch card, photo/video evidence and tackle verified. This can be done by WOSC or any affiliated NZSFC Club.
- All Tagged fish must have a **DATE STAMPED PHOTO** showing TAG in FISH. This along with all tackle must be presented to the weighmaster at the next available time to be verified.

First and Last Game Fish of the Season

Marlin landed or tagged. Short Bill S/F, Big Eye Tuna, Yellow Fin Tuna, Albacore, Blue Fin Tuna, Mahi Mahi provided they meet the required weights set out below.

SPECIES MINIMUM WEIGHT

Marlin	90kg	Kahawai	2kg or exceeding line weight
Tuna	15kg (Y/Fin, B/Fin, Big Eye)	Short Bill S/F	10kg
Kingfish	750mm or over.	Mahi Mahi	5kg
Albacore	5kg	Crayfish	open
Skipjack	3kg	Hapuka	open
Snapper	7kg / 4.5kg Small Fry or Junior	Trevally	3kg

SHARKS - no points will be awarded for sharks, landed or tagged.

WOSC Yearly Trophies

Crayfish (Red Only)	Open
Hapuka, Bass (wreckfish) & Bluenose	Open
Trevally	Open
* Kahawai	Open
* Snapper	M F J & Small Fry
* Kingfish	M F J
* Yellow Fin Tuna	M F J
* Southern Blue Fin Tuna	Open
* Albacore	M F J
* Skipjack	M F J
* Shortbill Spear Fish	Open
* Mahi Mahi	Open
Heaviest Tuna Overall	Open
1 st Game Fish of Season	Open
1 st Marlin of Season	Open (weighed or tagged)
* Heaviest Striped Marlin	M F J
* Heaviest Blue Marlin	Open
* Heaviest Black Marlin	Open
* Heaviest Broadbill	Open
Heaviest Bill Fish	M F J
Outside of Club Waters	Overall Heaviest Fish - Open
Outside of Club Waters	Overall Most Boat Points
Last Marlin of Season	Open (weighed or tagged)
Last Game Fish of Season	Open
Trailer	Most points
Launch	Most points
Commercial	Most points
Angler	Most points
Boat	Most Variety
Boat	Most tagged Billfish
Boat	Most points in Nationals
Most Meritorious Catch	Junior
Heaviest Snapper by Spear Fisher	Open
Heaviest Kingfish by a Spear Fisher	Open
Heaviest Marlin by a Spear Fisher	Open

***Pin Fish**

First fish of each species, where a pin applies, will qualify for a pin, and all subsequent fish exceeding 0.5kg of previous fish also qualify for a pin. All tagged Marlin by a WOSC member will receive a certificate.

WOSC Best Practice

WOSC strongly endorses non-off set re-curve (circle) hooks when live baiting for any species. WOSC encourages a daily Limit of one Blue Fin Tuna per boat per day. The committee shall have the right to alter, delete or add to any rules as it may deem necessary in the interest of competition and sport fishing prior to the commencement of any competition.

Radio

The WOSC Radio Channel is **VHF 03** for chatting, reporting catches and requesting a Weigh Master or WOSC Phone: **07 865 8704**

Weighing Station and Charges

Weigh station is available from 4.30pm to 7pm or in exceptional circumstances. A \$40.00 fee will be payable to the Club for a weigh master to weigh a fish of a fisher person not affiliated to the NZSFC. Day members catch will be weighed free of charge.