

# **The 2009 WHITE SANDS GAME FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES**

## **1. VENUE:**

The Committee and Members of the Jervis Bay Game fishing Club invite anglers who are financial members of a Member Club affiliated with a State Association and that state association is affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) or the Australian National Sport Fishing Association (ANSA) to compete in The White Sands Tournament at Huskisson on Jervis Bay on Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November 2009. Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club membership is available to those anglers who wish to participate but are not members of a Club affiliated with a State Association as indicated above.

## **2. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:**

The committee of Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club are the sole adjudicators of all aspects of the Tournament and Rules, their decision shall be final. You may however seek clarification from NSWGFA if required.

## **3. PROTESTS:**

Protests are to be made in writing, signed by the Team Captain and submitted to the Tournament committee no later than 7.00pm on the day of capture or Tag and release. On Sunday all protests must be submitted by 3.00pm. Protests of any substance after this time may be considered by the tournament committee if lodged within 24 hours to the club President in writing. The Committee's decision is final.

## **4. ENTRIES:**

Entries are made by submitting a completed entry form with the appropriate fees as listed on the entry form together with details of insurance as stated in Rule 5 to the Secretary Jervis Bay Game fishing Club, PO Box 56, HUSKISSON NSW 2540. Entries received by Monday November 23rd 2009 shall be entered into a Lucky Boat Draw.

No refunds will be made after this date. **All entries received after the 23rd of November will incur an additional cost of \$100.00 per boat.**

Entries will also be accepted at the Huskisson Pub from 5.00pm on Thursday November 26th prior to the Tournament briefing. Jervis bay Game Fishing Club reserves the right to refuse entry to the Tournament. Junior or Small

Fry anglers wishing to compete for all trophies other than those dedicated to Juniors or Small Fry are required to pay the full entrance fee.

## **5. INSURANCE:**

Each vessel entered in Tournament is to provide details and proof of insurance covering third party property damage and third party personal injury cover.

## **6. TOURNAMENT BRIEFING:**

The Tournament briefing will be conducted at the Huskisson Pub on Thursday 26th November 2009 at 800pm. At least one registered Tournament angler from each boat must be in attendance. Competing boats traveling long distances to the Tournament by sea and are unable to be represented are to notify the club President in advance.

## **7. BOAT TEAMS:**

Vessels up to and including seven (7) metres must comprise a minimum of two (2) registered anglers with no maximum, vessels over seven metres a minimum of three (3) anglers with a no maximum.

For boats to be eligible for boat prizes, the boat skipper must be a financial member of the club they are representing and must be a registered angler in the Tournament.

With exception given to those vessels traveling by sea on Saturday 28th all vessels must depart from Jervis Bay on Saturday and Sunday unless prior permission is obtained from the committee.

## **8. TRANSFER OF ANGLERS OR CREW:**

The transfer AT SEA of any person or persons from one vessel to another for the purpose of assisting with the capture or tag and release is not permitted at any time during the conduct of this tournament.

The transfer AT SEA East of the entrance to Jervis Bay as indicated on the Radio Schedule Map. of any person or persons, fish, and tackle from one vessel to another for the purpose of returning to the weigh station for any reason during the conduct of this tournament is not permitted.

Team captains may submit written application for approval by the Tournament committee to transfer the whole crew to another vessel in the event of their vessel being forced to withdraw for the entire Tournament due to mechanical, electrical defects or any other reason preventing that vessel from completing the Tournament.

Vessels unable to enter Currumbene Creek to moor with safety due to tide or current at the skipper's discretion are permitted to transfer crew, gear and fish to another vessel. Vessel points are not Transferable.

## **9. FISHING RULES:**

Fish are to be captured in accordance with GFAA Rules and regulations, additionally, those rules laid down by the NSWGFA for capture and tag and release shall apply as are in effect at the time of the Tournament.

## **10. LINE CLASSES**

**Multifilament lines cannot be used in this Tournament.** Eligible line class that may be fished are 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

## **11. MINIMUM WEIGHTS**

**Marlin:** 4-10kg line class, 60kg, 15kg upwards, 80kg.

**Sharks:** 6-10kg line class, 60kg. 15kg-37kg line class, 80kg and 60kg line class, 120kg. No sharks on 4kg.

## **Yellowfin Tuna & Southern Bluefin**

**Tuna:** 15kg on line class up to and including 15kg, equal to line class for over 15kg line and for Junior/Small Fry anglers equal to Line class in all cases.

**Other Game Fish:** Equal to line class used.

## **12. CAPTURE POINT SCORE:**

Capture Points shall be awarded using the current NSWGFA FACTOR SYSTEM:

$$\text{Points} = \frac{\text{weight of fish in kg}^2 \times \text{factor}}{\text{Line class in kg}}$$

Factor	29.5	19.5	14.8	11.5
	7.5	4.6	3.0	1.7

Line Class	4kg	6kg	8kg	10kg
	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg

**MARLIN AND BROADBILL**, captures shall score **DOUBLE POINTS** as calculated from the above.

**OTHER BILLFISH**, Sailfish and Shortbill Spearfish, shall score **TRIPLE POINTS** as calculated from the above.

**SHARKS**, other than Blue Shark captured shall score **HALF POINTS** as calculated from the above.

**BLUE SHARKS**, shall score **QUARTER** of the points as calculated.

**OTHER GAME FISH**, shall score **TRIPLE POINTS** as calculated from the above.

Captures on line classes up to and including 10kg shall score a maximum of 15000 points plus 1 point per kilo of the weight of the fish. Captures on line classes 15kg and over shall score a maximum of 20000 points plus one point per kilo of the weight of the fish.

## **13. TAG & RELEASE POINT SCORE:**

Tag and release points shall be awarded as per the NSWGFA Tag and Release list included in bag that is current at the time of the tournament.

**Note:**

1. Kawa Kawa and Striped Tuna are eligible species in this tournament for both junior or small fry PERSONAL POINT SCORES ONLY.
2. All Billfish must be tagged with Billfish Tags. These Tags are for Billfish ONLY, no other species.
3. Circle Hooks Only, are permitted to be used for live baiting with the exemption of Narrow Barred Mackerel. NB. No points to be scored for any other species caught using live baits with "j" hooks.
4. All other clubs to supply their own members with all necessary tags.

**14. FISHING BOUNDARIES**

The Tournament fishing boundaries are as follows:

**Black Point**, northern boundary, as indicated on the Radio Schedule Map.

**East of the entrance to Jervis Bay** as indicated on the Radio Schedule Map. With the exception of taking fish for use as bait, fishing within Jervis Bay west of this boundary is not permitted during this tournament.

**Brush Island**, southern boundary, as indicated on the Radio Schedule Map.

**15. FISHING TIMES**

Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November 2009. 6.00am to 5.00pm.

Sunday 29th November 2009. 6.00am to 1.00pm. Fish that are being fought and notice given to the Tournament Base prior to the cessation of fishing may be continued to be fought. With the exception of Sunday.

**16. WEIGH STATION TIMES**

Friday 27th, Saturday 28th November 2009 opens 4.00pm until return of all boats.

Sunday 29th November opens 12.00 noon.

**To be eligible for any tournament capture or tag submissions, a member of the crew who fished aboard the claimant vessel that day, must be present and signed off at the weigh station by the tournament director only. It is the sole responsibility of that crewman to ensure that he/she locates the tournament director within the confines of the weigh station and is signed off as present before approaching the weigh master. On Sunday NO FURTHER SUBMISSIONS will be allowed after the tournament director declares Time at 2pm over the radio.**

**17. WEIGH STATION PROCEDURES**

Captured fish or tag and release cards may be brought to the Weigh Station by sea/land.

To be eligible for tournament points captured fish or tags must be presented at the weigh station on the day of capture or tagging with all tackle and equipment used for inspection and measurement.

In regard to any protest, the Tournament Committee shall retain all tackle and equipment that fails any equipment regulation when presented for inspection and measurement at the weight station for further clarification. Such tackle or

equipment shall be returned to the angler on completion of the protest procedure.

Captured fish that have been weighed are to be removed from the weigh station and away from the public view on completion of weighing, failure to do so shall cause that fish to be disqualified.

The cleaning of fish or the removal of jaws, bills or other trophy items is forbidden within the sight of the Weigh Station. Unwanted carcasses are to be taken 2 nautical miles to sea (outside of Jervis Bay) and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Failure to comply will result in total disqualification from the tournament.

**18. CAPTURE/TAG AND RELEASE**

**RETURNS:**

Capture or Tag and release returns must be completed and correct in all details prior to arriving at the Weigh Station. This includes the time of capture or tag and release. Trophies will be awarded on the basis of the information given. Failure to record the time of capture or Tag and Release on the return will result in the time being set after the last recorded tag time/capture time. **Incomplete or incorrect returns may result in disqualification of the fish listed on that particular return unless an acceptable reason can be provided.**

**19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:**

All competing vessels are to log on daily with the "TOURNAMENT BASE" prior to the commencement of fishing and log off when entering Jervis Bay at the end of each days fishing. **Failure to comply may result in part or total disqualification from the tournament.** Additionally, all competing vessels **MUST** log on daily with **JERVIS BAY COASTAL PATROL on 27.88 or 27.91.**

Tournament base shall operate in accordance with the NSWGFA 'Guide Lines for Radio Skeds for Tournaments. As are in effect at that time. Each team will be given a number which is used for radio schedules. Radio schedules will be conducted by Tournament Base at 2 hourly intervals commencing at 8.10am on 27.94 and VHF 72. Tournament Base shall continue to operate until all vessels are accounted for each day.

When responding to schedule calls from Tournament Base, teams are to give their team number followed by the vessel name and position from the schedule map provided and status. Reporting is to be done using the zero, zero, zero system, (strikes, hook ups, and captures or tag and releases) species, line class and angler number. Tournament Base shall request the statutory authorities to activate a search for any vessel failing to contact Tournament Base for two consecutive radio Schedules.

Any boat experiencing a breakdown of radio communications is to immediately make contact with another boat by other means and have them advise Tournament

Base of the problem then return **immediately** to port for repairs.

**20. BAD WEATHER AND SAFETY:**

To avoid taking unnecessary risks in the event of bad weather the Tournament Committee will decide whether the day will be competition day or not. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing the Tournament Committee will confer and decide whether or not the tournament will be called off for the remainder of the day. All fish caught prior to this time are eligible for the tournament.

**The declaration of a Gale Warning by the appropriate government weather authority, will automatically require the cancellation of the tournament. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing and return to port.**

The seaworthiness of vessels is the responsibility of the Captains and their crews. Vessels putting to sea do so at their own risk. Safety Equipment as laid down by the NSW Waterways Authority Regulations, must be carried. **Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club will not be responsible or liable for any loss of damage to any person, property, personal injury or death howsoever occasioned at any time during the conduct of The White Sands Game Fishing Tournament.**

**21. TOURNAMENT EVENTS**

**Thursday**

HUSKY PUB

Free Sausage Sizzle. Sign on & briefing. Commencing 6pm.

**Friday**

HUSKY PUB

Famous Rib Eye Steaks \$15 per head. Don't miss out. Commencing 6.30pm

**Saturday**

Cheap Brekkie at the Gantry.

Tournament Dinner at Huskisson RSL Please be seated by 7.30pm

**Sunday**

Cheap Brekkie at the Gantry.

Free Sausage Sizzle and Presentation at HUSKY PUB starts 4.30pm

**With respect to other hotel patrons, the Husky Pub management and Tournament Committee request that no boats that have been using bait and burley be parked at the back of the pub during the tournament events.**

**22. TOURNAMENT TROPHIES**

In the case of a tied result the trophy shall be awarded to "FIRST PAST THE POST". Count backs will be based on the time of capture or tag and release. If for some reason there is no time entered on the return, the time will be set after the last recorded tag time/capture time. Listed (to the right) are The White Sands Game & Fishing 2009 categories and trophies.