

Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Inc.

Fishing Rules & Award Conditions

The Club has an obligation to recognise the skills and achievements of its members, primarily in the practice of angling. One method of recognition is the granting of awards and trophies at the annual prize giving and the awarding of pins, patches, certificates, and other prizes during the season. The Club believes that the nature of and the reason for awards must be to recognize abilities and accomplishments that bring credit not only to the members, but also to the organisation. It is further believed that it will be beneficial to the health and well-being of the Club, when awards, are within the reach of all members.

There are some aspects of angling that cannot be controlled through rule making. Angling regulations cannot ensure an outstanding performance from each fish and records cannot indicate the amount of difficulty in catching the fish. Captures in which the fish has not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect on the angler and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the catch.

Only fish caught in accordance with IGFA international fishing rules, and within the intent of these rules can be considered for World Records.

BOISC FISHING RULES:

- Rule 1: All Fish must be caught in accordance with IGFA, NZSFC and BOISC fishing rules.
- Rule 2: The official Club season commences on 1st July and concludes on the 30th June the following year.
- Rule 3: All fish species recognised by the NZSFC will be recognised by the Club.
- Rule 4: Minimum weight/length of species:
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| Marlin | 90kg |
| Sharks | 50kg |
| Bass | 15kg |
| Snapper either | 5kg or over line weight |
| Albacore/Skipjack either | 5kg or over line weight |
| Kahawai either | 2kg or over line weight |
| Trevally either | 2kg or over line weight |
| Dorado Dolphin (Mahimahi) either | 5kg or over line weight |
| Wahoo either | 5kg or over line weight |
| Shortbilled Spearfish either | 10kg or over line weight |
| Tope either | 10kg or over line weight |
| Yellowfin Tuna either | 10kg or over line weight |
| Pacific Blue Fin Tuna | 60 kg |
| Big Eye Tuna either | 20kg or over line weight |
| Southern Blue Fin Tuna either | 20kg or over line weight |
| Broadbill Swordfish | must exceed line weight |
| Yellowtail Kingfish | must exceed 75cm and over line weight |
- Rule 5: Fish landed under minimum weight will be included in calculations for fish numbers but a trophy will not be awarded.
- Rule 6: Sharks must be a minimum of 120cm for tagging recognition and all other species of fish tagged and/or released regardless of weight will count for appropriate Club trophies and in the Club tally for the year. Tagged billfish that cannot be revived must be boated and do not count as a tagged and released fish.
- Rule 7: Protests
- 7.1: Any protest relative to the weight of the fish or the manner of weighing must be made to the weigh master before the fish is removed from the vicinity of the certified scales.
- 7.2: Specific protest times and rules for decisions on protests can be set by tournament convenors.

- 7.3: Any other protest relative to the competition rules and not dealt with under Rule 7.2 must be recorded in writing to the Club Secretary on behalf of the Fishing Committee within 21 days of the weighing. The Fishing Committee thereafter must report to the Club Committee and the Club Committee is responsible to decide on the protest.
- 7.4: Decisions made on protests under these Rules are final and not susceptible to appeal or review.
- Rule 8: All fish must be presented at the weigh station on board the boat from which the catch was made, except in the case of fish caught from land. Unless specifically exempted, all fish weighed for Club awards must be weighed on BOISC scales or any NZSFC Zone One Club scales. This includes Ahipara Gamefish Club, Doubtless Bay Sportfishing Club, Hokianga Big Game & Sport Fishing Club, Houhora Big Game Fishing & Sport Fishing Club, Mangawhai Boating & Fishing Club, Marsden Cove Fishing Club, Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club and Whangaroa Big Game Fish Club. All anglers wishing to use the courtesy weigh facilities of another Club must abide by the rules and conditions for weighing at the host Club.
- Rule 9: The angler and a witness (where possible) must sign the official declaration of catch as provided by the Club. All weigh sheets and tag cards must be received in the Club Office within 14 days of catch. Failure to comply will lead to exclusion from Club and boat totals. Failure to complete weigh sheet prior to handing into weigh master or Club Office could disqualify your catch from all Club recognition in respect of awards.
- Rule 10: The Club primarily recognises the use of Monofilament and Dacron fishing lines for all trophies, awards and competitions. Braid and Fusion types line is allowed in addition to Monofilament and Dacron fishing line, provided it is compulsory tested and meets its line weight classification, for the following species:
1. Snapper
 2. Kahawai
 3. Trevally
- Any other fish species caught, whether weighed in, tagged and released or released, where the line used is Braid or Fusion type is disqualified. If Braid or Fusion type is connected to any other type of line the fish is disqualified.
- Rule 11: All recordable fish will be those caught or tagged and released within NZ's 200 mile economic zone. (They will also be eligible for all BOISC trophies, boat or individual, providing all rules are adhered to).
- Rule 12: Pins
- 12.1: Only BOISC fishing members (full or short term) are eligible for Club pins. Membership needs to be financial before commencement of fishing for fish to be recognised.
- 12.2: A silver pin will be presented to the angler who catches the first Gamefish of each of the following species: Shortbilled Spearfish, Broadbill Swordfish, Blue Marlin, Black Marlin, Striped Marlin, Mako Shark, Hammerhead Shark, Tope, Thresher Shark, Yellowfin Tuna, Pacific Blue Fin Tuna, Big Eye Tuna, Southern Blue Fin Tuna, Yellowtail Kingfish, Sea Bass, Snapper, Albacore Tuna, Skipjack Tuna, Kahawai, Trevally, Mahimahi, Blue Shark, Wahoo.
- Provided that:
- a. It is caught in accordance with Club Rules.
 - b. All weighed fish must exceed minimum weight or line weight requirements as per Rule 4.
 - c. It is the first of each species tagged and released before a fish of that species has been weighed. Once a species has been landed and weighed no Pin will be awarded for tag & release of that species.

- 12.3: As the season progresses each heavier fish of each species earns a silver pin.
- 12.4: No angler on any one day may be awarded more than one pin for one species.
- 12.5: For a World Record the pin will be gold. Any angler landing two World Records in one day will be awarded a gold pin having a diamond eye. All billfish National and World Record claims will be accepted and considered regardless of weight (in regard to line weight).
- 12.6: A silver pin with a ruby eye will be awarded to any angler who catches a National Record for:
 Shortbilled Spearfish, Broadbill Swordfish, Blue Marlin, Black Marlin, Striped Marlin, Mako Shark, Hammerhead Shark, Thresher Shark, Tope, Yellowfin Tuna, Pacific Blue Fin Tuna, Big Eye Tuna, Southern Blue Fin Tuna, Yellowtail Kingfish, Sea Bass, Snapper, Albacore Tuna, Skipjack Tuna, Kahawai, Trevally, Mahimahi, Blue Shark, Wahoo.
- Rule 13: Trophies
- 13.1: Any angler competing in a BOISC tournament is eligible for that tournaments trophies and awards. This includes full members, short term members and affiliated members.
- 13.2: Only BOISC members with fishing rights (full or short term) are eligible for Club trophies presented at annual prize giving. Particular Club trophies are reserved for full members only as specified by trophy sponsors.
- 13.3: In case of a tie for trophies awarded for the number of fish caught, tagged, or in combination where tagged fish are included, the trophies will be shared.
- Rule 14: All fish caught during Bay of Islands Swordfish Club tournaments will go towards the BOISC tally for that season.
- Rule 15: Anglers who are members of multiple Clubs may credit their fish to one Club only. In the case of multiple memberships, the angler must nominate the Club their fish is to be accredited to on their weigh sheet.
- Rule 16: The angler, skipper and crew must assist the Weigh Master in the measurement of gear and the weighing of fish.
- Rule 17: Competitions are open to anyone who is a financial member of the Club prior to commencement of fishing.
- Rule 18: The committee shall have the right to alter, delete, amend or add to these rules, as it may deem necessary in the interest of competition and sports fishing, prior to the commencement of any competition. In all matters not covered by ANY OF these rules IGFA World Record Claim rules shall apply.
- Rule 19: Tag & release certificates may be awarded for each individual gamefish tagged & released during the season.
- Rule 20: Points for tagged fish:
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| Marlin, Broadbill. | 500 points |
| Sharks & Shortbilled Spearfish | 100 points |
| Yellowtail, Yellowfin Tuna, Pacific Blue Fin, Big Eye Tuna, Southern Blue Fin Tuna, Wahoo, Bass, Mahimahi. | 50 points |
| Snapper, Albacore Tuna. | 5 points |
- Rule 21: All trophies and competitions being presented under Club auspices shall be run under Club Rules.
- Rule 22: All gear used for fish eligible for Club awards, pins, trophies or competition must be examined and measured at time of weighing by the weigh master and results noted on the back of the weigh sheet. All claims for Club Line Class Records must be accompanied with 10 metres of line, including the double, if used, for testing.