

# JUNIORS TOURNAMENT 3 & 4 JANUARY 2026

## Bay of Islands Swordfish Club CMP Juniors Tournament - 3 & 4 January 2026 Information Sheet and Rules

In order for the organizers to prepare for this tournament it would be appreciated if all **entries are in no later than 2 January 2026** this will give adequate times to organize catering numbers and the preparation of the Prizes in the various categories. Entries will be processed at the Paihia Club prior to the briefing between 5.00pm and 6.00pm

### Anglers

- This Tournament is open to all junior anglers under the age of 17 years as at the last day of the tournament.
- Each team must comprise of 2 or more anglers
- Entry Fee is \$50.00 per Angler.
- If the Angler is not a member of the BOISC or an affiliated Club they will need to pay the non-member Junior membership fee (**\$25 per Junior**) in addition to the entry fee.
- All anglers will conform to the rules of the BOISC, NZSFC and IGFA regarding fish size, line weights, leader lengths etc except as noted in these rules.
- All anglers must adhere to the instructions and decisions of their Skipper and must not question the Skippers decisions where safety is concerned.
- To have a fish recognized as eligible for a record it must be caught in strict accordance with NZSFC and IGFA rules and regulations
- Unless otherwise arranged with the skipper and crew, each angler will be responsible for their own lunch, drinks and refreshments each day.

### The Skipper

- The skipper will have the final say in whether the boat competes on either day if conditions are considered unsafe.
- The skipper is responsible to ensure that all safety equipment is on board and in proper working order.
- If it is the intention of the skipper and crew to stay out overnight (Saturday night) you will need to notify the Tournament Conveners and or Russell Radio.

## **Briefing**

- The Briefing will be held at the Paihia Club Rooms at 6pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, one adult from each boat must attend.
- Starter Packs will be handed out at the briefing
- Late entries will be processed at the Paihia Club prior to the briefing between 5.00pm and 6.00pm only.

## **Fishing Times**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Start Fishing 7:30 am

Stop Fishing 5:00 pm

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Start Fishing 7:00 am

Stop Fishing 3.00 pm

## **Rules**

### **Tournament Fish, weights and size**

Marlin – Billfish	Minimum 90kgs
Shortbilled Spearfish	Minimum 10kgs or over line weight Must Exceed line weight
Broadbill Swordfish	Must exceed line weight
Mahimahi	Minimum 5kgs or over line weight
Yellowfin Tuna	Minimum 10kgs or over line weight
Albacore Tuna	Minimum 5kgs or over line weight
Skipjack Tuna	Minimum 5kgs or over line weight
Yellowtail Kingfish	Minimum 750mm long
Snapper	Minimum of 30mm long
Kahawai	No size limit

### **Tournament Points**

#### **Marlin – Billfish**

Weighted	Weight of fish x 100 divided by line weight
Tagged	500 points

#### **Shortbilled Spearfish**

Weighted	Weight of fish x 100 divided by line weight
Tagged	150 points

#### **Broadbill Swordfish**

Weighted	Weight of fish x 100 divided by line weight
Tagged	500 points

#### **Yellowfin Tuna**

Weighted	Weight of fish x 100 divided by line weight
Tagged	200 points

<b>Mahimahi</b>	Weight of fish x 5
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<b>Albacore</b>	Weight of fish x 5
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<b>Skipjack</b>	Weight of fish x 5
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<b>Yellowtail Kingfish</b>	Weight of fish x 5
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<b>Snapper</b>	Weight of fish x 5
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<b>Kahawai</b>	Weight of fish x 5
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## Measure and Release

Measured and released Snapper, Kahawai and Kingfish 1 point per cm. Only top 5 scoring fish for each team per day count, each angler is only eligible to measure & release 2 fish per day. Snapper must measure over 40cm Kahawai 40cm and kingfish over 90cm.

A photo must be supplied prior to 5pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January (Please email photos to [olivia@trucker.co.nz](mailto:olivia@trucker.co.nz) or pxt to 027 685 5066). Length **An official IGFA or NZSFC measure device must be used** and they are available from the club. See IGFA All Tackle Rules in starter kit. All measured and released fish must have a completed weighsheet.

## All anglers competing in this tournament must be aware of the following:

- a) For a fish to be considered eligible for a Junior Interclub Trophy the fish must meet all the requirements of the NZSFC **Fishing Rules and Regulations**.
- b) For any weighed fish to be eligible for a BOISC Trophy it must meet all requirements of **BOISC Fishing Rules and Regulations**, see club fishing rules.

Copies of the Club Yearbook which has the rules published in it are available from club.

***Please note that some allowable catches in this tournament do not qualify under the club fishing rules and therefore will not qualify for club or national records or trophies.***

## Weighing Fish

- All Hook ups to be called into Channel 3, Juniors Tournament Base.
- All fish are to be weighed at the Paihia Weigh Station, weigh times Saturday 5:00pm - 7:00pm, and Sunday 3:00-4:45pm
- Please contact the weigh master to arrange weighing within the above times . Weighmaster Denis Pollock - 0273268019
- All Tournament fish must be weighed in by 4.30pm 4<sup>th</sup> January. **All weigh sheets must be correctly filled out and handed in to conveners no later than 5pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> if the fish is to count.**
- Fish must be weighed on the day they are caught.
- Any fish eligible for **NZ or World record** consideration must be presented with Rod, Reel, lure, leader, **(all intact)** to the weigh master for assessment in accordance with NZSFC and IGFA Rules and Regulations.

If a fish is being considered for a record it **will** be necessary for the skipper and angler to confer with the Conveners to assess the fish's status as to whether it is or is not eligible for a prize in the BOISC Junior Tournament.

## Line

**Braid and fusion type lines is allowed in addition to Monofilament and Dacron.**

## Fishing Area:

The fishing area will be areas on this year's Gridmap.

## Roundups

- Roundups will be on VHF Channel 3, answering to Juniors Tournament Base.
- Roundups will be held at 1pm daily

## Prize Giving – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

- Entrant's meal will commence at 6.00pm Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026.
- Prize Giving will be held at the Paihia Club at 6.30pm

## **Trophies and Prizes**

*Prizes and Trophies will be awarded in the following categories:*

### **Kahawai**

- Heaviest Kahawai
- Lucky draw of all non-award winning Kahawai
- Biggest Measure and Release Kahawai
- Average length Kahawai

### **Snapper**

- Heaviest Snapper
- Lucky draw of all non-award winning Snapper
- Biggest Measure and Release Snapper
- Average length Snapper

### **Yellowtail Kingfish**

- Heaviest Kingfish
- Lucky draw of all non-award winning Kingfish
- Biggest Measure and Release Kingfish
- Average length Kingfish

### **Tuna**

- Heaviest Tuna (all species)
- Lucky draw of all non-award winning Tuna

### **Marlin**

- Heaviest Weighed Marlin
- Lucky draw of all non-award winning Marlin
- Tag and Release Marlin most points
- Lucky draw if no tagged marlin

### **Other**

- Heaviest Other Game Fish. (Includes Short Billed Spearfish, Mahi-Mahi)
- Top Female angler - most points
- Top Male angler - most points
- Top Team- most points

## **Spot Prizes**

Spot prizes will be drawn at prize giving and winning anglers must be in attendance to win a draw otherwise prize redrawn.

***Conveners decisions on all prize allocations are final and no discussion will be entered into after the prize giving***

### **Conservation and Responsible Fishing**

- An angler fishing in this tournament may weigh a maximum of **1** Marlin on each day of the competition
- An angler fishing in this tournament may weigh a maximum of **1** Tuna on each day of the competition
- An angler fishing in this tournament may weigh a maximum of **3** Yellowtail Kingfish on each day of the competition
- An angler fishing in this tournament may weigh a maximum of **4** Snapper on each day of the competition
- An angler fishing in this tournament may weigh a maximum of **4** Kahawai on each day of the competition

### **Disputes**

Any dispute should be put in writing to the convener within 24 hours of the incident. There is a Disputes Committee and this Committee has final say in the unlikely event of a dispute.

Payment of the entry fee constitutes acceptance of the above rules and acceptance of any decision made by the Disputes Committee, in accordance with BOISC rule 7.4.

Disputes over a fish's weight have to be resolved before the fish is removed from the weigh station. Disputes will be resolved by the weigh master and tournament convener, and their decision will be final.

### **Final Note**

The aim of this tournament is to encourage junior anglers into the sport of Fishing.

We want this tournament to be fun, enjoyable and safe, but most of all we want Juniors to have a chance to go fishing and develop more interest in the sport.

It is though, a serious Fishing Tournament, and there are some very prestigious Trophies being competed for both at the Interclub and Club level; as well as the chance for you to represent the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club while fishing competitively with other Juniors from the other clubs in the Northern Zone (Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club, Whangaroa Big Game Fishing Club, Houhora Gamefish Club, Doubtless Bay Sportsfishing Club and The Hokianga Big Game and Sports Fishing Club). The sponsors have again provided some fantastic prizes for our tournament. Please support them in the future.

Enjoy your tournament

### **SAFETY STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER**

THE BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH CLUB 2026 JUNIOR INTER CLUB TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR TWO DAYS OF COMPETITION AND IT IS THE SKIPPERS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE THAT ON ANY ONE DAY, THE SEA CONDITIONS AND WEATHER FORECASTS ARE SAFE TO HIS/HER BOAT TO PUT TO SEA. IT IS THE SKIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE BOAT THEY INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN IS CAPABLE OF PUTTING TO SEA AND MEETING LOCAL COAST GUARD REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE ENSURE ALL CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO APROPRIATE LIFEJACKETS.

PARTICIPATION IN THE BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH CLUB 2026 JUNIOR INTER CLUB TOURNAMENT DOES NOT DIMINISH EACH SKIPPER'S SOLE RESPONSIBILITY UNDER MARITIME LAW NOR SHIFT ANY OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH CLUB EVEN IF THE EVENT OFFICIALS MADE THE DECISION ON THE CONDITIONS FOR THAT DAY.