

## Club Fishing Rules

The Tuna Club of Tasmania fishes under rules laid down by the I.G.F.A. , G.F.A.A. and the T.G.F.A. anglers should make themselves aware of these rules. The rules are laid out in the annual G.F.A.A. journal mailed out to members each year. Only fish captured under these rules shall be eligible for prizes. In conjunction with these rules, the following club rules shall apply :

For the shark rallies and all other rallies :

1. The maximum number of southern bluefin tuna to be captured per day shall be four per boat.
2. All tuna and sharks may be weighed in whole for point score. Fish which are weighed gilled and gutted or cleaned sashimi style are still eligible for weighing, however only the recorded weight shall be used for scoring purposes. No additional values will be added to the weight and score of a cleaned fish. Any fish which may qualify for a record should be weighed whole , where possible. After weighing all fish are to be cleaned at sea. Under no circumstances should fish be cleaned, or frames and offal be left lying around the club complex, jetty or foreshore areas. We are located in a major tourist area and within a national park.
3. Fishing times for summer rallies ( November to March ) is between the hours of 7:00am to 4:00pm  
Fishing times for winter rallies ( April to June ) is between the hours of 7:00am to 3:00pm  
**No lines** are to be put in the water before the official start of fishing. All lines are to be wound in at the official end of fishing. No berleying for sharks to commence before the official start of fishing.
4. All boats are required to make radio contact with tuna base when they commence fishing, and then at each radio sked conducted at 10 minutes past the hour, giving their location as a grid map reference, number and type of fish aboard, and number of fish tagged and released. Boats should make every endeavour to contact tuna base each sked by relaying information through another boat. tuna base operates on VHF73 and is assisted by Tas Maritime Radio . Any boat hooked up to a fish at the end of fishing must advice base immediately.
5. The weight ticket shall be completed with all details and signed by a member of the fishing team and the weighmaster. The ticket should be then deposited in the box provided in the weigh station.  
Incomplete tickets may not be considered for scoring.
6. There will be awards for the following captures in the shark rallies :
  - \* Heaviest shark by an adult male angler
  - \* Heaviest shark by an adult female angler
  - \* Heaviest shark by a junior angler
  - \* Heaviest shark by a small fry angler
  - \* Highest point score shark ( tuna will not accumulate points )
  - \* Highest individual tag and release point score adult male angler ( sharks only )
  - \* Highest individual tag and release point score adult female angler ( sharks only )
  - \* Highest individual tag and release point score junior angler ( sharks only )
  - \* Highest individual tag and release point score small fry angler ( sharks only )
  - \* Heaviest tuna
  - \* *all awards are on the basis of one fish , one prize*

7. There will be awards for the following captures in all other rallies :

- \* Heaviest tuna by an adult male angler
- \* Heaviest tuna by an adult female angler
- \* Heaviest tuna by a junior angler
- \* Heaviest tuna by a small fry angler
- \* Highest point score tuna (sharks will not accumulate points)
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score angler ( tuna 1.5 metres or greater only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score adult male angler ( tuna only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score adult female angler ( tuna only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score junior angler ( tuna only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score small fry angler ( tuna only )
- \* Heaviest shark
- \* *all awards are on the basis of one fish , one prize*

8. The club has imposed a minimum weight for shark captures for awards during all club rallies and contests. For mako sharks, blue sharks and all other species the minimum weight shall be 60kg regardless of line class used for the capture. The club has also imposed a minimum weight for billfish captures for awards during all club rallies and contests. For marlin, swordfish and all other species the minimum weight shall be 60kg regardless of line class used for the capture.

The weighmaster will check and enforce these requirements.

**No disputes will be entered into.**

9. The minimum line class allowable for prizes in rallies is 1kg. Any line class from the approved G.F.A.A line class categories from 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg are eligible for club, T.G.F.A and G.F.A.A records.

G.F.A.A approved tippet classes for both fresh and saltwater fly fishing are 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg. A tippet line class of 15kg may be used , but only for sharks and marlin.

10. Fishes captured throughout the season must be weighed by a weighmaster\* using scales that are in current certification, and a weigh docket completed to make the capture eligible for awards.

11. Only fish Tagged and Released during Club Rallies , Contests and Sanctioned Tournaments shall count toward the following Perpetual Trophies, Ross Heddle Trophy, Shane Banks Trophy, Robin Banks Trophy, Malcolm Fitzpatrick Trophy.

12. The following acts will disqualify a tag and release : Failure to comply with G.F.A.A angling rules and equipment regulations or tournament tag and release rules, failure to comply with all other regulations that disqualify a capture : Use of a gaff is not permitted.

\*weighmaster, weighing of fish as defined by the G.F.A.A journal. All captures shall be weighed by either a club weighmaster, a club recorder, or a club committee member.