



Tasmanian Game Fishing Association

Tag and Release Guidelines

The GFAA guidelines for tag and release and the GFAA angling rules and equipment regulations apply and these guidelines are additional.

The current Tag and Release Point Score values as agreed by the TGFA Executive will be the only Tag and Release Point Score system used. Tag and Release point values will be allocated as follows irrespective of line class used:

- Billfish 20000
- SBT/Yellowfin Tuna 5000 greater than 1.5m 10000
- Albacore 100
- Shark- Blue 500
- Shark- others 1000
- Kingfish 100
- Other gamefish 50
- Striped Tuna will not attract points.

Tag and release of Shark

In line with the NSW DPI policy the TGFA does not support the practice of multiple capture and multiple tagging of a shark where the multiple capture and multiple tagging occurs on any one day.

During a sanctioned competition tag and release points will only be awarded to an angler or a team for the initial tag and release of any one particular shark on any one day of a competition. No additional points will be awarded for any subsequent recapture of a shark on that day by the same angler or the same team.

Tag and release of Tuna

In line with NSW DPI policy the TGFA does not support the tagging and release of any Tuna species where the overall length of the Tuna is less than 60cm.

During a sanctioned competition tag and release points will only be awarded to an angler or a team for tuna species tagged and released which are 60cm or greater.

Tag Issue and Return

Sanctioned competition tags will only be issued on monetary deposit basis which is forfeited if tags are not returned. Any vessel not returning Tags (used or unused) at the end of a Tournament will forfeit the deposit. The TGFA will each year set an amount appropriate for the deposit.

Correct Tags and Tag Applicators to be used

Only NSW DPI Pelagic, Shark and Billfish tags are approved by the TGFA (see figure 1).

During sanctioned competition points will not be awarded for the deployment of any other tags. Where anglers are also involved in the deployment of satellite tags, the placement of an approved tag in addition to the satellite tag is advised.

Appropriate tag applicators should be used. (see figure 2)

Figure 1

Approved Tags

Pelagic tag (A series) - Over 60cm for Tuna, Mackerel, Dolphinfish and Wahoo, and over 70cm for Kingfish.



Steel Head Shark tag (S series) - Sharks only.



Billfish tag (B series) - Marlin, Sailfish, Swordfish and Spearfish only.

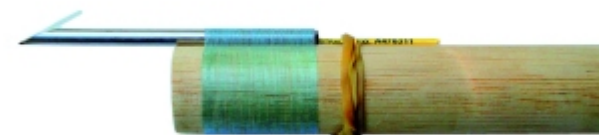


Figure 2

Approved Tag Applicators



Billfish tag



Pelagic tag



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All fish tagged must be photographed with date/time camera and tag placement as per specifications on card shown by NSW DPI. See picture on card for correct placement for each species for points to be awarded in sanctioned events.

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