

The New Zealand
Angling and Casting
Association (Inc)



**MEMBERS
MANUAL/HANDBOOK**

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INTRODUCTION

The New Zealand Angling & Casting Association was formed back in the 1950's to :-

- Encourage and develop the sports of angling and casting.
- Encourage the formation of Fishing Clubs and to foster comradeship among amateur fishers,
- To promote the conservation of fish and their habitat.

From the earliest days the Association has steadily prospered and is now accepted as the national representative of in-shore small boat fishers and shore fishers and the Parent Body of Clubs catering for such. The Association also caters for those whose interest includes fresh water fishing.

Initially, the Big Game Fishing Clubs were very much involved in our Organisation until 1958 when they joined together and formed what was known as the NZ Big Game Fishing Council - now NZ Sports Fishing Council.

The Association is involved, when appropriate, in negotiation and discussion with Government Agencies such as the Ministry of Primary Industries (formally Fisheries) and with other national organisations and authorities to protect the interest of recreational fishers generally.

The Association is one of the founding members of what was then the NZ Amateur Sportfishing Council, now called the NZ Recreational Fishing Council. This Council, in which we take a very active part, is the group recognised by the Minister of Fisheries and legally in the Courts of NZ, as one the representatives of recreational fishers in NZ.

A close liaison is also kept with the International Games Fish Association and our Members are eligible to apply for official IGFA World Records for their qualifying catches.

The NZACA administers official NZ Fishing Records for a great number of Species which are not the generally recognised Gamefish Species. These Records, based on IGFA rules, are held in Mens, Ladies and Junior & Smallfry divisions in both shore caught and boat caught categories. These Records are open to any Angler but those who are financial members of the Association can do so at no charge.

Encouragement is given to the use of light tackle. Where there is no appropriate IGFA or NZ Record for a particular species the Association establishes its own records Fresh Water Species are also eligible for records and there is Saltwater Fly Records. There is now "catch & release" records called "Length Records". Recognition of notable catches is made by the awarding of Merit Certificates and Pins in a number of various categories.

The Association also has a great number of Trophies which are awarded annually for those who have excelled in many different aspects of fishing.

The sport of Casting is encouraged by the Annual Postal Casting Competition, Regional contests and at the National Championships. Distance Casting rules are now based on those used in the UK and a number of other countries

Since 1979 the Association, through a Member Club, holds the NZACA National Championships for fishing championships in both shore and boat/kayak fishing, plus casting events. The fishing areas are decided by the Host Club so this gives Members of other Clubs the opportunity to travel and fish in previously unknown 'hot spots' and to meet with like-minded Fisherfolk. The opportunity is taken at the same time to hold the Associations A.G.M. and this gives all Member Clubs the ability to direct the course the Association will take over years to come.

The NZACA is also affiliated to the Australian Anglers Association (the AAA) and as such our Members are eligible to fish in their competitions.

The NZACA encourage all Fishers to belong to local Fishing Clubs and this is emphasised by the rule that no individual can be a financial member of the Association without being connected to a local Club. For those who for one reason or another can not belong to a local Club the NZACA has a 'Postal Club' called the *Kiwi Fishing Club* to cater for such.

We trust you will find this Handbook/Manual a useful document and keep it updated as amendments are sent out.

This publication would not be possible without the support and backing of our Sponsors and we encourage all to show your appreciation of such by supporting those who support us.

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A Message from the NZACA President

On behalf of the Executive of the NZ Angling & Casting Association I wish to welcome all members, old & new. Over many years the N.Z.A.C.A. has been the voice of the New Zealand Recreational Anglers, representing them on local and on national fishing issues.

This Manual is testimony to the strength and commitment of the Association to recreational fishing within New Zealand. The information in the Manual is an accumulation of years of information and policies which are continually being updated in order to enable the N.Z.A.C.A. to grow and progress.

A very vital part of the Association is the support given by our Sponsors who appear on the pages herein. These Companies have a vested interest in the continual growth of the recreational fishing industry and we strongly urge you to support them and their products.

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