

The MASTERS AWARD

The MASTERS AWARD has been established to :-

- ◆ *1. Give incentive to the catching of good fish which may not necessarily be records or may not meet the requirements of a merit or pin fish award.*
- ◆ *2. Provide a further incentive for angler self education in lighter line techniques.*
- ◆ *3. Recognise the upsurge in member club's interest in light line fishing which is also a promotion of the NZACA.*
- ◆ *4. Provide a form of sportfishing achievement which will engender interest amongst members and provide a very positive response to increasing membership and angler awareness of the NZACA.*

This is not designated to just cater for the 'gun fisherpersons' amongst us, but rather be within reach of the average angler who is prepared to put in the hard work trying out different ideas for different species or, in most cases, learning to fish with lighter line. It will also put generally mean a big learning curve in such things as capability of gear, the habits of the various fish species and the techniques needed to catch them.

The Masters Award provides six different tackle divisions in which the angler can become a 'Master' by submitting:

- (i) 10 different eligible species, over any period of time, providing each species gains a minimum of 100 points in accordance with the points calculation formula. Junior anglers have a minimum points qualification of 80 per species. Juniors are as defined by the NZACA, currently under the age of 17 years.
- (ii) 8 species in Division 4, Big Game Fishing category.
- (iii) 5 species in Division 6, Land Based Game Fishing.

If an angler achieves a 'Master' ranking in each of the six different tackle divisions he/she qualifies as Masters Champion.

Note: Where the tackle used complies with the requirements of more than one tackle division the angler can enter the capture in either division, but not in both.

The Tackle Divisions

1. Lure Casting
2. Sportfishing
3. Flycasting (combines both fresh and saltwater species)
4. Land Based Game Fishing
5. Handlining
6. Big Game Fishing

Line Classes, Honesty System and Weighing of Fish

Any of the classes currently used for NZACA records can be used. An honesty system with regard to the breaking strain of the line used has been adopted. This will preclude the need for line testing but only line which meets 'IGFA line class limitations' will be eligible. This will ensure that the scheme can be run with the minimum of supervision and administration. However, it will be necessary for all fish to be weighed on currently certified scales and for the angler to have a witness to the weight of the fish. The Application Form and Rules clarify this further.

Application Forms

Masters Award Application Forms are available on request from the NZACA Secretary.

Points Formula and Species Factor

The individual species factor has been designed to give a fair rating to each fish species, though some will be easier to catch than others because of availability. The points formula is the same as that used in the National Championships except that the species factor ranges from 0.5 to 2.0. The formula is:

[(weight of fish in kg x 100) divided by line class] x species factor.

The principle is to reward the angler using a lighter line which will be the case for several species e.g. kahawai which do not attain a great weight. However, larger fish caught on heavier line can still achieve the minimum points required to qualify.

Fishing Rules

NZACA Fishing Rules, Parts One, Two and Three apply.

Eligible Species and Species Factors

Notes:

- (1) *Indicates fish eligible for game fishing and land based game fishing divisions.
- (2) Only the more common species have been listed. If a non listed fish is caught which seems likely to score 100 points using a maximum factor of 2.0, weigh and identify the fish and ask your Club Secretary to seek clarification from the NZACA.
- (3) Freshwater fish must be those legally classified as 'Acclimatised' species.

Barracouta.....	2.0	Hoki.....	2.0
Bass	0.8	John Dory.....	2.0
* Billfish - Spearfish	1.2	Kahawai.....	1.1
*Billfish - All Others	0.5	*Kingfish.....	1.0
Bluefish.....	1.6	Mackerel - all	2.0
Butterfish	2.0	Maomao - all	2.0
Cod - Morid, all species....	1.6	Moki - Blue	1.8
*Dolphinfish	0.8	Moki - all others ...	2.0
Eels - all varieties	0.5	Mullet	2.0
Elephant fish	2.0	Parore	2.0
Freshwater Trout & Salmon	1.0	Porae	2.0
Freshwater Perch	2.0	Spot' Sm'th Hound ..	1.4
Freshwater - others	0.8	Spin'y Dogfishes	2.0
Gemfish	2.0	*Sharks - all others ..	0.5
Gurnard.....	2.0	Rays - Eagle	0.6
Hapuku	0.8	Rays - all others	0.5

Sea Perches & Groupers.....	2.0
Snapper.....	1.4
Tarakihi.....	2.0
Trevally.....	1.8
Trumpeter.....	1.8
*Tuna, Yellow, Blue.....	0.5
*Tuna - Big Eye.....	0.5
*Tuna - all others.....	1.2
Warehou - Common.....	1.8
Warehou - Blue Nose.....	1.0
Wrasse - all species.....	2.0



PREVIOUS WINNERS OF MASTERS AWARDS

1991	Fred Hayward	Whangarei Line & Light Rod
1995	Bruce Basher	Pania Surfcasting Club
1996	Rodney Dodd	New Plymouth Surfcasting Club
1997	Tony Karantze	Pania Surfcasting Club
1997	Alan Park	Pania Surfcasting Club
1998	Murray Davis	Wellington Surf' & Ang' Club
1999	Jim Mikoz	Wellington Surf' & Ang' Club
2001	Gary Kemsley	Pania Surfcasting Club
2002	Stephen Forman	Wellington Surf' & Ang' Club
2002	Michael Stempa	Wellington Surf' & Ang' Club
2005	Bernard Schiffner	Wellington Surf' & Ang' Club
2006	Kane Wrigglesworth	Pania Surfcasting Club
2007	Greg Smeal	Kawerau Angl' & Cast' Club
2008	Scott Tindale	Kiwi Fishing Club
2008	Scott Tindale	Kiwi Fishing Club
2009	Sue Tindale	Kiwi Fishing Club
2010	Scott Tindale	Kiwi Fishing Club
2010	Scot Tindale	Kiwi Fishing Club
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