

# NZACA NATIONAL FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## COMPETITION RULES

### **Fishing:**

1.1 Each competitor is limited to two rods or handline with a maximum of two hooks, one of which may be a keeper, per rod

1.2 Competitors may use any brand and breaking strain of line - but are encouraged to use a light a line as practical. They must be present at the official weighing of their catch.

1.3 Fish must be caught within the competition boundaries.

1.4 Fish must be brought to the gaff or net unaided. (see clause 2.5)

1.5.1 Fish caught will be eligible for weigh-in only if they exceed 500 gms. The minimum length for snapper is 30 cm and for kahawai 45 cm. (*see 1.5.2*)

1.5.2 Host Clubs have the authority to impose additional restrictions and limits with regard to minimum length/width, weight or bag limits for nominated species or ban certain species altogether due to local conditions and circumstances providing such has been ratified by the Executive prior to the Nationals and all Competitors are aware of such at the time of entering.

1.6 Marine regulations must be complied with by all competitors.

1.7.1 Any angler presenting for weigh-in a fish under the legal length specified by Government

Fishing Regulations or breaching the Government Regulations for fish numbers shall be disqualified from that year's competition.

1.7.2 Competitors will be allowed to weigh in competition-non-eligible species for recording for record or catch recognition awards. Such catches must comply with fishing regulations.

1.8 Any fish caught in an unsportsmanlike manner may be disallowed by the Competition Committee.

1.9 Championship points are scored on the basis of the following formula: One point plus the fish weight(kg) multiplied by the species factor. The species factor may be varied according to the competition, locality or other variables. Specific detail is available from the National Secretary.

1.10 A minimum of two competitors must attend each briefing on behalf of their club and have the responsibility of ensuring all other competitors are made aware of instructions given at briefing. Host Clubs may stipulate all competitors attend briefings.

1.11 Boat fishing boundaries are to be such so that all competing boats (excepting hand propelled) are treated equally. Distances from base within the range of most boats being used.

1.12 Shore fishing areas to be such that all competitors have equal chance of reaching desirable fishing areas within the times allowed and so those with beach accessible vehicles do not have an unfair advantage. The use of boats, floatation devices, special equipment, aircraft etc. to reach shore fishing areas is not permitted.

1.13 That where there are prizes, in addition to Nationals Titles and Trophies, that these are not to overshadow or take precedence over the main achievement rewards.

1.14 Eligible species to be fished for to be drawn from the following :- Cod (Blue & Red), John Dory, Red Gurnard, Kahawai, Yellowtail Kingfish, Blue Moki, Snapper, Spotted Smooth Hound, Tarakihi & Trevally. Other species only with permission from the Executive.

## **Competitors**

2.1 Each Club will be entitled to enter as many competitors as they wish in the shore, boat, kayak and casting sections. These can include Juniors (plus Midgets & Golden Oldies in Casting), Mens, Ladies, Veteran Mens & Ladies. The Juniors are subject to Rules 3.1 to 3.6. Competitor may be able to fish both boat/kayak & shore sections at discretion of Host Club but two entry fees are to be paid. All competitors must be financial members of the N.Z.A.C.A. and be representative of one club only.

2.2 The immediate past Shore, Boat

and Kayak Individual Champions have the right of entry to the Championships to defend their titles if they are not nominated as club representatives.

2.3 Competition officials may enter the Championships as competitors, but may not officiate at the weighing of their own catch.

2.4 The Competition Committee will rule on complaints or disputes and their decision will be final. The Committee membership will be: NZACA President (or his/her appointee) as Chairman, two Judges, (1 NZACA, 1 Host Club) and two Scrutineers (1 NZACA, 1 Host Club).

2.5 Tags can be given out with Registration Packs but must be returned by each competing Anglers before or during weigh-ins.

2.6 Non-competing or non-team members are not to provide support by way of berleying etc. Such activities to be the responsibility of the actual competitor.

2.7 Disabled or handicapped anglers can apply for dispensation from certain rules but this must be applied for prior to the event.

2.8 The term "kayak" means any hand-propelled craft - cannot be motorised or use sails.

## **Junior Division**

3.1 Each year the Association will, in conjunction with the Host Club, determine whether or not the Junior Championships will be held in the Shore and/or Boat Sections.

3.2 Juniors must be at least 9 years of age and under the age of 17 years on the 1st of January of the current financial year. The minimum age for a Junior in the Boat Section shall be 12 years. Juniors may compete either as Seniors or as Juniors but not as both.

3.3 A chaperone must be nominated (and recorded in writing) for each competing Junior at registration. Failure to do so will disqualify the Junior.

The chaperone in the Boat Section must be a competitor from the Junior's own club.

In the Shore Section, all Juniors must be accompanied at all times by a chaperone nominated by their Club. Chaperones can be fishers.

3.4 The chaperone must not cast or assist the junior angler in any way except as provided in NZACA Fishing Rules.

### **CASTING COMPETITION**

A casting competition is to be held in conjunction with the fishing competition at the Nationals. Both distance and accuracy events are held in mens, ladies, veterans, golden oldies, juniors and midget divisions where numbers are sufficient. There is to be an overall "Open Competition" for an award to which all competitors are eligible.

## **TROPHIES**

Among the many fine trophies and prizes awarded in the various sections of the fishing and casting competition at the Nationals are

**Veterans Trophy:** for Heaviest scale fish by a veteran member

**McFetridge Trophy:** for Heaviest bag of scale fish shore competition

**Auckland Ladies Trophy:** for Heaviest bag of scale fish boat competition

**Opotiki Trophy** for Top Veteran Lady in shore competition

**Tom Riri Memorial Trophy** for Top shore points, Golden Oldies

**Junior Lady Largest Fish:** for Heaviest fish caught by a Junior Lady in shore or boat section.

**Angra Trophy** for Heaviest fish caught by Junior Boy in shore or boat section

**Feilding Surfcasting Club Cup** for winner of shore Ladies Section

**NZ Fishing News Top Lady Shore** Top scoring lady in overall shore competition.

**Wiseman Cup - All-Round Surfcasting Champion:** for highest aggregate points from both in shore fishing and casting.

**Viking Trophy** for heaviest bag from a Kayak

**Alvey International Award**

Highest scoring overseas competitor

**plus a number of fine Trophies awarded in the casting events.**

### **Top Club(s):**

There are four Top Club categories; Shore, Boat, Kayak & Casting. The winning club in each category will be decided by combining the four top scoring competitors points no matter what division they competed in.

An overall Top Club Trophy will be presented to a club with highest aggregate points of top four competitors in shore, boat or kayak and in casting.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOST CLUBS

The first known National Championships held by the Association was back in 1958 and held at Whangaroa and Ninety Mile Beach with more than 220 Anglers representing some 22 Clubs taking part. An Australian Team was also there. There was even an Underwater Section and a Handline category, this in addition to the normal boat, shore and rock fishing sections. The Casting Competitions were held at Napier hosted by the Pania Club with assistance from the Rotorua Fishing & Casting Club.

From our records former and more recent Hosts have been :-

1955	Weight Casting Torn't - N'th Taranaki S.C.
1958	Whangaroa & 90 Mile Beach by Assoc'
1964	Marlborough Angling & Surfcasting Club
1865	NZ Surf, Fly & Plug Champs - Rotorua FCC
1967	Thames Angling Club
1967	NZ Surf, Fly & Plug Champs - Rotorua FCC
1979	Whangarei Line & Light Rod Fishing Club
1980	North Shore Surfcasting Club
1981	Kamo Fishing Club
1982	Eastern Bay Combined Anglers Club
1983	Gisborne Surfcasters Club
1984	Wellington Surfcasting & Angling Club
1985	Rising Sun Fishing Club
1986	Ninety Mile Beach Surfcasting Club
1987	Rotorua Fishing & Casting Club
1988	Wellington Surfcasting & Angling Club
1989	Ohinemuri Fishing Club
1990	Eastern Bay Combined Anglers Club
1991	New Plymouth Surfcasting Club
1992	Kamo Club Fishing Section
1993	Gisborne Surfcasters
1994	Hawera Surfcasting & Angling Club
1995	Ohinemuri Fishing Club
1996	Opotiki Surf Fishing Club
1997	Whangarei Line & Light Rod Fishing Club
1998	Bethells Casters & Angling Club
1999	Pania Surfcasting Club
2000	Ninety Mile Beach Surfcasting Club
2001	Opotiki Surf Fishing Club
2002	New Plymouth Surfcasting Club
2003	Wellington Surfcasting & Angling Club
2004	Whakatane Surfcasting Club
2005	Bethells C & A.C., and Te Atatu Tavern F.C
2006	Pania Surfcasting Club
2007	New Plymouth Surfcasting Club
2008	90 Mile Beach Surfcasting Club
2009	at Coromandel hosted by NZACA Exec'
2010	Coromandel by Executive & Kawerau A & C.C
2011	Orewa hosted by North Shore S.C & Hibiscus Kayak F.C. in conjunction with Executive
2012	Feilding S.C. with the Executive
2013	Gisborne S.C. with the Executive
1014	<i>Executive in Western Bay of Plenty</i>
1015	<i>Executive in Northland</i>