



# **NEW ZEALAND ANGLING AND CASTING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES AND REGULATIONS 2015**

## **REGISTRATION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1 All Competitors must complete an official registration form to enter and they will be issued with a receipt of registration upon full payment of the registration fee.
- 2 Registration will be open till Friday, 27th March 2015. Late registrations will be accepted up until the commencement of the event.
- 3 Each Competitor will be issued with an official registration ID band and will be required to wear this at all times during the Championships. Lost ID bands will not be replaced without proof of identity of the competitor.
- 4 Competitors may proceed to their fishing destinations but cannot commence fishing until the official Championship start time.
- 5 Registration constitutes acceptance of the rules and regulations covering the Championships and all competitors agree to abide by the decisions of the Championship committee. Please note no official briefing will be held and it is the responsibility of the competitor to be familiar with and adhere to the rules of the championship.
- 6 Registration will be non refundable once a receipt of registration has been issued.
- 7 No liability is accepted for the damage to any vehicle or property or loss of property or personal injury or damage of whatever nature or kind to any person however caused.
- 8 The Championships are divided into four categories. Boat, Land based, Surfcasting and Casting. Competitors must follow the applicable rules and regulations relating to the category. All competitors are eligible to fish in both the Boat and either Land based or Surfcasting categories. However, competitors are not eligible to fish in both Land based and Surfcasting categories.
- 9 The following age sections shall apply for all fishing categories.

Age Section	Age as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2014
Junior Girls and Junior Boys	under 17 years
Senior Mens and Senior Ladies	17 years and under 55 years
Veteran Mens and Veteran Ladies	55 years and over

- 10 Junior competitors must be under 17 years of age on the 1st January 2015. For safety purposes all junior competitors must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- 11 Competition officials may enter the Championships as competitors but must not officiate at the weighing of their own fish.
- 12 Any competitor who wishes to make a complaint must do so in writing to the Championship Disputes Committee within one month of the commencement of Championships.
- 13 The Championship Disputes Committee will rule on complaints or disputes and their decision will be final.
- 14 Championship points are scored on the basis of the following formula: One point plus the weight (Kg) multiplied by the species factor.

### **FISH SPECIES, CATCH LIMITS AND SIZE**

- 15 Species list 2014: The table below lists the Championship Species List. Please note that the bag limit is a maximum for the entire championships **NOT** a daily bag limit.

Species	Bag Limit	Minimum Length	Species Points
Gurnard	5	35	15
Blue Cod	5	35	15
Tarakihi	5	32	15
John Dory	2	35	15
Porae	5	45	10
Blue Moki	5	45	10
Elephant Fish	2	50	10
Snapper	5	35	8
Trevally	5	40	8
Kingfish	1	85	7
Kahawai	3	45	5
Tuna	1	40	5
Hapuka	1	-	5
Bluenose	1	-	5

### **FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 16 Each competitor is limited to two rods or hand-lines with a maximum of two hooks, per rig, one of which may be a keeper.
- 17 Fishing will commence from Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 5.00am and concludes Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 7.30am.
- 18 Competitors may use any brand or breaking strain of line, but encouraged to use a line as light as practical.
- 19 Competitors must fish within the Championship boundaries of the northern side of the Kauaeranga River, Thames to the northern side of the Awatere River, Te Araroa excluding any islands that require access via a flotation device.
- 20 Competitors must cast and retrieve their own line, however, a more competent competitor may cast for a junior or a competitor with a disability. Written request for dispensation must be made to the Championship Committee prior to the commencement of the Championship for any competitor with a disability. Lines

must not be taken out on surfboards, kontikis or by swimming out with the line or with bait mortars or by any other method than casting.

- 21 Fish must be brought to the gaff or net unaided.
- 22 Marine regulations must be complied with by all competitors.
- 23 Any fish caught in an unsportsmanlike manner may be disallowed by the Championships committee.

### **WEIGH IN RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 24 All Competitors must report to the official final weigh station officials with their official championship ID. This is for safety purposes to ensure that all competitors are safe and officially accounted for.
- 25 All fish must be weighed in during the official Weigh Station hours only. The Weigh Station at Thornton Beach Motor Camp will be open from 7.30am till 9.30am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- 26 All competitors must be in possession of their own fish when weighing in.
- 27 Competitors must be in the weigh station queue with their fish prior to the closing time of the Weigh station to qualify for weigh in.
- 28 All fish caught must exceed 500 grams to be eligible.
- 29 Any competitor presenting for weigh in a fish under the legal length specified by Government Fishing Regulations or breaching the Government Regulations for fish numbers may be disqualified from the Championships.
- 30 Competitors will be allowed to weigh in non eligible fish species for recording and catch recognition awards only. Such catches must comply with Government Fishing Regulations.
- 31 Fish inspections will be carried out at each weigh station. Only legal, healthy fish will be accepted and the Championship Committee reserves the right to reject any fish presented.

### **BOAT FISHING**

- 32 Competitors competing in the Boat Fishing Category are eligible to fish from boats including small boats, charter boats, Jetski and kayaks.
- 33 Boat fishing competitors can access permissible fishing areas within the boundaries of the Championships and in accordance with Maritime Regulatory requirements.

### **LAND BASED FISHING**

- 34 Competitors competing in the Land Based Category are eligible to fish from rocks, beach and platforms attached to the main land within the designated boundaries at low tide this also excludes fishing from any island that requires access via a flotation device.
- 35 Land Based Competitors can access permissible fishing areas within the Championship boundaries via foot, vehicles including boats and kayaks.

### **SURF CASTING**

- 36 Competitors competing in the Surf casting Category are eligible to fish from beaches, harbours and platforms such as wharves.

37 Surf Casting competitors can access permissible fishing areas via foot and vehicles including 4wd and Quad bikes but excluding boats, kayaks or any other flotation device

### **CASTING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

38 Casting: Shall be that part of the sport of casting – casting weights with double handed rods.

39 Each Competitor shall be eligible for three distance casts and three accuracy casts.

40 The following age sections are applicable for the Casting Category.

Age Section	Age as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2015
Midget Boys and Midget Girls	Under 12 years
Junior Girls and Junior Boys	12 years and under 17 years
Senior Mens and Senior Ladies	17 years and under 55 years
Veteran Mens and Veteran Ladies	55 years and under 65 years
Golden Oldie Mens and Golden Oldie Ladies	65 years and over

41 Methods of Casting: All casting shall be executed with both hands. All casts to be made without assistance. The use of a casting aid on fixed spool reels acceptable.

42 Rods & Guides: There shall be no restriction upon length or material of rod or guides

43 Reels: Any reel may be used, as long as it is possible to fish with that reel.

44 Main line: The main (running) line must not have a thickness of less than 0.25mm and not be of braid. This is for all casting weights.

45 Leader: Must be strong enough for the individual Casters ability and should be of high visibility. The Caster is responsible for his/her break-off and safety of other Casters. No braid leaders allowed.

46 The Judge or Committee may use their discretion to allow a Competitor extra time, or casts, if justified by outside interference or other mishaps beyond the Casters control.

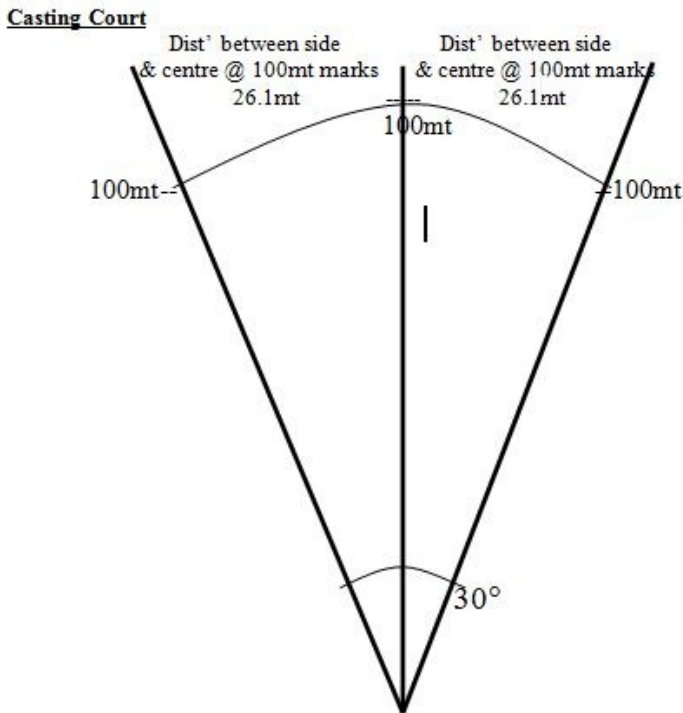
47 Replacement of tackle may be made providing this can be done within the given time limit.

48 Five (5) minutes repair time will be allowed for each cast.

49 Random measuring of line diameter will be carried out at all events. All NZ Records will have the main line diameter measured close to join with the leader, at the mid point and at a point close to the reel end at completion of each cast.

50 In the event of a dispute the decision of the Judge or Committee shall be final.

- 51 NZ Records : NZ Records can only be set at NZACA Nationals and/or any other NZACA sanctioned event. Nationals Casting Records cannot be set at Postal or Club events.
- 52 Casting Court: A 30-degree 'V' shaped court extended as necessary. At 100mtr from the base board the distance between the sideline and the centreline must be 26.1mtr. The metric radial system of court measuring from the centre of the base will be used in the case of records. Any court change will be at the discretion of the committee. (see diagram below)



53 Casting: Casting shall be from behind a 2.5mtr board set at 90 degrees to the centre of the court. No competitor may pass this board whilst in the action of casting or until the lead weight has landed. The line must remain unbroken after the cast has been made until the weight has come to rest.

54 Points Scoring : Measurement of every cast will be recorded to two decimal places. One(1) point per metre for Competitor's longest cast. Accuracy maximum score of forty(40) points for each cast with two(2) points deducted for each metre distance from target. Measurement is from artificial bait.

Event Programme

Wednesday 8.30am  
Official Flag Raising Ceremony  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 At Casting  
Venue

Distance  
and Accuracy Casting 9am -  
3pm

	Venue to be Confirmed	Followed
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Fishing Commences 5am	by light refreshments
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Fishing Continues	4pm-5.30pm Prizegiving Followed by Light Meal and Social Gathering.
Saturday 11 April 2015	Fishing Concludes 7.30 am	
Weigh In	7.30am till 9 am Compulsory Thornton Beach Holiday Park	
	10.30am Association AGM	