



Rules & Regulations

NEW ZEALAND ANGLING AND CASTING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Hosted by the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan and Wellington Surfcasting
and Angling Club**

Based at the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan club.

4th – 8th April 2017

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 21st March 2017. Late registrations will be accepted up until the commencement of the event. Late registrations, who are casting, will not be given an advance casting day time and will have to attend the entire casting day to fit in around the preapproved casting program.
3. Each Competitor will be issued with an official registration ID card and will be required to have this in their possession at all times during the Championships. Lost ID cards 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. There will be a compulsory briefing at 6pm on Wednesday 5th April

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 three categories. Boat, 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 Surfcasting categories.
9. All competitors will pay a championship entry fee. This fee will include a meal at the prize giving event and entry into all categories any competitor wants to enter.

Senior current NZACA member \$60

Senior Noncurrent NZACA member \$70

Junior \$30

The organizing committee have also arranged for printed 2017 NZACA Championship polo shirts to be available to all clubs and individuals these will be \$35. The order form and sizing for these is on the official entry form.

10. The following age sections shall apply for all fishing categories.

Age Section	Age as at 1st January 2017
Junior Girls and Junior Boys	under 17 years
Senior Men's and Senior Ladies	17 years and under 55 years
Veteran Men's and Veteran Ladies	55 years and over

10. Junior competitors must be under 17 years of age on the 1st January 2017. 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

In addition to the main fishing competition there will be a fun fishing day with spot prizes offered on Wednesday 5th April 2017. This event will be fished from 9am until weigh-in at 5pm. Weigh-in will be at the Upper Hutt Cozzie club. Boundaries for this day will be smaller than the true competition. The boundaries being from Tangimoana South on the west coast up to Te Awitti on the East coast.

For the fun fishing day any fish species can be caught and weighed but an angler can only weigh 1 of any species and all MPI rules apply and will be strictly enforced.

15. Species list 2017: The table below lists the Championship Species List (not the fun day). Please note that the bag limit is a maximum for the entire championships, excluding the fun spot prize day, 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
Snapper	5	35	8
Trevally	5	35	8
Kingfish	1	80	7
Kahawai	3	45	5
Tuna	3	40	5
Hapuka	3	-	5
Bluenose	3	-	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, 6th April 2017, 7.00am and concludes Saturday, 8th April 2017, 10am.
18. Competitors may use any brand or breaking strain of line, but are encouraged to use a line as light as practical.
19. Competitors must fish within the Championship boundaries of the Southern side of the Patea River entrance to the Northern end of the Porangahau Beach.
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 registration ID card. 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 Stations will be located in the carpark of the Upper Hutt Cozzie club, and all competitors must have their fish weighed or be standing in line by 10am Saturday 8th April 2017. Weigh stations open at 8.30am
26. All competitors must be in possession of their own fish when weighing in.
27. All fish caught must exceed 500 grams to be eligible.
28. 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 will be disqualified from the Championships.
29. 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.
30. 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. No frozen fish will be weighed.

BOAT FISHING

31.Competitors competing in the Boat Fishing Category are eligible to fish from boats including small boats, charter boats, Jet ski and kayaks.

32.Boat fishing competitors can access permissible fishing areas within the boundaries of the Championships and in accordance with Maritime Regulatory requirements. All boats must log their trip movements with the appropriate marine authorities in the area they are fishing

SURF CASTING

33.Competitors competing in the Surf Casting Category are eligible to fish from beaches, harbors, rock formations, and platforms such as wharves.

34.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. Permissible fishing areas comprise "Public Accessible areas only"

CASTING RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The Casting is based at the Trentham Racecourse infield.

Please look at the NZACA website for access details

The casting format for the 2017 NZACA nationals will be slightly different, competitors will be placed in groups of 10 based on their casting ability. These groups will be notified well in advance of their casting times, except for late entries, this will hopefully mean that casters do not have to be waiting at the casting all day for their turn. A casters approximate ability will be asked on their entry form. All potential casters are asked to have attended at least 1 NZACA or club casting day in advance so they are well aware of the requirements on a dry casting day.

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

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

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

Age Section	Age as at 1st January 2017
Midget Boys and Midget Girls	Under 12 years
Junior Girls and Junior Boys	12 years and under 17

	years
Senior Men's and Senior Ladies	17 years and under 55 years
Veteran Men's and Veteran Ladies	55 years and under 65 years
Golden Oldie Men's and Golden Oldie Ladies	65 ears and over

38.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.

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

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

41.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.

42.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.

43.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.

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

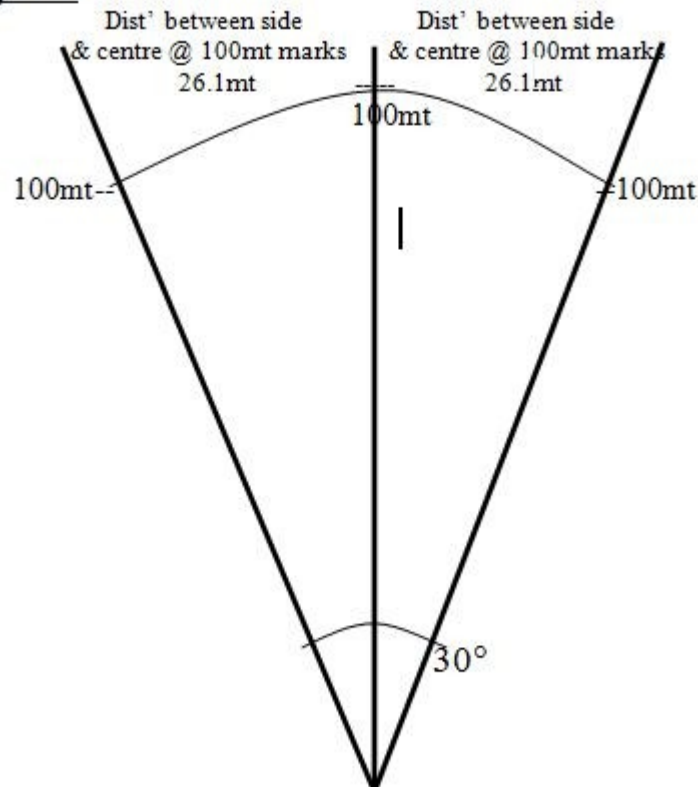
45.Five (5) minutes repair time will be allowed for each cast.

46.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 midpoint and at a point close to the reel end at completion of each cast.

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

48. 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.
49. Casting Court: A 30-degree 'V' shaped court extended as necessary. At 100mtr from the base board the distance between the sideline and the centerline must be 26.1mtr. The metric radial system of court measuring from the center 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)

Casting Court



53. Casting: Casting shall be from behind a 2.5mtr board set at 90 degrees to the center 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 meter for Competitor's longest cast. Accuracy maximum score of forty (40) points for each cast with two (2) points deducted for each meter distance from target. Measurement is from artificial bait.

General points for new competitors at an NZACA national championship.

As a championship event the NZACA nationals is more about trophies than prizes and in some cases more about teams than individuals. Please refer to the NZACA website for more details relating to this and how your team will be eligible to compete for all categories especially the much cherished "Top Club" trophy currently held by the Feilding Surfcasting Club.

In addition to all the normal trophies competed for, the 2017 NZACA nationals will also offer a trophy donated by the Upper Hutt Cossie club. This trophy is a direct challenge between all cossie clubs within New Zealand. The rules for this trophy will be the same as the NZACA overall top club trophy but only be competed for by cossie clubs.

For more details about any of the rules or regulations please feel free to contact any of the organizing committee:

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For all details relating to the facilities at the Hutt Cossie club please go to: cossieclubs.org.nz