 

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**2019 NEW ZEALAND ANGLING AND CASTING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. **JURISDICTION**

This event is promoted by the NZACA executive in conjunction with the 90 Mile Beach Surfcasting club. Competition will be based at the 90 Mile Beach Holiday Park at Wiapapakuri.

The event will take place between the 7th and 9th ofMarch 2019 and is sanctioned by the NZACA.

The Championships are divided into three categories: Casting, Surfcasting and Boating.

Competitors must follow the applicable rules and regulations relating to the category/s they enter.

**2. EVENT OFFICIALS**

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| Secretary of the Meeting | **Brent Rolston** |
| Casting Coordinator | **Gary Whitaker** |
| Chief Weigh Master | **Rick Hymers** |
| Casting Judge | **TBA** |
| Championship Disputes Committee | **As per the NZACA Rules** |
| **Judges of Fact:**Casting Distance: Casting weights and measures: Fish Weights: Fish Condition: | **Casting Judge****Casting Judge****Chief Weigh Master****Chief Weigh Master** |
| Organising Committee  | **Rick Hymers, Lyn Hymers, Brent Rolston, Gary Whitaker, Dave Davies** |

**3. THE EVENT**

3.1 The Event:

 The Championship is made up by two events.

1. Competitors are eligible to enter either individual events or both.
2. Casting – both Distance and Accuracy
3. Fishing – made up by two Categories - Surfcasting and Boating

(i) Competitors are eligible to fish in both the Surfcasting and Boating categories.

1. Competitors must follow the applicable regulations relating to the Categories that they enter.

**3.2 Casting:**

 This will be held at 313 Bonnets road, Kaitaia on Thursday 7th March 2019 starting after Flag raising at 9am

**3.3 Fishing:**

 This will be held between 5am Friday 8th March 2019 and 11.30am Saturday 9th March 2019

* 1. **Fishing Boundaries:**

Competitors must fish within the Championship boundaries of the northern boundary of the Hokianga Harbour entrance on the West coast to Northern side of the Whananaki Harbour entrance on the East coast.

**Excluded Zones** from these boundaries will be any beach where “Public” access is not available, this includes areas such as **Great Exhibition Bay**.

**3.5 Timetable:**

 **Thursday 7th March:**

 **9.00am** Flag raising and casting starts at 313 Bonnets Road, Kaitaia

 **4.00pm** NZACA AGM at the 90 Mile Beach Holiday Park, Waipapakauri

 **Friday 8th March:**

 **5.00am** Open fishing starts, both Surfcasting and Boating

 **Saturday 9th March:**

 **11.30am** Fishing concludes

 **10.0am** Weigh station opens

 All competitors must be in line by **12.30pm**.

 **6.00pm** Prize giving starts.

 Meals cans be purchased from the Bar

**4. REGISTRATION**

**4.1** **Opening and Closing:**

These open with the publication of these regulations and close at **6.00pm Friday 1st March 2019 for Internet registrations.**

**Late registration will be available at Ryders Sports World, Kaitaia until 5pm Wednesday 6th March**

Registrations received after this date will not be accepted**.**

**4.2** **Registration Acceptance:**

Entries shall be made on the correct form, either using the online registration or Posting, and to be deemed valid **MUST** be complete in all details and accompanied by the appropriate fees.

**4.3 Registration Fees:**

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| Adult current NZACA member | $25.00 |
| Adult non NZACA member | $35.00 |
| Midget & Junior current NZACA member | Free but must fill out registration form |
| Midget & Junior non NZACA member | $10.00 |

 Registration will be non-refundable once a registration has been received.

**4.4 Acceptance of Registration:**

These will be emailed, as soon as they have been received.

**4.5 Competitor Requirements:**

**(1) Knowledge and Understandings:** In signing the Registration form competitors are deemed to accept and fully understand the Regulations for the event.

Particularly,

**(a)** Articles pertaining to disputes

**(b)** Articles pertaining to the Casting and Fishing regulations.

**4.6 Payment:**

Can either be by direct debit or Chq.

 Direct debit account details: **123211 0013710 04 use your name as reference**

 **Email to: Brent Rolston** srolston@farmside.co.nz

 **Post to. 2019 NZACA National Fishing Championship, 358 Pryces Line, R D 9, Feilding 4779**

**5. Casting Regulations**

**5.1** Competitors will be placed in groups of up to ten

 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 of a dry casting day.

**5.2** **Number of Casts:** Each Competitor shall be eligible for three distance casts and three accuracy casts.

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

**5.4** **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 is acceptable. No method of measuring line is allowed i.e. no line clips or

 coloured markers on any type of reel.

**5.5 Rod and Guides:** There is no restriction on the length or material of Rod or Guides

**5.6 Reel:** Any reel may be used, as long as it is possible to fish with that reel.

**5.7 Weights:** Competitors must supply their own weights for both Distance and Accuracy Casting

**5.8 Lines and Leader:**

(i) They must be of general circular section and parallel throughout and be of basic monofilament

 construction. No Braid is permitted.

 (ii) **Running Line** shall be based on weight used:

 To be a minimum of 0.35mm for weights of 175grams and 200grams

 To be a minimum of 0.31mm for a weight of 150grams

 To be a minimum of 0.28mm for a weight of 125grams

 To be a minimum of 0.25mm for weights of 50grams, 75grams and 100grams

(iii) **Casting Leader:** The use of a Tapered Leader will be allowed for ‘Over Head Thump” casting styles **ONLY**.

 Any “Power Casts” i.e. Pendulum or Off the Ground casts, must use a parallel leader of the correct diameter

 as below:

 To be high visibility/fluorescent and a minimum diameter of;

 A minimum of 0.75mm for weights of 150grams, 175grams and 200grams

 A minimum of 0.65mm for a weights of 50grams, 75grams,100grams and 125grams

 In all cases the Leader must have at least 8 complete turns on the reel when ready to cast.

**5.9** **Random measuring:**

 Random line diameter checking may be carried out.

 All NZ Records will have the main line diameter measured close to the join with the leader, at a mid point and at

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

**5.10 Extra Time:**

(i)Five minutes will be allowed for each Cast.

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

**5.11 Disputes:** In the event of a dispute the decision of the Casting Judge shall be final.

**5.12 Age Sections:** The following age sections are applicable for the Casting Category:

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| **Age Section** | **Age as at 1st January 2019** |
| Midget | Under 12 |
| Junior | Over 12 and under 17 years old |
| Senior | Over 17 and under 60 years old |
| Veteran | Over 60 years and under 65 years old |
| Golden Oldie | Over 65 years old |

**5.13 Casting Court:**

 (i) 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)



**5.14 Casting (Distance):**  Casting shall be from behind a 2.5mt 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.

**5.15 Casting (Accuracy):**

 (i) Accuracy will be measured over distances of 40, 60 and 80meters for Midgets, Juniors and Ladies.

 (ii) Accuracy will be measured over distances of 60 and 80meters and 100meters for all others.

 (ii) Casting shall be from behind a defined mark.

 No competitor may pass this mark 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.

**5.16 Point Scoring:**

 **(i) Distance:** One(1) point per meter of competitors longest Cast.

 (ii) **Accuracy:** a maximum of Forty (40) points per each accuracy distance, with Two (2) points deduced for each

 meter distance away from target. Measurement will be from the artificial bait attached to the competitors

 weight.

**6. Fishing Regulations**

**6.1** Fishing will commence from Friday, 8th March 2019, 5.00am and concludes Saturday, 9th March 2019, 11.30am.

**6.2** Competitors must fish within the Championship boundaries of the northern boundary of the Hokianga Harbour entrance on the West coast to Whananaki Harbour entrance on the East coast

**6.3** 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.

**6.4** Competitors may use any brand or breaking strain of line, but are encouraged to use a line as light as practical.

**6.5** 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.

**6.6** Fish must be brought to the gaff or net unaided.

**6.7** Marine regulations must be complied with, by all competitors.

**6.8** Any fish caught in an unsportsmanlike manner may be disallowed by the Championships committee.

**6.9** **Age Sections:** The following age sections shall apply for both fishing categories:

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| **Age Section** | **Age as at 1st January 2019** |
| Junior | Under 17 years old |
| Senior | Over 17 years old and under 60 years old |
| Veteran | 60 years old and over |

**6.10** For safety purposes all junior competitors should be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**6.11** 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.

**6.12** The Championship Disputes Committee will rule on complaints or disputes and their decision will be final.

**6.13 Surfcasting:**

(i)Competitors competing in the Surfcasting Category are eligible to fish from beaches, harbours, rock

 formations,and platforms such as wharves, so long as there is general public access to said places.

 (ii) Lines must not be taken out on surfboards, kontikis or by swimming out with the line or with bait mortars or

 Drones or by any other method other than casting.

 (iii) 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”

**6.14 Boating:**

(i) Competitors competing in the Boat Fishing Category are eligible to fish from boats including small boats, charter boats, Jetski and kayaks.

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

**6.15 Fish Species, Catch Limits and Size**

(i) Species list 2019: 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.

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| Species | Bag Limit | Minimum Length |  |
| Snapper | 5 | 35 |  |
| Trevally | 5 | 40 |  |
| Kahawai | 3 | 45 |  |
| John Dory | 2 | 40 |  |
| Kingfish | 1 | 85 |  |

**6.16 Point Scoring:** Championship points are scored on the basis of the following formula:

 **KG’s Snapper Trevally Kahawai Kingfish John Dory**

 >1.5 50 50 30 100

 1.51 – 2.00 80 80 50 150

 2.01 – 2.50 110 110 100 200

 2.51 – 3.00 140 140 150 250

 3.01 – 3.5 170 170 175 400

 3.51 – 4.00 200 200 250

 4.01 – 4.50 230 230

 4.51 – 5.00 260 260

 5.01 – 6.00 290 290

 6.01 – 7.00 350 350

 7.01 – 8.00 400 400 200

 8.01 – 9.00 450 450 250

 9.01 – 10.00 500 500 300

 10.01 – 11.00 500 500 400

 11.01 – 12.00 400

 12.01 – 13.00 400

 13.01 – 14.00 450

 14.01 – 15.00 450

 15.01 – 16.00 500

 16.01 – 17.00 500

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For all species. Any fish caught above outlined weight’s and points will be awarded maximum points listed in the table.

 (ii) A competitor’s maximum total bag will be calculated in the results.

**6.17 Weigh in Regulations:**

 (i) The Weigh Stations will be located in the 90 Mile Beach Holiday Park, Waipapakauri and will be open from

 10.00am on Saturday 9th March 2019.

 (ii) All competitors must be inline by 12.30pm Saturday 9th March 2019.

(iii) All fish must be weighed in during the official Weigh Station hours only.

(iv) All competitors must be in possession of their own fish when weighing in.

(v) 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.

(vi) 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.

(vii) 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.

(viii) Competition officials may enter the Championships as competitors but must not officiate at the weighing of

 their own fish.

 (ix) Only 1 competitor’s fish in any Chillie Bin/Container presented at the weigh Station

 (x) Competitors must use separate bins if weighing in fish in more than one section

**7. General**

**7**.1 **Prize giving:**

The prize giving function for the event, will be held on Saturday evening, start time 6.00pm. This will take place at the 90 Mile Beach Holiday Park. At the prize giving only some trophies will be awarded. Many sections will have a plaque awarded that the competitor can keep, some will be awarded a perpetual trophy that will have to be returned at the end of the 2019 year. Food will be available for purchase from the bar.

**7.2 Prizes.**

There will be cash prizes awarded for the following:

$1000 average weigh snapper (Donated by the Yeoman family)

$700 average weight Trevally

$300 average weight Kahawai

In addition to these cash prizes there will be product prizes from our naming rights sponsors “OKUMA”

**7.3 Trophies:**

**“Casting” section.**

Midget Top points (distance plus accuracy)

Junior. Top points (distance plus accuracy)

Open Men’s. Top points (distance plus accuracy)

Open Ladies. Top points (distance plus accuracy)

Veteran Men’s. Top points (distance plus accuracy)

Veteran Ladies. Top points (distance plus accuracy)

Golden Oldies Men’s. Top points (distance plus accuracy)

Golden Oldies Ladies. Top points (distance plus accuracy)

Longest cast Men’s

Longest Cast Ladies

Best accuracy

Champion caster over all categories

**“Boat” section.**

Top points scored Male

Top points scored Female

Overall top points scored

Top points from boat fishing and casting score (New Category)

**“Shore” section.**

Midgets. Most fish points

Junior’s. Most fish points

Open Men’s. Most fish points

Open Ladies. Most fish points

Veteran Men’s. Most fish points

Veteran Ladies. Most fish points

Overall most fish point’s shore

Overall most point’s shore and casting

Top club trophy.

To be eligible for this trophy clubs must have at least 4 competitors registered in at least 2 sections, one of which must be Casting, being competed for at the 2019 NZACA nationals. Competitors can register in all 3 sections. The four highest competitors points from each section, from each club, will have the sum of their points added to determine Top Club. Most points wins.

**7.4** 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.

**7.5 Important Phone numbers**

 - Event Secretary: **027 230 2491**

 – Casting coordinator: **027 240 1685**