



RULES & REGULATIONS

25-28th March 2020 NEW ZEALAND ANGLING AND CASTING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. JURISDICTION

This event is promoted by the NZACA executive in conjunction with the New Plymouth Surfcasting club. Competition will be based at the New Plymouth Racecourse, Coronation Av New Plymouth.

The event will take place between the 25th to the 28th of March 2020 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

Secretary of the Meeting	Carey Johns
Casting Coordinator	Jim Yeoman
Chief Weigh Master	Phil Mahood
Casting Judge	Gary Whitaker
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	Carey Johns, Allan Simons, Kevin Saunders, Phil Mahood, Bruno Tarsa, Ian James

3. THE EVENT

3.1 The Event:

The Championship is made up by two events.

- (a) Competitors are eligible to enter either individual events or both.
- (b) Casting – both Distance and Accuracy
- (c) Fishing – made up by two Categories - Surfcasting and Boating
 - (i) Competitors are eligible to fish in both the Surfcasting and Boating categories.
- (d) Competitors must follow the applicable regulations relating to the Categories that they enter.

3.2 Casting and Registrations

Casting will be held at the New Plymouth Racecourse 25th March 2020 starting after Flag raising at 9am.
Registrations from 8am till 6pm

3.3 Fishing:

This will be held between 5am Thursday 26th March 2020 and 11.30am Saturday 28th March 2020

3.4 Fishing Boundaries:

Competitors must fish within the Championship boundaries between Waiwakau (staircase) in the north to Nukumaruru rock (Waitotara) in the south.

Excluded Zones from these boundaries will be any beach where "Public" access is not available. Any marine reserve within these boundaries

3.5 Timetable:

Wednesday 25th March

8.00am Pick up numbers and entry packs. (8am Till 6pm) **Briefing document attached to sign.**

9.00am Flag raising

9.30am Casting till finished

6.00pm NZACA AGM

Thursday 26th March

5.00am Open fishing starts, both Surfcasting and Boating

Friday 27th March Fishing continues, Weight station @ Racecourse from 1200 to 1300

Saturday 28th March:

11.30am Fishing concludes

10.0am Weigh station opens

All competitors must be in line by **12.00pm**.

5.00pm Prize giving starts at new Plymouth racecourse.

For those that have ordered a meal this is from **7pm**. Bar facilities available.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 Opening and Closing:

Registrations open from 1st January 2020 to 20th March 2020

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:

Adult current NZACA member	\$40.
Adult non NZACA member	\$60.
Midget & Junior current NZACA member	Free but must fill out registration form
Midget & Junior non NZACA member	\$15.

Meal Saturday night

\$40.

Motor home campsite at race course. (Toilets available)

\$10.00 Per night

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.
- (c) Competition health and safety document

4.6 Payment:

Can either be by direct debit or Chq.

Direct debit account details: **1539 420 000235 01 use your name as reference**

Email to: Cary Johns carey.johns@corteva.com

Post to. 2020 NZACA National Fishing Championship, 28 Dunn Street Egmont Village.4372

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:

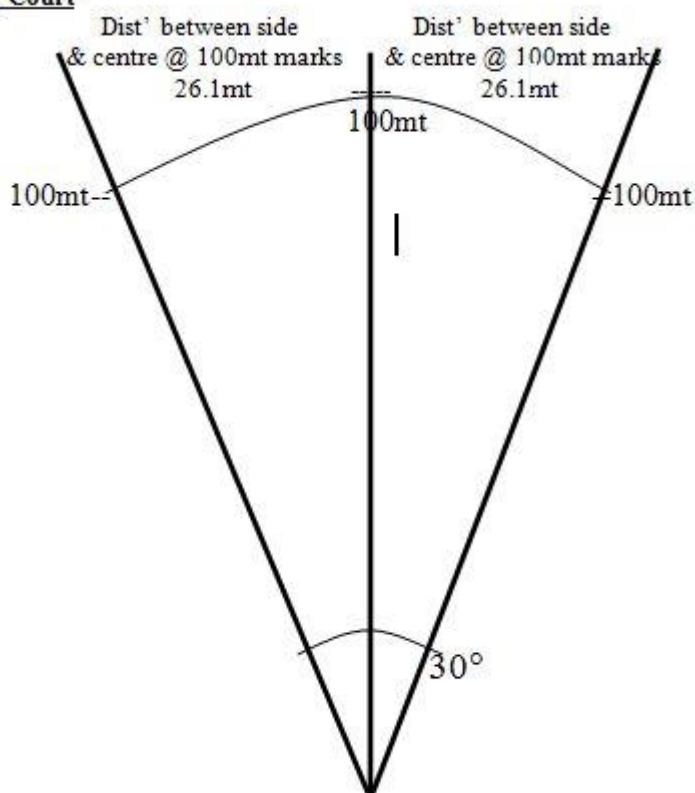
The following age sections are applicable for the Casting Category:

Age Section	Age as at 1 st January 2020
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 centre line 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)

Casting Court



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 Thursday 25th March 2020, 5.00am and concludes Saturday, 28th March 2020, 11.30am.

6.2 Competitors must fish within the Championship boundaries Waiwakau stair case in the north and Nukumaru rock (Waitotara) in the south

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:

Age Section	Age as at 1 st January 2020
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, harbors, 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 2020: 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
Snapper	9	35cm
Trevally	5	30cm
Kahawai	3	45cm
John Dory	2	35cm
Kingfish	1	75cm
Gurnard	5	30cm

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

- Snapper Ten points per kilo
- Trevally Twelve points per kilo
- Kahawai Four points per kilo
- Gurnard Twelve points per kilo
- John Dory Ten points per kilo
- King fish Ten points per kilo

6.17 Weigh in Regulations:

- (i) The Weigh Station at New Plymouth Racecourse will be open
- (ii) **Friday 27th March 1200 till 1300**
- (iii) Saturday 28th March from 11.00am

- (ii) All competitors must be inline by 12.00pm Saturday 28th March 2020.
- (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.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) Only 1 competitor's fish in any Chilly Bin/Container presented at the weigh Station
- (viii) Competitors must use separate bins if weighing in fish in more than one section
- (x) Competition officials can enter competition but can't officiate at weigh station.

7. General

7.1 Prize giving:

5PM At the pavilion at the new Plymouth Racecourse

7.2 Prizes.

Many prizes and trophies available

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	

"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 point's shore
Overall	Most point's shore and casting NZACA Okuma Surfcasting Champion

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 2020 NZACA nationals. Competitors can register in all 3 sections. The four highest competitor's 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: Carey Johns 021 2230223
- Casting coordinator: Jim yeoman