



## RULES & REGULATIONS

### 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 NEW ZEALAND ANGLING AND CASTING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 1. JURISDICTION

This event is promoted by the NZACA Executive and run by members of the Palliser Bay and Feilding Surfcasting clubs as well as members of the NZACA executive. Competition will be based at the Cape Palliser area with the event headquarters the Waimeha camping village.

The event will take place between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

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	<b>Craig Boyes 027 4777 446</b>
Casting Coordinator	<b>Jim Yeoman. 027 442 9628</b>
Chief Weigh Master	<b>Grant McGhie. Palliser Bay Fishing Club 027 448 1254</b>
Casting Judge	<b>Gary Whitaker</b>
Championship Disputes Committee	<b>As per the NZACA Rules. Chair Rick Hymers</b>
<b>Judges of Fact:</b>	
Casting Distance:	<b>Casting Judge</b>
Casting weights and measures:	<b>Casting Judge</b>
Fish Weights:	<b>Chief Weigh Master</b>
Fish Condition:	<b>Chief Weigh Master</b>
Organising Committee	<b>Willie Jensen, Rick Hymers, Lyn Hymers</b>

#### 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 based on Cape Palliser Road, approx. 8.7km after the turnoff to Ngawi from Lake Ferry Road and opposite the cell tower. 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 starting after Flag raising at 9am. Registrations from 8am till 2pm

### 3.3 Fishing:

This will be held between 5am Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and 11.30am Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### 3.4 Fishing Boundaries:

Competitors must fish within the Championship boundaries between South of Turakina River on the West coast through to South of the Mataikona River on the East Coast.

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

### 3.5 Timetable:

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.** All based at the casting venue

**8.00am** Pick up numbers and entry packs. (8am till 2pm) **Briefing document attached to sign.**

**9.00am** Flag raising

**9.30am** Casting till finished

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April:**

**11.30am** Fishing concludes

**10.00am** Weigh station opens

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

All Saturday events are based at the Waimeha Camping Village, Cape Palliser Road 2Km North of Ngawi township.

**1pm.** NZACA AGM

**Approx 4pm** Prize giving starts

## 4. REGISTRATION

### 4.1 Opening and Closing:

Registrations open from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and close at midnight 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### 4.2 Registration Acceptance:

Entries shall be made using the correct form, and emailing it to [c.boyes@kfamilylaw.co.nz](mailto:c.boyes@kfamilylaw.co.nz) - If you don't do email then get someone who does to do it for you. The form **MUST** be legible and complete in all details. Payment of the appropriate fees is to be made to the account detailed in paragraph 4.6 at the time of emailing the registration form.

### 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:** The bar and kitchen will be open all afternoon at the Waimeha Camping Village. No private alcohol to be consumed except at individual campsites.

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

### 4.4 Acceptance of Registration:

Your registration will be confirmed by reply email.

**4.5 Competitor Requirements:** It is hoped to post further details on the NZACA website in the near future.

**(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:**

Must be by internet banking; account details: **to RG & L Hymers 01-0671-0055811-46**, please use your name as reference. If you don't do internet banking then pay the money to a friend who does and get them to do it for you, using your name as the reference.

Email your entry form to: [c.boyes@kfamilylaw.co.nz](mailto:c.boyes@kfamilylaw.co.nz)

**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. If unfamiliar, then please call Gary Whitaker on 027 240 1685 (when submitting your entry) and he will help you learn what to expect.

**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:

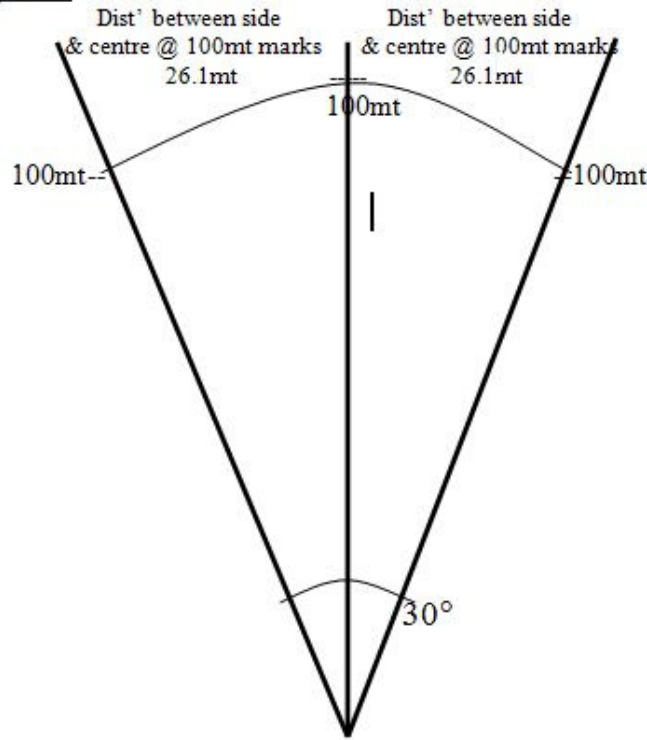
The following age sections are applicable for the Casting Category:

Age Section	Age as at 1st of January 2024
Midget	Under 12
Junior	12 and under 17 years of age
Senior	17 to under 65 years of age
Veteran	65 to under 70 years of age
Golden Oldie	70 years of age and over

### 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 20, 40 and 60meters for Midgets.
- (ii) Accuracy will be measured over distances of 40, 60 and 80 meters for Juniors and Ladies.
- (iii) Accuracy will be measured over distances of 60, 80 and 100 meters for all others.
- (iv) 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 5.00am and concludes Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 11.30am.

- 6.2** Competitors must fish within the Championship boundaries.
- 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** MPI regulations must be complied with, by all competitors. Currently a combined daily bag limit of 20 finfish applies. For up to date information see <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/fishing-aquaculture/recreational-fishing/fishing-rules/central-fishing-rules/> All target species fit with in the definition of finfish.
- 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:

<b>Age Section</b>	<b>Age as at 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024</b>
Junior	Under 17 years of age
Senior	17 years olds to under 60 years old
Veteran	60 years olds and over

- 6.10** For safety purposes all junior competitors must 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 Boat Fishing:**

- (i) Competitors competing in the Boat Fishing Category are eligible to fish from boats including small boats, charter boats, Jet ski 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 2024: The table below lists the Championship Species List. Please note that the bag limit is a maximum for the entire championship, NOT the daily bag limit. However, competitors are bound by the daily bag limit and so may need to justify that they have not caught more than the limit in either day. One way of achieving this is using a cable tie on those fish caught on the Friday.

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

**Shore**

Species	Bag limit	Min length (mm).	Points per kg
Snapper	5	350	10
Trevally	5	300	10
Kahawai	3	450	4
Blue Moki	5	420	10
Blue cod	5	350	10
Gurnard	5	330	10
King fish	2	800	5

**Boat**

Species	Bag limit	Min length (mm).	Points per kg
Snapper	5	350	10
Trevally	5	300	10
Kahawai	3	450	4
Tarakihi	5	300	10
Blue Cod	5	350	10
Gurnard	5	330	10
Kingfish	1	800	5
Hapuka	2	N/a	5

**6.17 Weigh in Regulations:**

- (i) The Weigh Station is at the Waimeha Camping Village, not the Ngawi township.
- (ii) Saturday 6th April from 10.00am.
- (iii) All competitors must be inline by 12.00pm Saturday 6th April 2024.
- (iv) All fish must be weighed in during the official Weigh Station hours only.
- (v) All competitors must be in possession of their own fish when weighing in.
- (vii) 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.
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) Only 1 competitor's fish in any Chilly Bin/Container presented at the weigh Station.
- (x) Competitors must use separate bins if weighing in fish in more than one section.
- (xi) Competition officials can enter competition but can't officiate at weigh station while weighing their own fish.

## 7. General

**7.1 Prize giving:** Will start at approx. 4pm on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> April at Waimeha Camping Village

### 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	
Top points comprising Fishing and Casting points combined	

#### **"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    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 2024 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.

**Please Note:** The NZACA executive is revisiting the topic of trophies which have been historically handed out at the nationals. Many of the trophies are in a poor state of repair due to their age, there also has been the issue of getting trophies returned from past winners. Because of the above plaques have been awarded instead. The NZACA executive welcomes any thoughts or ideas about how to deal with the trophies issue moving forward.



- 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 Manager: Rick Hymers 027 343 8264. 06 3078020  
Event Secretary Craig Boyes.: 027 4777 446



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2024  
Registration Details**

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Date

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**INDIVIDUAL DETAILS:**

<b>Name:</b>					
<b>Address:</b>					
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mobile:</b>		
<b>Email:</b>					
<b>Emergency contact</b>	<b>Name:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>		
<b>Date of Birth</b>	___ / ___ / ___				
<b>Gender (Tick)</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		
<b>Casting Section Entered (Tick)</b>	<b>Midget (Up to 12)</b>	<b>Junior (12 to 17)</b>	<b>Senior (17 to 65)</b>	<b>Veteran (65 to 70)</b>	<b>Golden Oldies (over 70)</b>
<b>Fishing Section Entered (Tick)</b>	<b>Junior (up to 17)</b>		<b>Senior (17 to 60)</b>	<b>Veteran (60 and over)</b>	
<b>Categories Entering(Tick)</b>	<b>Casting</b>		<b>Boating</b>		<b>Land based</b>

**REGISTRATION FEE DETAILS:**

	Tick	
<b>Adult NZACA Member \$40</b>		<b>Affiliated Club:</b>
<b>Junior NZACA Member(&gt;17) \$0</b>		<b>Affiliated Club:</b>
<b>Adult Non NZACA Member \$60</b>		
<b>Junior Non NZACA Member(&gt;17) \$15</b>		
<b>Direct Credit Account details: 01-0671-0055811-46      Reference = your name</b>		

**DISCLAIMER:**

1. I have a copy of the rules and regulations of the New Zealand Angling and Casting OKUMA National Championships 2024 and hereby agree to abide by them.
2. I agree for my details to be forwarded to an affiliated club in my region.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

E:mail registration form to: [c.boyes@kfamilylaw.co.nz](mailto:c.boyes@kfamilylaw.co.nz)

**JP & the team at Waimeha Camping Village, Ngawi, Cape Palliser are proud to be the base for the 2024 NZACA Nationals in 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> April.**



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