



RULES & REGULATIONS

26th – 28th MARCH 2026 NEW ZEALAND ANGLING AND CASTING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. JURISDICTION

This event is promoted by the NZACA Executive and run by members of the Feilding Surfcasting clubs as well as members of the NZACA executive.

The event will take place between the 26th and 28th of March 2026.

The Championship boundaries are between South of Patea River on the West coast through to blackhead point on the East coast.

The Championships are divided into three categories: Casting, Shore and Boat fishing. Competitors must follow the applicable rules and regulations relating to the category/s they enter.

2. EVENT OFFICIALS

Secretary of the Meeting	Jenny Spackman 027 299 3544
Casting Coordinator	Jim Yeoman. 027 442 9628
Chief Weigh Master	Todd Smith 027 429 2332
Casting Judge	Gary Whitaker 027 240 1685
Championship Disputes Committee	As per the NZACA Rules, Chair Rick Hymers
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	Todd Smith, Ian Strickett, Andrew Carmont, Racheal Young, Chris Stam, Corey Adamson, Andre Spackman, Jenny Spackman, Kim Durham, Hamish Rees.

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 - Shore and Boat fishing.
 - (i) Competitors are eligible to fish in both the Shore 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 at Manfeild park on the South St entrance in Feilding over by the main building complex starting after Flag raising at 09:00am. Registrations for casting from 08:00am until 09:30am

3.3 Fishing:

This will be held between 8pm Thursday 26th March 2026 until 11.00am Saturday 28th March 2026

3.4 Fishing Boundaries:

Competitors must fish within the Championship boundaries between South of Patea River on the West coast through to blackhead point on the East coast

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

3.5 Timetable:

Thursday 26th March. All based at the casting venue, Manfeild park entrance on South St Feilding over by the main building complex.

9.00am Flag raising

9.30am Casting till finished

8pm Thursday night Open fishing starts right through Friday into Saturday, both Shore and Boat fishing categories.

Saturday 11am on 28th March 2026:

11.00am Fishing concludes

10.00am Weigh station opens at the Ryal Bush truck yard on Turners Road Feilding
All competitors must be in line by **12.00pm**.

2pm. NZACA AGM

Approx 4pm Prize giving starts at the Denbigh Hotel 55 Manchester St in Feilding

**Food and drinks are available at the Denbigh Hotel for the prize giving.
Restaurant will be open at 5pm**

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 Opening and Closing:

Registrations open from 1st December 2025 to 20th March 2026.

4.2 Registration Acceptance:

Entries shall be made using the correct form and emailing it to **Jenny Spackman** aspackman@xtra.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.
Midget & Junior current NZACA member	Free, but must fill out Registration form naming the club being represented

Registration Fees will be non-refundable unless the event is cancelled due to an uncontrollable event prior to the commencement of the contest.

4.4 Acceptance of Registration:

These will be emailed, as soon as possible by the Committee secretary.

4.5 Competitor Requirements: Further details available on the NZACA website

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

Particularly,

- (a) Rules pertaining to disputes
- (b) Rules pertaining to the Casting and Fishing regulations.
- (c) Competition health and safety document

4.6 Payment:

Must be by Direct debit; account details: **01 0625 0147731 03** using your name as reference
Email to: Jenny Spackman aspackman@xtra.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 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 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 Championship Disputes Committee shall be final.

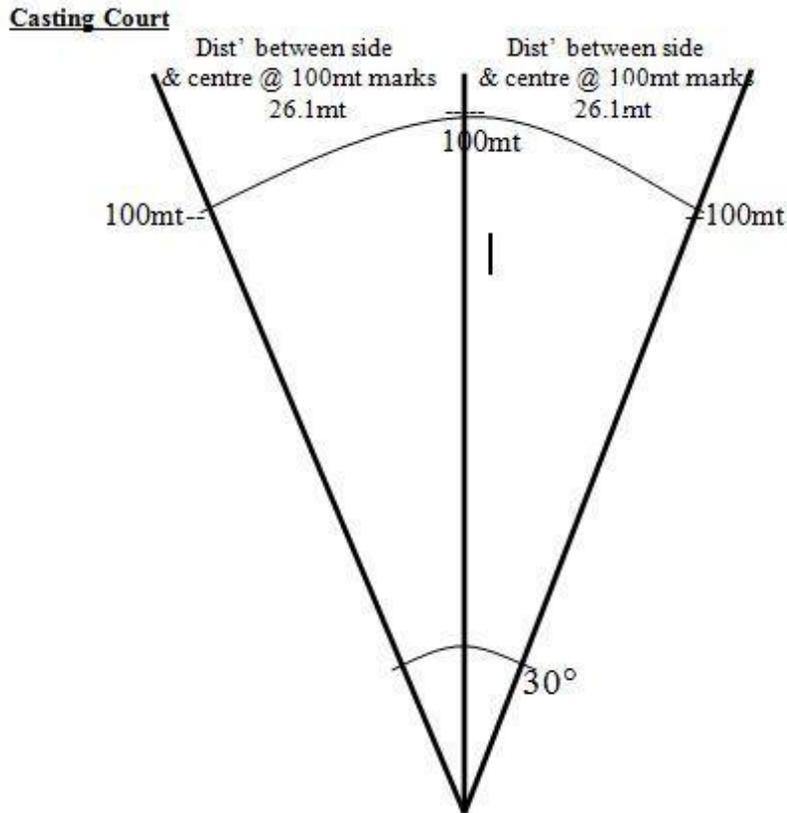
5.12 Age Sections:

The following age sections are applicable for the Casting Category:

Age Section	Age as at 1st of January 2026
Midget	Under 12
Junior	Over 12 and under 17 years old
Senior	17 to under 65 years old
Veteran	65 years and under 70 years old
Golden Oldie	70 years old 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)



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 60 meters 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 and 80 meters 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:

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

Accuracy: a maximum of Forty (40) points per each accuracy distance, with Two (2) points deducted for each meter distance away from target. Measurement will be from the artificial bait attached to the competitor's weight.

6. Fishing Regulations

- 6.1 Fishing will commence from Thursday 26th March 8pm until Saturday 28th March 11am.
- 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.
- 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 of January 2026
Midget	Up to 12 years of age
Junior	12 years old and Under 17 years old
Senior	17 years old and under 60 years old
Veteran	60 years old and over

- 6.10 For safety purposes all Midget and 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 Shore Fishing:

(i) Competitors competing in the Shore 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) Shore 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, Jet skis 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 2026: 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.

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	1	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

6.17 Weigh in Regulations:

The Weigh Station is at the Ryal Bush truck yard on Turners Road, Feilding.

Saturday 28th March from 10.00am.

- iii. All competitors must be inline by 12.00pm Saturday 28th March 2026.

- 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, clean 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 28th March at the Denbigh Hotel Feilding.

7.2 Prizes.

Trophies and Spot prizes are 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
Midgets.	Most points shore and casting
Juniors.	Most points shore and casting
Overall.	Most point's shore and casting - NZACA Okuma Surfcasting Champion

7.3 Trophies (continued):

Top club Casting trophy.

Top club Shore trophy.

Top club Boat trophy.

To be eligible for one or more of the above Top Club trophies, clubs must have at least 4 competitors registered in the relevant section/s.

Overall 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 2026 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: Many of the trophies are in a poor state of repair due to their age, also there has been the issue of getting trophies returned from the past winners. Because of the above medals or plaques will be awarded instead.

- 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: Hamish Rees 027 292 0725

Event Secretary Jenny Spackman 027 299 3544.

NZACA President: Rick Hymers 027 343 8264.

NZACA Secretary Craig Boyes: 027 4777 446.

