



Should a boat not have insurance, nor be able to supply evidence of insurance and certificate prior to the commencement of the tournament, that boat shall be excluded from participating in the tournament. All on board safety remains the responsibility of the Owner/Skipper. Each participant must sign a release and waiver form which will be supplied by MBGFC.

### **FISHING RULES**

GFAA rules apply for the duration of the tournament. All anglers, crew (those who are aiding in the event of catching a fish) and skippers (skippers who are not otherwise registered as an angler need to be registered as a crew member) must be current financial members of a club affiliated with QGFA and GFAA and may be required to provide proof of current club membership. Junior category is for anglers under 16 years of age at the completion of the tournament.

A minimum of 2 anglers and maximum of 6 anglers allowed per boat.

- A maximum of two rods in use per angler only, except when live baiting.
- Live baiting, one rod per angler only to be used, and cannot be handled by others (including pitch baiting) - angler only to cast bait. Only non-offset circle hooks may be used.
- Live bait gathering, and / or towing of teaser before start fishing is allowed.

Each angler is to receive equal fishing opportunity.

### **FUN FISH RALLY**

Anglers who do not belong to a game fish club and do not wish to join MBGFC may fish in the 'Fun Fish Rally'. No line class is applicable for Fun Fish.

Anglers may fish for any or all of the following species - Snapper, Sweetlip, Pearl Perch, Mackerel (all species), King (yellow tail or black) and Whiting. Prizes will be awarded for the heaviest fish of each category over the two days. There will also be a 'Cook's Choice' award. Anglers fishing in Gamefish section are also eligible to claim Fun Fish prizes.

### **FISHING AREA**

Northern boundary on the line of **S 26°30.000'** and Southern boundary on the line of **S 27°50.000'**. A MBGFC Sponsored grid chart will be provided in Tournament Kits for reference. Boats are encouraged to return to Tangas on the Friday and Saturday nights.

### **RADIO SKEDS**

All boats must have a VHF radio in good working order. All competing vessels must remain contactable at all times via radio or agreed alternative communication, by either Game Base or another vessel. Failure to maintain contact may result in team disqualification. The Skeds will be on channel VHF 81. In a situation where a boat is unable to contact Game Base (GB), they must relay through another vessel or mobile phone. GB will also try at end of Sked to raise vessels on VHF 21. Failure to contact GB on two successive Skeds may result in disqualification of that day's points.

Boats must keep the airways clear for 10 minutes prior to the end of fishing so late hook ups may be reported to Game Base.

### **SKED TIMES AND REPORTS**

Sked times: Friday and Saturday - 10.05 am, 12.05 pm, 3.05 pm and advise following information:

1. Boat Name.
2. Fishing report (Using "0,0,0" system. i.e. Strikes, Hook-ups, Captures/Tags). For all captures/ tags, report: Species, Angler's name and time of capture.
3. Position – using MBGFC Sponsored grid chart, using grid referencing shown on the chart when referencing your location. Accurate location is important in the event of an incident occurring at sea.

If any vessel is unable to fish on any day, it is a requirement the GB is notified by radio or by phone to Warren Meads on 0438 698 170

Captures and tags not reported on radio Skeds or at the time of capture/tag for those captured or tagged after the 3.05pm sked each day may not be counted in the point scores and may not be eligible for trophies.

## **LOGGING ON/OFF**

For safety reasons it is required that you log on and log off daily with GB and that you get acknowledgement from GB. When logging on details should include: boat name, number of people on board, where the vessel is leaving from and notify GB if fishing Light or Heavy tackle.

Boats can leave from their home ports on Friday and Saturday mornings. A boat logging off with GB before cease fishing will be deemed as no longer fishing from log-off time. A boat is permitted to log off for any reason (for example: if the boat has to return to port for repairs) and then log back on when ready to recommence fishing. Any fish caught during the time that the boat is logged off will not be eligible to score points.

Tournament log on/ off requirements does in no way mean a boat may not log on with Marine Rescue Services for safety purposes.

## **WEIGH-IN**

Weigh-in will be conducted at the MBGFC Clubhouse on Moreton Island between 4.00 and 7.00 pm on Friday and Saturday. To receive capture points, a fish must be weighed on the day it is caught. Record claim fish must be intact.

No fish to be left at the weigh station and all carcasses must be gutted and disposed of away from the MBGFC camping area, the nearby beach and anchorage area (otherwise the fish will be disqualified from points score and/ or trophy eligibility).

## **PAPERWORK/ REPORTING**

No points will be recorded unless each boat presents their angler's tag cards, activity sheets and Sked sheets filled in correctly for both tagged and captured fish – a boat's representative must be one of the registered skipper, crew or angler for that boat. These must be provided to the Recorder at the MBGFC Clubhouse (on Moreton Island) no later than 7.00 pm on Friday and 7.00pm Saturday for the respective day's fishing (unless the team is not staying at MBGFC facilities on Friday evening).

Where a team does not stay at Moreton Island club grounds on Friday evening, photos of the completed tag cards and sked sheet must be texted through to Warren Meads (0438 698 170) and a reply text must be received back by 7pm Friday (N.B. for captured fish to be eligible for point score, they need to have been weighed at the club grounds on the day they are caught). For boats texting through photos of tag cards & sked sheets on Friday night, hardcopies of the Friday paperwork must be included with the paperwork submitted by that boat on Saturday (by 7pm Sat) to be awarded points for Friday's fishing.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect and test any or all the tackle used in the capture or tag and release to conform with GFAA rules. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final.

## **LINE CLASS**

Light tackle: 8kg - any depth. Heavy tackle: 24kg - 37kg - 60kg over 150m depth line.

## **ELIGIBLE SPECIES**

Eligible species are as per GFAA recognised gamefish.

## **Captured Fish Limits**

A maximum of 3 fish of the same species will be allowed per angler per day. Teams are responsible to ensure they remain within Queensland Fisheries bag limits and boat limits for any fish in their possession – no points for fish that would result in these limits being exceeded.

Billfish that may be eligible for QGFA, GFAA and/or IGFA records, may be weighed. Weighed billfish that are NOT heavier than the current record will be awarded zero points. Weighed billfish that are heavier than the current record will be awarded tag points based on line class used.

Any marlin caught with a short length of less than 1m should be captured for scientific research purposes (otolith aging). Any fish taken for this purpose is to be presented intact to gamebase weighstation for body measurements and head collection – tag points will be awarded for the fish.

### **Other Species Capture Points Score**

Other Species weighed for point score must be equal to or greater than line class and must be weighed on the day it is caught to be awarded points. Sharks are not eligible for weigh points.

Other Species Capture Points will be awarded as follows: Capture Points = Weight (in kg) x 100 ÷ Line Class.

10% allowance will be given to gilled and gutted fish.

### **Tagging Points Score - Billfish**

Excluding billfish, a maximum of 3 other fish per species per angler per day can be tagged. Billfish that are tagged and released shall have scores allocated as below:

8kg	1,500 points
24kg	3,000 points
37kg	2,250 points
60kg	1,500 points

### **Other Species Tagging Points Score**

50 points awarded for all other GFAA recognised species (non-billfish) tagged regardless of line class. All sharks must be tagged as no capture points apply.

### **TAGS**

To be eligible for tag points, all fish must be tagged with the correct NSW Fisheries tag for that species (e.g. Billfish must be tagged with NSW Fisheries "Billfish Only" tags). Tagging with an incorrect tag type will result in disqualification of the fish. All tag cards must be fully completed to be accepted for points. Other species of fish must be tagged using the correct tag for that species and cards must be fully completed. Teams to supply their own tags. Tag cards will be returned to Anglers after event.

### **WEATHER**

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter fishing times, cancel or postpone any day due to conditions that they consider to be bad weather. The Tournament committee shall apply discretion as they see fit and are not obliged to continue fishing in the absence of a strong wind warning forecast.

Tournament results will be awarded if a minimum of 4 hours of fishing is achieved. If due to bad weather the tournament is cancelled on both days it will be rescheduled. If you are unsure if a fishing day has been cancelled, contact Game Base on CH 81 or Warren Meads – 0438 698 170

### **TOURNAMENT CONDUCT**

The tournament committee reserves the right at any stage of the competition to eject, disqualify or deduct points from individuals or teams who are deemed to have conducted themselves in a disrespectful manner and/ or are deemed to have brought the sport of Gamefishing or the tournament into disrepute. In the event that an angler, or a team of anglers/crew/skipper are ejected this will immediately null and void any pending prize allocations and no refund of fees will be provided.

### **PENALTIES**

The tournament committee may invoke penalties or loss of points or disqualification of fish, angler or boat where a breach of the rules is deemed to have taken place. The decision of the tournament committee will be final.

### **PROTESTS**

Protests must be in writing and presented to the tournament committee on the day of the protest no later than 7.00 pm on the Friday and Saturday of the tournament weekend.

A Dispute Committee comprising members from a minimum of three clubs (where possible the tournament club and two other clubs should form any protest committee and if possible, the clubs forming the protest committee should not include a club that the protested or protestor are members of) will consider the protest and make a decision on the matter. The committee's decision will be final, and no further discussion will be entered into.

## **BOAT LENGTH**

For clarification "Boat Length" to be used to determine which category a team is competing in will be the measured length of the boat in accordance with the latest QGFA guidelines. Specified boat lengths will be measured from the transom where the motor or outdrive of the boat is bolted to the boat (including any pods if fitted) to the forward most point of the boat (excluding any bowsprit or forward projecting anchor location).

In the event of dispute regarding this dimension, the tournament committee shall measure the vessel to determine its length. The decision made by the tournament committee regarding a boat's length will be final.

## **MOORINGS**

Moreton Bay Game Fish Club has three permanent moorings out from the club land. Boats can use these moorings on a first come basis. Rafting up is okay if agreed to by boat skippers/owners. Otherwise boats can anchor nearby or behind the wrecks.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

MBGFC has a number of waterfront camp sites available on the club land. The club land is located about mid-way between the Wrecks anchorage and the Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort. Our camping area has a large kitchen area with several fridges and freezers, BBQs, covered eating area, men's and ladies facilities with hot showers and a fish cleaning station (N.B. fish carcasses and scraps to be removed by those using the facility).

For further information contact Sharyn or John Moore on mobile 0417 631 759, email: sjcsm@optusnet.com.au (or see booking form in tournament entry package)

## **TROPHIES**

Champion Boat 8 metres and over  
Runner up Boat 8 metres and over  
Champion Boat under 8 metres  
Runner up Boat under 8 metres  
Champion Angler Senior Male  
Runner up Senior Male  
Champion Angler Senior Female  
Runner up Senior Female  
Champion Angler Junior  
Runner-up Junior Angler  
Champion Angler Other Species (excluding tuna)  
Champion Angler Tuna  
First Billfish Tagged - each day  
Last Billfish Tagged - each day  
Champion MBGFC Angler  
Fun Fish Trophies (heaviest of each nominated species & cook's choice)

Other Prize categories may be added upon tournament committee discretion.

Junior Anglers are not eligible to win senior prize categories

A tied trophy will be awarded to the angler/ team who first achieved the result.

## **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE CONTACT NUMBERS**

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