



HOME of the GOLDEN LURE

PORT MACQUARIE GAME FISHING CLUB Inc.
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BY-LAWS and ANGLING RULES

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Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club

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PORT MACQUARIE GAME FISHING CLUB Inc.

By-laws & Fishing rules

**NOTE. These by-laws and fishing rules must be read in conjunction with the
MODEL CONSTITUTION Act 2009 issued by the NSW Government.**

A general members meeting shall meet each month at a time and place determined by the Committee.

Additional committee meetings can be called as the need arises by notifying committee members by phone , email or letter of the time and place of the meeting.

The committee of Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club shall be elected by the members of the club at the Annual General Meeting of the club held not later than April each year.

The committee shall consist of :-

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Five Committee members.

The committee can invite any member of the club to fill a vacancy on the Committee should the occasion arise. The duties and responsibilities of the committee are detailed in the Model Rules for incorporated clubs.

A person or persons, not necessarily a member of the club, having special knowledge or experience in a particular field, may be invited to assist the committee or sub-committee with the approval of the executive committee. This person or persons will be in a advisory capacity only and will not have the right to vote on any matter before the sub-committee.

Should this person or persons require payment for their services they must submit a letter to the secretary setting out in detail their charges and the services they offer. The general committee approval must be received before proceeding.

PATRON

Selected by the committee. The patron should be on our mailing list and kept up to date with newsletters etc.

LIQUOR LICENCE

The administration of the liquor licence must be in the name of the Club and a member must be the Licensee. Members serving liquor must have RSA Certificates. If a non fishing member is the nominated Club Licensee then their yearly membership fees are to be paid by the club. There should be a minimum of two RSA trained persons and their membership will be paid by the club if they are a non fishing person.

MEMBERSHIP

(a) Ordinary Membership angler classes shall be.

Senior (Male/Female) is a person 16 years or older.

Junior (Male/Female) is a person who has not attained the age of 16 years.

Small/Fry (Male /Female) is a person who has not attained the age of 11 years.

(b) Non Fishing Member

Non fishing members will be eligible to vote on matters relating to the club under clause Membership (e) except club fishing rules and be eligible to stand for nomination as a committee member. Non fishing members will not be eligible to compete for club points or participate in any fishing tournaments unless the membership is upgraded to ordinary membership angler class.

(c) Membership Fees, Annual Subscriptions and Levies shall be determined from time to time by the committee. Members will be issued with a Membership Number to be used on Capture Certificates.

(d) Members whose fees are three **(3)** months in arrears shall be deemed unfinancial and no longer members of the club, and shall be notified accordingly.

(e) Only Senior members financial at the time shall have voting rights on any matters relating to the club

(f) Life Membership may be awarded to any member with not less than ten **(10)** consecutive years membership and has served not less than a total of five **(5)** years on the general committee of the club. A life member will have the same right to vote as any other ordinary member.

(g) Honorary Membership can be awarded to a person (not a Club Member), or a Company for outstanding support of the club for not less than five **(5)** years. Honorary Members do not have voting rights.

(h) A Day Member can be any of the above classes who completes a membership form and pays a fee of \$20.00 per Senior and \$15.00 per Junior/Small fry

(i) Day Membership entitles a visiting angler to participate in a club outing with any Capture and Tag & Release points to be credited to the boat only. A day member can fish in only one **(1)** outing per calendar year. The day member will be eligible to make any record claim. If the day member subsequently joins the club within six **(6)** months in the club calendar year, the \$20.00 day member fee will be deducted from the annual club fee payable.

(j) The boat skipper must notify, on the first fishing sched, that he has a “Day Member” on board.

(k) All categories of members are expected to behave in a manner so as not to bring any criticism On the club and are expected to show the utmost loyalty at all times with any current media policy applying to all members.

SUB-COMMITTEES

The committee can authorize the formation of sub-committees as required. A sub-committee must consist of one or more members of the executive Committee plus one member of the general committee and one a club member. The chairman of the sub-committee will have a second or casting vote in the event of a tied decision.

The following sub committees should be part of the club's activities:-

GOLDEN LURE

Golden Lure Tournament Committee and Responsibilities

Following the election of Executive members at the PMGFC Inc AGM in April, nominations then be called at the AGM for a Golden Lure Tournament Coordinator and Tournament Committee members. The elected Club President, Secretary and Treasurer will serve as ex officio members on the committee.

Any decisions and/or recommendations of the sub committee are to be ratified at general committee meetings of PMGFC Inc. All expenditure is to be quoted and approved prior to purchase and a recorded balance of income and expenditure be maintained for presentation to the general PMGFC Inc committee meetings.

Members of the sub committee are responsible for -

- Advertising, printing etc.
- Sponsorship contact, trophy organisation, raffles etc.
- Presenting a detailed printed list of prizes etc. received from sponsors and their allocation
- Liquor licence and bar operation personnel during the tournament as defined by the licensing conditions placed on PMGFC Inc's Liquor Licence.
- Catering and volunteer personnel.
- Radio room and points recording personnel.
- Weigh person liaison and co-opted committee persons.
- Grounds committee and volunteer personnel including marquee arrangements, toilet and garbage facilities, barrier hire, table and chair hire, banners, etc.
- Presentation Venue liaison.
- Issuing receipts promptly for all entry fees and monetary sponsorship.
- All Tournament correspondence under the signature of the Tournament Coordinator.
- Formatted procedures and policy of Golden Lure Tournament Fishing Committee re weather alerts and fishing conditions and the Golden Lure Tournament Adjudication Committee as determined by the Golden Lure Entry Rules and to consist of three **(3)** registered PMGFC fishing members plus two visiting fishing members.
- Local persons with specific knowledge and expertise may also be invited on to the Golden Lure Fishing/Adjudication Committee and shall have full voting rights on any matters relating to this role.
- The co opting of non members to assist on the Tournament Committee by the Tournament Coordinator from time to time, as outlined in **Sub-Committees paragraph**, to be allowed. Approximate dates for the following year competition MUST be announced at the Presentation Luncheon.

- All accounts for payment must be presented to the general committee. Details of activities must be kept in a book and a statement must be presented in writing to the general committee each month. This would allow for a more detailed record of the performance of the competition.

FISHING COMMITTEE

To consist of
Chairperson
Weigh person
Recorder and one other member.

It is the recorder's duty to collect and keep a record of captures, tag & release points etc. and present this information as a written report together with capture certificates to the secretary each month for transmission to NSWGFA as required.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The raffle committee should have a float of \$200, (subject to review by the committee), and submit, each month, a full report of income and expenditure to the general committee.
All sub-committees must submit details of accounts for payment above \$200, (subject to review by the committee), to the general committee for approval before any payment is made.
A copy of the minutes of these sub-committees plus full details of expenditure, in writing, must be presented to the general committee each month.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The general committee approval must be received before payment of any account or expenditure in excess of **\$1,000**, subject to review by the committee. Payment of lesser amounts for supplies for the canteen, BBQ, office equipment can be made with the approval of the President and/or the Secretary. Details of these payments must be presented at the next committee meeting.

INSURANCE

The club **MUST** have adequate insurance cover for public risk, injury to members whilst performing Club duties, damage and loss of equipment including trophies, banners etc.

CLUB ANGLING RULES

Club members must fish in accordance with the Angling Rules and Ethics as laid down by the Game Fishing Association of Australia, New South Wales Game Fishing Association and the Port Macquarie Game Fishing Rules as follows.
The club reserves the right to place an observer on any boat fishing any competition.
Points for angler and boat received in a non sanction tournament cannot be claimed.

MAJOR COMPETITION POINT SCORE.

Major Competition days shall be those as decided upon by the fishing Committee each season and published in the club's fishing calendar. The fishing committee or the Executive Committee reserves the right to cancel or alter the Major Competition Days or times in the interest of safety.

NSWGFA sanctioned tournaments will not be eligible for Major Competition points.

However, Club Records are Port Macquarie waters only.

To be eligible Major Competition points boats must log on and off for the day with duty scheduled boat with angler name and number.

To be eligible for boat points skippers must radio all hook ups as they occur to duty scheduled boat.

Club registered boats must fish three (3) Major Competition days to be eligible for boat points, Angler points will not be awarded to the angler unless the boat is registered with three (3) Major competition days.

Boats must have a minimum of two (2) Ordinary Membership angler class on board to be eligible for major competition points, non members can assist with Captures and Tag & Releases only if they are logged on as a day member.

Membership forms and day membership fees must be presented to the Secretary or Treasurer within seven (7) days from date of fishing. Penalties for non compliance apply: At the discretion of the Committee.

Minimum of two (2) boats are required to fish on any Major Competition days. If one of the two (2) boats returns to port then the other remaining at sea can fish the rest of the competition day under Radio Scheduled by-laws and angling rules

If there is only one (1) boat fishing on any Major calendar competition day only mid week points apply.

Skippers that fish on the listed Major competition days will become the Fishing Adjudication Committee and will decide if fishing is on or off by using the Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club By-laws and Angling Rules and NSWGFA Regulations. The Secretary must be notified if there is a change of days.

The duty scheduled must supply to the recorder boat scheduled sheets with boat name and angler names and numbers that fished.

MAJOR COMPETITION FISHING TIMES.

The start and finish of fishing times shall be set by the fishing committee each season and shown in the fishing calendar to be issued to all members. The calendar will also include Briefing Night and BBQ times for two day competition.

RADIO SCHEDS

Will be conducted on 27.94MHz and 77VHF or 80VHF on each point scoring day if two **(2)** or more boats are fishing scheds **MUST** be held 10 minutes past the hour and continue until all boats return to port.

If less than two **(2)** boats are fishing then they **MUST** maintain contact with Port Macquarie Marine Rescue

To be eligible for Major Competition points, angler and boat **must not** :-

(a) Fail to sign on and off with the Duty Sched Boat

(b) Miss TWO CONSECUTIVE RADIO SCHEDS without reasonable excuse.

It is the skipper's responsibility to maintain radio contact with the radio base or duty sched boat on 27.940 MHz , 77VHF or 80VHF by using another boat or mobile phone as a relay or Port Macquarie Marine Rescue. If unable to maintain contact the boat must return to Port.

The following actions will disqualify all points for the day.

If no contact is made search and rescue procedures will be started and the boat and anglers will lose ALL points for that day. The skipper is liable for any costs involved.

If an angler is still fighting a fish after normal end of fishing the skipper's responsibility is to maintain radio contact with base every hour until returned to Port. **IF RADIO CONTACT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED WITH BASE OR SEA RESCUE, THE SKIPPER MUST ARRANGE ANOTHER BOAT TO ACT AS A RELAY AND REMAIN AT SEA WITH THEM UNTIL THEY RETURN WITH THEM TO PORT. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF ALL BOAT and ANGLER POINTS FOR THAT DAY.**

(c) Anglers must not start burleying prior to start of fishing time.

(d) Anglers must not hook-up before or after fishing times.

(e) Boats must not fail to notify Radio Base or Duty Sched Boat of a hook-up prior to cease of fishing. Failure to do so will result in no points being awarded for that capture.

MID WEEK COMPETITION POINTSCORE.

Points will be awarded for Captures and Releases that take place outside the times designated by the fishing committee for major competition pointscore. The same radio procedures as for major competition apply.

FISHING AREAS FOR CLUB POINTS.

Club points will only be awarded to those boats and anglers fishing in an area no greater than one day's travelling and return by SEA FROM PORT MACQUARIE with the exceptions as follows :-

(a) In the event of bad weather or mechanical breakdown, a boat may take shelter in another port and their captures transported to Port Macquarie for weighing.

WEIGHING OF FISH.

To be eligible for club points and records all captures must be weighed in accordance with the following :-

- (a)** All Port Macquarie captures must be weighed on the club's certified scales.
- (b)** These captures must be weighed on the day of capture or in the event of a late return, the following day.
- (c)** All weighing of Port Macquarie captures must be conducted by the club's appointed weighperson or their designated assistant. In the event of neither being available, then a committee member who is not part of the crew, shall conduct the weigh-in of the catch.
- (d)** No mutilated, protected nor undersize fish are to be presented to the weigh station.
- (e)** At all weigh-ins, the angler must offer for inspection the tackle and equipment used for the capture. The weighperson and committee reserve the right to test and measure the same.
- (f)** The skipper is responsible for disposal of captures and must be carried out in an acceptable and ethical manner.
- (g)** Weigh-ins at other ports must be in accordance with NSWGFA and GFAA Rules.

ENTITLEMENT TO CLUB POINTS AND RECORDS

- (a)** Only ordinary membership angler class financial at the time of the capture and Tag & Release shall be entitled to club points or recognition of a club or other Record.
- (b)** Boat Owner/ Skipper must completed boat registration form for each season to be entitled to claim boat and angler points or recognition of a club or other record.
- (c)** All Capture Certificates and Tag Cards must be witnessed by a member of PMGFC or a registered member of a GFC and the Capture book must be signed by the Weigh Master or Committee person. Certificates and cards are to be in the Recorder's possession within fourteen(14) days of Capture or Tag & Release. Only correctly completed certificates will be accepted and entitled to club points or recognition of club or other record.

NORTHERN ZONE COMPETITION

When a Northern Zone Day falls on the same day as a Club Major Day Competition a minimum of two (2) boats can fish that day and claim Northern Zone points.

If less than two (2) boats, then only MID-WEEK points can be claimed.

This is because the Game Club would prefer more than one boat to fish in the Northern Zone Day on the day.

If more than two (2) boats fish the Northern Day Competition, boat scheds **MUST** be held 10 minutes past the hour every hour and continue until all boats return to Port.

FISHING RULES

Tag and Release Rules also are published by NSWGFA & GFAA and will apply.

- (a) LINE CLASSES** which will be recognised are 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

(b) MINIMUM WEIGHTS TO QUALIFY (amended NSWGFA AGM 2013)

- (i) **MARLIN** : a minimum of 70kg on line classes 4kg to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over, and for junior and small fry 60kg on line classes 4kg to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.
- (ii) **YELLOWFIN TUNA & SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA** : 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg line, and for junior and small fry equal to the line class in all cases.
- (iii) **SHARKS** : a minimum of 70kg on line classes 6kg to 10kg, a minimum of 90kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg, and 130kg on 60kg line class, and for junior and small fry a minimum of 60kg on line classes 6kg to 10kg, a minimum of 80kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg, and 120kg on 60kg line class
- (iiii) **OTHER GAME FISH & BROADBILL** : minimum weight to be equal to line class.

(c) CAPTURES. Points shall be awarded using the current scoring NSWGFA "factor" system :-

- (i) POINTS are calculated using the following formula : -

$$\text{POINTS} = \frac{(\text{Weight of Fish in kgs})^2}{\text{Line Class in kgs.}} \times \text{Line Factor} \times \text{Fish Factor}$$

LINE CLASS FACTORS:

4kg	6kg	8kg	10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
29.5	19.5	14.5	11.5	7.5	4.6	3.0	1.7

An example :-

A marlin weighing 160kg caught on 15kg line
 $160 \times 160 \div 15 \times 7.5 \times 2 = 25,599.5$ points
Maximum allowable for 15kg line is 20,000 points plus one point per kilo weight.
Therefore points allowable is 20,160.

FISH FACTORS

- (a) Points for MARLIN Captures to be DOUBLE the points as calculated from above.
- (b) Points for OTHER GAME FISH to be TREBLE the points as calculated from above.
- (c) Points for SHARK Captures (other than BLUE ,WHITE & GREY NURSE SHARKS) to be HALF the points as calculated from above. BLUE SHARKS shall score one-quarter of the points as calculated from above.
- (d) MAXIMUM POINTS LIMIT.
All captures on line classes up to and including 10kg shall score a maximum of 15,000 points PLUS one point per kilo of fish weight.
Captures on the line classes 15kg and over shall score a maximum of 20,000 points PLUS one point per kilo of fish weight.
- (e) With the exception to the above rules, lighter fish including Sharks and Marlin may be weighed in the event of a Record Claim for heaviest capture of a species on line class used.

ACTIONS DISQUALIFYING A CAPTURE OR TAG & RELEASE

- (a) Non-compliance with the NSWGFA & GFAA Rules current at the time of capture.
- (b) Failure to comply with the fishing rules of the club.
- (c) Upon the successful protest of a club Member.
- (d) **No fish to be filleted or mutilated in any way at or near the weigh station. Any such procedure will result in the loss of ALL POINTS for the boat and anglers concerned.**
- (e) Unwanted fish must not be left at the weigh station but must be taken by the captor's boat to sea outside the 50 metre deep line and disposed of in appropriate way. Competitors must not clean or fillet fish or remove shark jaws or marlin bills in the vicinity of the weigh station. There is a cleaning table adjacent to the public launching ramp.

PROTESTS

All protests by a financial club member must be in writing and in the hands of the committee, along with \$100.00 cash, within 24 hours of the event and indicate the reason for the protest. The committee's decision on a protest shall be final and binding with no further correspondence entered into. Protests in any form differing from the above will not be considered. If the protest is successful, the \$100.00 will be refunded.

CLUB POINT SCORE SYSTEM

- (a) The club shall follow the point score system for captures and releases as set out by NSWGFA current at the time.
- (b) Capture certificates must be delivered to the club recorder within 14 days of Capture and Tag & Release or earlier if requested.

CLUB BOATS

- (a) Boats with Captures or Tag and Release should fly their pennants and flags on entry to Port Macquarie and arrival at the weighstation.
- (b) In the event of a tied score for the day, the boat flying the correct flags will be declared the winner.
- (c) At all times, the club Boats must comply with the minimum safety requirements of the Waterways Authority and the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- (d) All points score competitions held from NSWGFA waters must be fished/conducted under GFAA and NSWGFA rules and NSW Fisheries bag limits apply.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES (as per NSWGFA By-Laws & Regulations)

(a) Eligible species and category list

*Note : Certain conditions apply to some of the following listed *species*

MARLIN- Black, Blue, Striped

SHARKS-*Blue, *Hammerhead (all), *Mako (all), *Porbeagle, *Thresher (all), *Tiger,
*Whaler (all)

OTHER GAMEFISH

Other Billfish- Sailfish, *Broadbill, Shortbill Spearfish

Tuna- Bigeye, Bluefin, Southern Bluefin, Dogtooth, Yellowfin, Longtail, Albacore,
*Kawa Kawa, *Striped Tuna

Miscellaneous- Wahoo, Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel, *Yellowtail Kingfish, Cobia,
Barracuda, *Mahi Mahi

- *The maximum number of *Yellowtail Kingfish and *Mahi Mahi tagged and released by one angler be limited to five (5) of each species per day, with a maximum of ten (10) of each species per boat per day shall also apply.*
- *All sharks tagged & released must measure a minimum of 100cm in length.*
- *Yellowtail Kingfish tagged and released must measure a minimum of 70cm in length*
- **Striped Tuna and *Kawa Kawa are eligible species for JUNIOR PERSONAL POINT SCORE ONLY.*

NSWGFA

NSWGFA T&R Pointscore effective 1st August 2009



NSWGFA Tag Species Listing

Billfish
Black Marlin
Blue Marlin
Striped Marlin
Broadbill Swordfish
Sailfish
Shortbill Spearfish
Sharks (all sharks must be minimum 100 cm)
Blue Shark
Hammerhead
Mako
Porbeagle
Thresher
Tiger
Whalers (all)
Tunas
Albacore
Longtail
Bigeye
Dogtooth
Bluefin & Southern Bluefin Tuna
Yellowfin
Miscellaneous
Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel
Wahoo
Yellowtail Kingfish (min length 70cm)
Barracuda
Cobia
Dolphin Fish (Mahi Mahi)
JUNIOR ANGLER POINTS ONLY
Mackerel (Kawa Kawa)
Skipjack (Striped Tuna)

LINE CLASS / POINTS				
BASE +25%	BASE +15%	BASE	15%	25%
4 - 10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
2,500	2,300	2,000	1,700	1,500
2,500	2,300	2,000	1,700	1,500
2,500	2,300	2,000	1,700	1,500
2,500	2,300	2,000	1,700	1,500
2,500	2,300	2,000	1,700	1,500
2,500	2,300	2,000	1,700	1,500
2,500	2,300	2,000	1,700	1,500
625	575	500	425	375
625	575	500	425	375
1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Rounded to Zero decimal places				
625	575	500	425	375
625	575	500	425	375
310	290	250	210	190
31	29	25	21	19
31	29	25	21	19
31	29	25	21	19
13	12	10	9	8
13	12	10	9	8

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club
Life Members

- Jack HARVEY
- Muriel MOORE
- Trevor KENNEDY
- John CHAFFEY
- Rob EYRE
- Faye EYRE
- John DULHUNTY (Dec)
- Ken DYKES