



Sydney Game Fishing Club

Annual Tuna Slam



TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

1. TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

Venue: Sydney Game Fishing Club, Watsons Bay Wharf, Watsons Bay NSW.

2. ENTRY FEE

Early entry fee (prior to 4th July 2017) - \$250 per boat regardless of anglers.

Entry fee (after 4th July 2017) – \$400 per boat regardless of anglers.

3. ENTRY SUBMISSION

Completed entry forms are to be emailed to secretary@sgfc.com.au prior to the day of fishing. Ideally entry forms would be submitted and applicable entry fees paid prior to the commencement of the event (1st July 2017) however entries will be accepted throughout the duration of the event. Entries will NOT be accepted if completed at the club at the time of weighing a fish.

This tournament is open to all financial members of any club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA or ANSA. Any ANSA member wishing to fish in a NSWGFA Sanctioned Tournament, MUST fish on a NSWGFA Registered Boat.

All entrants to the competition will additionally become eligible to become a member of the Sydney Game Fishing Club for the sole cost of an annual membership subscription, without the expense of the joining fee. A saving of \$150.00.

4. BRIEFING NIGHT

A briefing night will be held at the Sydney Game Fishing Club at 7:00 on 4th July 2017 coinciding with the monthly club meeting. The briefing is not compulsory but attendance is recommended. The briefing will include talks on tuna tactics, sea surface chart analysis and other techniques to maximise success rates. Experienced skippers and crew will be available on the night to answer any questions regarding tackle requirements for the competition. Food will be provided and beer and soft drink will be available for purchase on the evening.

5. BOAT SAFETY/INSURANCE

All boats fishing the SGFC Tuna Slam must provide a current certificate of insurance. All on board safety equipment requirements remain the responsibility of the skipper/owner of the vessel. SGFC accepts no responsibility or liability for boats competing in the event.

6. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Radio Skeds must be conducted in accordance with the NSWGFA "Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournament"

1. Two hourly skeds should be conducted by the registered boats home or visiting club, other vessel's or by prior arrangement via Marine Rescue NSW.
2. Boats are to report on each sked as follows–
 - a. Boat Number
 - b. Boat Name
 - c. Accurate fishing report using the "0-0-0" system – strikes, hook-ups, captures must include short length (lower jaw to fork of tail) & angler accurately.
 - d. Position (using fishing area specific grid chart references), and whether they are currently trolling, anchored or drifting.

Please Note:

- i. In the event of a problem, the skipper should notify base immediately and then MUST return immediately to port. Once in port it is the responsibility of the skipper to sign off with the base they signed on with.
- ii. If vessel misses two (2) radio skeds, this will trigger the relevant safety authorities being informed.
- iii. Captures not reported or not reported accurately on each radio sked shall not be counted and shall not be eligible for trophies.

- iv. All boats are to report on EVERY sked. All boats must report to Base on returning to port. Radio silence must be observed for 10 minutes before the end of stop fishing to allow for report of late hook-ups. Fish caught subsequent to the last sked prior to the end of fishing should be radioed through to base at the time of the capture.

7. FISHING RULES AND METHODS

NSWGFA Rules will apply for this competition.

The use of MULTIFILAMENT or braided lines is allowed in this event. It should be noted that captures on multifilament lines will not be eligible to submit applications for records.

ALL rods/tackle gear used for the capture of the tuna must be presented at the time of weighing the capture. Any fish captured with non-regulation NSWGFA requirements will be disqualified from the event. Please note; gear presented as that used per fish is deemed the correct one and cannot be changed/substituted.

Fish may be weighed at the vessels homeport. Fish must arrive by sea and may not be transported to the weigh station by road in any form.

The boat presenting the fish at the weigh station must capture fish submitted for weighing. Fish may not be transferred between boats.

NSW DPI bag limits apply.

The SGFC Committee reserves the right to refuse any boat/team entry. Fish caught during charter operations will not be eligible for the competition.

The Tournament Committee reserve the right to request additional details/evidence regarding the location of a capture at their discretion.

8. FISHING TIMES/AREA

Fishing for the event will commence at 12am on 1st July 2017 and continue uninterrupted until 11:59pm on the 31st August 2017. The fishing area for the tournament is limited to Sydney GFC prescribed ocean waters, which essentially extend from Norah Head to Wollongong Lighthouse and 60 nautical miles seawards from the NSW Coastline.

9. ELIGIBLE SPECIES

Tuna are the only species eligible for this event (Bluefin, Yellowfin, Big Eye, Albacore and Striped).

10. PENALTIES

The SGFC Committee may disqualify fish or boats where a breach of the rules is deemed to have taken place. The decision of the SGFC Committee will be final.

In the event that subsequent to the completion of the event it is discovered that a previously awarded winning capture in fact breached the rules of the event, the registered skipper of the boat in breach for the event will be bound to repay any winnings to the SGFC. These winnings will then be redistributed to the appropriate party at the discretion of the SGFC Committee.

11. PROTESTS

Protests must be submitted in writing and presented to the SGFC Committee prior to 5pm on the 4th September 2017. The SGFC Committees decision will be final.

12. PRIZES

Heaviest Bluefin Tuna – 40% of the total pool gained from the entry fee. (i.e. if ten boats enter the competition, the winning boat will receive a prize of \$1000.00 [10 x \$250.00 x 0.4 (40%)] plus Trophy).

Heaviest Other Tuna – 40% of the total pool gained from the entry fee. (i.e. if ten boats enter the competition, the winning boat will receive a prize of \$1000.00 [10 x \$250.00 x 0.4 (40%)] plus Trophy).

In the event of a tie, the count back system will be used to determine the winner, i.e. the angler or boat to reach the winning score first will be deemed to be the winner.

In the event that an eligible capture is not submitted in one of the categories, the winning entry of the alternative category will be entitled to receive both prize pools [i.e. if a yellowfin tuna is weighed and no bluefin tuna are weighed during the tournament, the competitor who weighed the yellowfin would win both prize pools and 80% of the total entry fees rendered].

The remaining money raised by the entry fee will be utilised by the SGFC for the running of the event.

13. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

A presentation will be held at SGFC, Watsons Bay on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7:00pm. Refreshments and light snacks will be available.

14. CONDUCT

It is an expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to tournament officials and other competitors at all times through the tournament. Penalties for misconduct will be at the discretion of the SGFC Committee and may include disqualification from the tournament.

15. INDEMNITY

Sydney Game Fishing Club accepts no responsibility for the actions by entrants in this tournament and shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to property or persons during the tournament. In consideration of accepting this application to participate in the event, all competitors agree to release or indemnify Sydney Game Fishing Club, the Tournament Committee and any or all of their employees, servants, agents and voluntary workers against all claims proceedings or actions for loss or damage to property or person.



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NSWGFA Rules apply



ENTRY DETAILS

Boat Name: _____ Club: _____

Boat Owner: _____

Home Address: _____

Email address: _____

Home Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Mobile: _____ Vessel / Sat Phone: _____

ENTRY FEES

Early Entry Fee \$250 \$ _____

Standard Entry Fee \$400 \$ _____

Total Entry Fee \$ _____

PAYMENT

Total Cheque or Cash Herewith \$ _____

or

Charge My Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard Amex

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Name on Card: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Acknowledgement: My crew and I agree to abide by all Tournament rules and all Tournament Committee decisions. I have completed the Safety Form overleaf. I confirm that the vessel described thereon meets or exceeds all relevant NSW Maritime Authority Safety Regulations and requirements for a vessel of its size. In addition, we agree that participation is at our own risk and that the holding of the Tournament is not to be construed as an invitation to go to sea in conditions beyond the capability of the craft or its crew.

Boat Captain Signed _____

Dated _____

NOTE: Boating Safety Information Form must be completed on following page



Boat Safety Information Form

Owner / Captain **must** fill out the following information



DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

Boat Name: _____ Registration Number: _____

Make: _____ Length: _____

Hull Colour: _____ Hull Material: _____

Deck Colour: _____ Superstructure Colour: _____

Distinctive Features or Markings: _____

COMMUNICATIONS

All craft must be equipped with the minimum radio channels 27.88 MHz and 27.94 MHz.

Radios **SSB HF** Yes No Frequencies: _____

VHF Yes No Frequencies: _____

27 MHz Yes No Frequencies: _____

On board mobile number during Tournament: _____

INSURANCE

Insurer: _____

Policy Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Details: _____

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