



Sydney Game Fishing Club

Annual Tuna Slam

July and August 2019



TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

1. Entries

Entry fee - \$250 per boat regardless of anglers.

2. Briefing

A briefing night will be held at the Sydney Game Fishing Club at 7:00 on the first Tuesday in July, 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.

3. Presentation of Prizes

A presentation will be held at SGFC, Watsons Bay on the first Tuesday in September at 7:00pm, coinciding with the monthly club meeting. Refreshments and light snacks will be available.

4. Fishing Times

Fishing for the event will commence at 12am on 1st July 2019 and continue uninterrupted until 11:59pm on the 31st August 2019.

5. Fishing Area

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.

6. Teams

This Tournament is open to teams comprised of anglers who are financial members of any club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA, IGFA or ANSA. Any ANSA member wishing to fish in a NSWGFA Sanctioned Tournament, MUST fish on a NSWGFA Registered Boat. Proof of financial membership must be produced if requested.

7. Entries

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 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.

8. Seaworthiness of Boats

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their boat is completely seaworthy and meets NSW Maritime Authority safety standards and the safety standards of that owners Club. There is a minimum boat size of 5.0 meters.

All boats must carry a 406Mhz EPIRB, and have two working marine radios, one of which must be VHF frequency.

The Boat Safety Information Form must be filled out and provided with your Entry Form.

9. Insurance

In accordance with NSWGFA/Central Zone directives, each competing vessel must carry public liability insurance with a recommended minimum cover of \$5 million. Details of the insurance cover in place must be included on the Boat Safety section of the entry form.

10. Radio Communications

Radio Skeds must be conducted in accordance with the NSWGFA "Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournament" effective as at the time of the Tournament.

Tournament Base, or the nominated radio boat, will call each boat in number order on SSB 2284 or VHF Channel 21 on two hourly skeds commencing at 8:10am and a final sked at 5:10pm. The number of people onboard should be advised during the first sked for the day.

1. 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 & specify line class and angler name accurately. If possible, boats are to give suspected fish species for strikes and hook ups not landed as well as for captures. Short Measurement of captured fish and accurate weight of captured fish must be reported in fishing report.
 - d. Position using Central Zone grid chart, and whether travelling, trolling, anchored or drifting. Please Note:
 - i. If any vessel is unable to fish on either competition day, it is a requirement that the SGFC Tournament base be notified, either by radio or by telephone. Clubhouse telephone is 02-9337-5687.
 - ii. Should any vessel suffer total radio failure, the skipper must attempt to notify another vessel of the problem, and then MUST return immediately to port. Once in port it is the responsibility of the skipper to sign off with SGFC Tournament base at Watson's Bay.
 - iii. If vessel misses two (2) radio skeds, this will trigger the relevant safety authorities being informed.
 - iv. Captures and tags not reported or not reported accurately on each radio sked shall not be counted and shall not be eligible for trophies.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. On the final sked of each day each boat is required to confirm their tally of weighable fish landed, tag & release results for the days fishing and expected time to arrive at designated returning port.

11. Fishing Rules

Fishing rules as published by GFAA and NSWGFAA shall prevail throughout the Tournament. Current rules are available online at the NSWGFA website.

All anglers must carry a Saltwater Fishing Licence if applicable. Bag limit and size restrictions must also be adhered to. All competitors are reminded that it is an offence to tie up any vessel and to objects such as wave-riders, FADs or fish trap buoys, and disqualification from the Tournament may result for breaches of this fisheries regulation.

12. Captures

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 have captured the fish submitted for weighing - fish may not be transferred between boats.

Fish caught during charter operations will not be eligible for the competition.

The SGFC Committee reserve the right to request additional details/evidence regarding the location of a capture at their discretion, the committee reserves the right to refuse any capture.

13. Eligible Species

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

14. Tackle

All rods, reels, lines, tackle, gaffs, and gaff ropes used in effecting a capture must be ready for presentation at the weigh station with captures.

The use of backing is permissible. (Note: there is no restriction on the type or size of backing used as long as it is Monofilament, multifilament, lead core multifilament but not wire.) The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five metres of the line preceding the double, leader and hook.

15. Protests

Any protest must be submitted in writing by the boat captain to the Tournament Committee. Protests must be submitted by 6:00pm on the fishing day concerned. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.

16. 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 may include disqualification from the Tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.

17. 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.

18. 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.

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ENTRY DETAILS

Boat Name: _____ Club: _____

Boat Owner: _____

Home Address: _____

Email address: _____

Home Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Mobile: _____ Vessel / Sat Phone: _____

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee \$ 250

Tickets in SGFC Lady Audrey Cruise Raffle _____ @ \$100 each \$ _____

Total Fee \$ _____

PAYMENT

Total Cheque or Cash Herewith \$ _____

or

Charge My Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard Amex

Card Number: _____ CVV: _____ 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: Tournament Safety Rescue Information Form must be completed on following page

[Please email completed form to secretary@sgfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@sgfc.com.au)

