



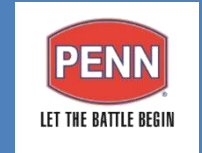
NSWGFA proudly invites you to attend the



Raymarine



2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament



Note: Neither the Tournament Committee nor NSWGFA, nor any sponsor will be liable for any loss or damage to any person, property, personal injury or death howsoever occasioned at any time during the 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament.

All anglers participate entirely at their own risk.

21st to 23rd February 2020

Port Stephens, NSW

“A” ENTRIES

1. **NSWGFA CLUBS** are invited to nominate **TEAMS of 3 boats**, each of which **MUST** be registered and compliant with all NSW Roads and Maritime Services (NSWRMS) safety equipment requirements with that Member Club. Any boats not in Club teams will be grouped by NSWGFA into teams of **3 boats** to fish as a composite team, where possible composite teams will be made up of boats from the same zone area. If any one of the composite teams wins a team trophy in the 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament, then the trophy will be awarded to the Club represented by the highest point scoring boat in that team. **(Minimum of 2 boats will constitute a team)**
2. **NSWGFA** reserves the right to refuse entry to the Tournament.
3. **ANGLERS** entering the 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament **MUST** be full financial members (or Life Members) of a Club affiliated with NSWGFA. For this tournament, an angler is a financial club member from the date of receipt of their completed Membership Application form and dues by his/her Club Executive. **The Boat Captain and all crew involved in the capture or the tag and release (anglers, boat skippers, wire/trace man, gaffer or tagger) of a fish must be registered/paid angler.**
4. **ENTRY FEES** are \$100.00 (incl. GST) for each competing adult angler and \$30.00 (incl. GST) for each junior angler (under 16 years of age at the commencement of the tournament) and small fry angler (under 11 years of age at the commencement of the tournament). There must be a minimum of two (2) Adult registered persons on board each boat under 8 metres and three (3) Adult registered persons on board each boat 8 metres and over. There is a minimum entry fee of \$200.00 (incl. GST) for each boat under 8 metres and a minimum entry fee of \$300.00 (incl. GST) for each boat 8 metres and over. **Completed entry forms together with proof of insurance as stated in Rule “A” 5 and fees MUST be forwarded to your CLUB SECRETARY by 14th January 2020.** Incomplete entry forms will be rejected, and **MAY attract a late entry fee of \$100.** Anyone who participates in the tag and/or capture of a fish must be a registered angler in the tournament.
5. **INSURANCE** – each vessel is to have their own Third-Party Liability Insurance and Boat Owner **MUST** provide details of insurance covering third party property liability and third-party personal liability insurance on the *Boat Safety Rescue form*.
6. **LATE ENTRY FEE** of \$100.00 (incl. GST) will apply to boat entries received after the closing date 14th January 2020. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of NSWGFA and must be registered before 6.30pm Thursday 20th February 2020.
7. **ADDITIONAL ANGLERS & BOATS** – NSWGFA office will be open at Nelson Bay Wests from midday on Thursday 20th February 2020 for additional anglers & boats.
8. **NO MAJOR TEAM/BOAT CHANGES** after 31st January 2020. Unless there is an open spot in an assigned club team, the boat will be placed into a composite team – as per “A” ENTRIES 1.
9. **NO REFUND** of entry fees for whatever reason will be considered after 31st January 2020.
10. **VISITING ANGLER TEAMS**
 - (a) Interstate teams of anglers must consist of a minimum of two (2) adult anglers per boat under 8 metres and three (3) adult anglers per boat over 8 metres, each angler must be a financial member of a club affiliated with a State Member Association of GFAA.
 - (b) International teams must consist of a minimum of two (2) adult anglers per boat under 8 metres and three (3) adult anglers per boat over 8 metres; each angler must be an overseas resident financial member of IGFA or a financial member of an international game fishing club that is affiliated with IGFA.
 - (c) Visiting anglers and visiting boats as per “A” ENTRIES 10 (a) & (b) (i.e. anglers not affiliated with NSWGFA Inc. Member Clubs and Boats not on NSWGFA Club register) shall only compete for trophies as listed in **VISITING ANGLER & VISITING BOAT TROPHIES** section on **page 8**. **Note:** Visiting anglers and boats are not entitled to fish for NSWGFA Angler, NSWGFA Team and Boat Trophies in this competition.
 - (d) Entry form is to be completed and returned direct to NSWGFA – PO Box 730, Nelson Bay NSW 2315 (**Visiting Teams Only**).

“B” TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** to conduct the competition shall comprise of the NSWGFA Executive and President of Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC plus (1) nominee from Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC.
- 2. MISCONDUCT** – the Tournament Committee may on its own initiative investigate and act upon any incident of misconduct by any person on a boat, be he/she registered for the tournament or not occurring during the tournament. The Committee may impose penalties of loss of points, disqualification of fish, angler, boat or team and refusal of entry to any future NSWGFA Interclub Tournaments. All competitors are reminded that as members of a Club they are regarded as representatives of that Club, as such, any unbecoming behaviour reflects adversely on that Club and indeed on all Game Fishers, hence, **the Tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.** It is an expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to Tournament Officials and other Competitors always throughout the Tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include disqualification from the Tournament.
- 3. PROTESTS – any protest** relative to a capture or tag & release must be submitted in writing by the Boat Captain to the Tournament Secretary. Protests **MUST** be lodged no later than 9.00 pm on the day of the incident concerned except last day which is 6pm. **Note: the tournament committee has the right to act on any breach of any tournament rule whether a protest is lodged.**
- 4. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION** of a penalty imposed by the Tournament Committee must be submitted in writing by the Boat Captain to the Tournament Secretary no later than 8.00 pm on the day following the incident concerned.
- 5. ALL 2020 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT DECISIONS AND RULINGS ARE FINAL AND BINDING ON ALL ENTRANTS.**
- 6. A BRIEFING** of all boat team captains/anglers will be held at Nelson Bay Wests on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 7.00 pm. It is mandatory that every boat be represented at the briefing by at least one (1) registered tournament adult angler. An attendance register will be in operation from 5.30 pm, it is therefore necessary that the boat captain or registered angler from the boat present themselves by 6.30 pm. It is compulsory to sign the register and verify the entry form as being correct. **Failure to attend and sign the register will incur a penalty – see page 6 – “F” – Penalties.**
- 7. NO REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND COMPETITORS** will be allowed after the commencement of the briefing. Anglers may not effect a capture or tag & release on any other vessel than the vessel he/she is registered on. Captured fish, tag & release card, the angler, all equipment used in the capture or tag must be presented to the weigh station on the vessel on which the capture or tag & release was effected and may not be transferred to another vessel however in the case of an emergency the Tournament Committee may at their discretion allow the transfer of an angler/fish and equipment used to affect the capture or tag.
SEAWORTHINESS OF BOATS All boats must comply with NSW RMS regulations for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessel’s home Club. A “Boat Safety Rescue form” is included as part of the entry form and must be completed and signed by the Boat Skipper. All boats must carry a **406 MHz EPIRB** and have two working marine radios fitted one of which must be **VHF** frequency.
- 8. BOAT NUMBERS** supplied are to be prominently displayed on both sides of the cabin. Boats without numbers will not be processed. **Any alteration of the Sponsors boat numbers will impose a penalty. See page 6 “F” Penalties.**
- 9. SAIL PAST** – boats will assemble on the western side of the channel marker near the Dutchman’s Bay (Dutchies) buoy at 7.00 am on Friday 21st February (the first day). The Sail Past shall commence at 7.15 am precisely and shall be in numerical boat order astern of the nominated lead boat line astern to the outside of the heads. **ALL BOATS MUST NOT PROCEED PAST AN IMAGINARY LINE BETWEEN THE OUTER LIGHT AND CABBAGE TREE.** A Marshall boat will be used both prior to the commencement of the sail past and also link up with the lead boat number at the starting “line” outside the heads. No promotional flags/banners/branding are to be flown/displayed other than official tournament sponsors. A breach of this rule will incur a penalty – see page 6 “F” Penalties. Radio silence on all tournament frequencies from 7.00 am until completion of the sail past is requested. All boats are requested to monitor 27.94MHz, VHF Channel 80, and 2MHz 2284 during this time. Failure to attend and/or sail past rules, instructions will incur a penalty – see page 6 (5. “F”)- Penalties. Note: It is not intended to fire flares nor encourage any “charge to sea” at the commencement of the tournament. No boat entered in the tournament may leave Nelson Bay enclosed harbour between 7.00am and the completion of the sail past.
- 10. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS – all boats must comply with NSW RMS regulations for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessel’s home club.** All competitors are reminded of the requirement for a NSW DPI licence and bag limits when fishing.
- 11. FISHING DAYS & TIMES**
Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February 2020. On **Friday 21st February** fishing will commence when boats are signalled by Game Fish Base to proceed to sea. On all other days starting time will be signalled at 7.30 am. Fishing shall finish at 5.30 pm on each day EXCEPT the final day, Sunday 23rd February when fishing will finish at 4.00 pm and all fish and tag cards must be presented at the weigh station by 6.00pm. To assist with compliance with NO WASH rule on the final day 23rd February, 6.00 pm deadline for weigh station will be FLY POINT. All hand deliveries of equipment on all fishing days – the angler & tag cards must be at the security gate at the weigh station by 8.00pm except on the final day 23rd February by 6.00pm. The angler that effected the tag must identify himself/herself to security at entry gate.

12. **LEAVING AND ENTERING THE PORT** – Boats must leave Port Stephens on each tournament day and return to Port Stephens on completion of fishing. The safety organisation for competing boats is considered paramount to the advantage that could be gained by some boats staying out overnight. Boats that elect to continue fishing after hours are to report this to Game Fish Base and sign off for the day. Any boat in transit is required to enter Port Stephens and report to the Game Fish Base before leaving port to commence fishing. All boats must report by radio to Game Fish Base on return to port. If unable to make radio, contact with Game Fish Base they then must report to a member of the Tournament Committee at the weigh station before going to the mooring/trailer. **Any Breach of this regulation will incur a penalty – see page 6 “F” – Penalties.**
13. **NO WASH** – apart from “No Wash” areas applying in the port by statutory authorities a specific tournament “NO WASH” area prevails between the inner light at Nelson Head and the Tournament Weigh station. **Any breach of this regulation will incur a penalty – see page 6 “F” – Penalties.**
14. **BAD WEATHER** – to avoid taking unnecessary risks in the event of bad weather the Tournament Committee will decide whether the day will be a competition day or not. Boats should establish early morning contact from 6.00am with Game Fish Base or members of the Tournament Committee at the weigh station. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing then the NSWGFA President and the Interclub Tournament Committee will confer and decide whether the competition will be called off for the remainder of the day. All fish caught prior to this time will be eligible for the competition. Note: A declaration of a Gale Warning by the appropriate government weather authority requires the cancellation of the tournament. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing immediately and return to port. Cancellation will only apply until the Gale Warning is Lifted. The Tournament Committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals whether to put to sea or not, having regard to the Committee’s decision on the Tournament for the day. The ultimate decision on return to harbour remains with the competitors.
15. **FLAGS** –. No promotional flags/banners/branding are to be flown/displayed other than official tournament sponsors. **A breach of this rule will incur a penalty – see page 6 “F” - Penalties.** It is requested that all boats display the appropriate capture and/or tag & release flags on return to port. Capture flags should be displayed on the port outrigger (when available) and tag & release flags on the starboard rigger below the sponsor’s flag with the species flag underneath followed by the tag flags.
16. **AWARDS** – The 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament Trophies and Awards are listed in schedule attached on page 7 & 8, and suitable mementos will be presented at the 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament Presentation Dinner to be held on Sunday 23rd February 2020 at 7.30 pm Wests Nelson Bay. Only the registered Boat Captain and/or registered Anglers will be presented with their award, if the winning recipient is not present on the night then a designated representative from that person’s home club will accept the award on their behalf. Each registered angler that is listed on the winning capture and winning tag & release team will be presented with a “Winners Memento”, these mementos along with trophies/awards are not available to non-anglers and are not available for sale.

“C” FISHING RULES

The 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament will be fished under the “Fishing Rules and Tackle Regulations” of the GFAA and NSWGFA as are in effect at the time. Note: The Tag & Release rules also are published by NSWGFA and will apply, in addition NSWGFA point scores, fishing rules and minimum weights will apply.

1. **LINE CLASSES** – which will be recognised, are 4kg (no sharks), 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.
 - (a) **CAPTURE - Adult Angler MINIMUM WEIGHT TO QUALIFY**
 - (b) **MARLIN** must weigh a minimum of 70kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over.
Black, Blue & Striped Marlin
 - (c) **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 Anglers equal to line class in all cases.
 - (d) **SHARKS** must weigh a minimum of 70kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class to 37kg and 130kg on 60kg line class. No points shall be awarded for shark captures on 4kg line class.
Blue, Smooth Hammerhead ONLY, Mako (all), Porbeagle, Thresher (all), Tiger, Whaler (all)
 - (e) **OTHER GAME FISH** must weigh at least equal to the breaking strain of the line class used.
Sailfish, Shortbill Spearfish, Broadbill, Bigeye Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Dogtooth Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Albacore, Wahoo, Spanish Mackerel, Yellowtail Kingfish, Cobia, Barracuda and Mahi Mahi
**** Junior Angler personal points only – Striped Tuna & Kawa Kawa. Striped Tuna Catch & Release Only Same Points Apply**
 - (f) **SHARKS – No Sharks** will be weighed with restrictive device on jaws. Sewing up of shark jaws will automatically disqualify a capture. No shark will be weighed with a choker in place.
 - (f) **MARLIN** – The use of identifiable Marlin carcasses is prohibited for use as tethered burley. Burley secured under floats is prohibited.
Junior and Small Fry Angler Minimum Weights
 - (g) **CAPTURE - MINIMUM WEIGHT TO QUALIFY**
 - (h) **MARLIN** must weigh a minimum of 60kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.
Black, Blue & Striped Marlin
 - (i) **YELLOWFIN TUNA & SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA** – Equal to line class in all cases.

- (j) **SHARKS** must weigh a minimum of 60kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class to 37kg and 120kg on 60kg line class. No points shall be awarded for shark captures on 4kg line class.
Blue, Smooth Hammerhead ONLY, Mako (all), Porbeagle, Thresher (all), Tiger, Whaler (all)
- (k) **OTHER GAME FISH** must weigh at least equal to the breaking strain of the line class used.
Sailfish, Shortbill Spearfish, Broadbill, Bigeye Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Dogtooth Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Albacore, Wahoo, Spanish Mackerel, Yellowtail Kingfish, Cobia, Barracuda and Mahi Mahi
** Junior Angler personal points only – Striped Tuna & Kawa Kawa. – **Measure & Release Only Same Points Apply**
SHARKS – No Sharks will be weighed with restrictive device on jaws. Sewing up of shark jaws will automatically disqualify a capture. No shark will be weighed with a choker in place.
- (l) **MARLIN** – The use of identifiable Marlin carcasses is prohibited for use as tethered burley. Burley secured under floats is prohibited.

2. TAG AND RELEASE

	4-10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
MARLIN					
Marlin - Black	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Marlin - Blue	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Marlin - Striped	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
OTHER BILLFISH					
Broadbill Swordfish	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Sailfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
Shortbill Spearfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
SHARKS – minimum 100 cm					
*Shark - Blue	3,125	2,875	2,500	2,125	1,875
*Shark – Smooth Hammerhead Only	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
* Shark – Mako (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
* Shark – Porbeagle	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
* Shark – Thresher (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark - Tiger	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark – Whaler (all)	3750	3450	3000	2550	2250
*Shark – Great White	3,750	3450	3000	2550	2250
TUNAS					
Tuna – Albacore	625	575	500	425	375
Tuna – Longtail	625	575	500	425	375
Tuna – Bigeye	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna – Dogtooth	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna – Bluefin & Southern Bluefin	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna – Yellowfin	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
MISCELLANEOUS					
Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel	625	575	500	425	375
Wahoo	625	575	500	425	375
*Yellowtail Kingfish - minimum 70cm	310	290	250	210	190
Barracuda	31	29	25	21	19
Cobia	31	29	25	21	19
*Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)	31	29	25	21	19
JUNIOR PERSONAL POINTS ONLY					
Tuna – Kawa Kawa	13	12	10	9	8
Tuna – Striped – Catch & Release Only	13	12	10	9	8

THE METHOD OF RELEASING TAGGED FISH -The hook is to be removed or the leader cut as close as possible to the fish. A fish is considered tagged and released when tag is secured to the fish and the fish is released back into the water alive.

- (a) **POINTS** will be awarded as per NSWGFA Tag & Release point score.

- (b) **CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY** are permitted to be used for live baiting and trolling natural baits (whether live, dead, mutilated or dissected). Except in the case of targeting Narrow Barred Mackerel (*Scomberomorus Commerson*) NB: no points to be scored for any species caught while using live baits and/or trolling natural baits with "J" hooks.



CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION: CIRCLE HOOK A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.

- (c) **BILLFISH TAG** – all billfish must be tagged with the billfish tag; this is the only tag that will be recognised for billfish in this tournament. The billfish tag is for billfish only point score i.e. no other species.
- (d) **ELIGIBLE SPECIES** – as per tag & release point score table – copy of which is in boatsatchel.
Blue, Smooth Hammerhead ONLY, Mako (all), Porbeagle, Thresher (all), Tiger, Great White, Whaler (all)
- (e) **LINE CLASS** - must be provided on tag & release forms and cards. If no line class is provided it will be deemed to have been caught on 60kg tackle.
- (f) **TIME** - Failure to record time of release on the tag card will result in the time being recorded as at the end of the days fishing or after the last fish for the day has been tagged, whichever is the latter.

3. "D" OPERATIONS

- (a) **COMMUNICATIONS** – radio schedules will be conducted as per the NSWGFA adopted "Guidelines for Radio Schedules" as are in effect at the time. "Game Fish Base" will operate on **VHF 80 /21 and maintain a listening watch. The Base will announce "Start Fishing" each morning and will relay the latest weather information whenever available. Radio Schedules will be conducted every TWO hours with the first day schedule. Day 1, Day 2 & Day 3 the first sched to be at 8.10am ,10.10 am, 12.10 pm, 2.10 pm, 4.10 pm and the Final Schedule at 5.40 pm.** Competitors are requested to advise "Game Fish Base" of the number of persons on board when they sign on by answering the first schedule. Boats will be called in numerical order, regardless of type of radio they have, and the Base will acknowledge each reply by repeating the report on both frequencies so that all competitors will be aware of all reports. Boats are to report on each schedule as follows: (i) Boat Number; (ii) Boat Name; (iii) Position (using grid map references); (iv) whether Trolling, Drifting or Anchored; (v) **Accurate Fishing Report** using the "000" system, i.e. Strikes, Hook-ups, Captures. If possible, boats are to give Species for Strikes and Hook-ups which are not landed. All boats are to report on every schedule. In the interests of safety, communication on each schedule is compulsory. **Failure to answer two (2) consecutive radio schedules will incur a penalty – see page 6 – "F" Penalties.** In the event of a boat suffering radio failure then they must make contact with another competing boat and have them advise Game Fish Base of the problem at the next schedule and immediately return to port. Boats must maintain RADIO SILENCE for 10 minutes before FINISH FISHING TIME to allow for reports of late hook-ups. On the 5.40pm schedule, boats are requested to advise Base of total tag and release or captures for the day. All boats are to sign off with "Game Fish Base" when they enter port at the end of the days fishing. If unable to make radio contact, then they must report to a Tournament Committee member at the weigh station before proceeding to their moorings/trailer. **Failure to report on return to port will invoke a penalty – see page 6 – "F" Penalties.** All boats are requested to avoid chatter on tournament frequencies. If competitors wish to talk to each other, please use another frequency and leave the tournament frequencies clear for safety and/or tournament business only. **Inappropriate radio use is not only an offence under the Communications Act but will incur a penalty – see page 6 "F" – Penalties.**
- (b) **WEIGHSTATION CONTROL AND PROCEDURES** – **Only the angler is allowed onto the weigh station whilst the fish is being processed. Note: Angler & Crew will be given permission to come onto the weigh station for photo purpose at the appropriate time.** Once the boats enter the Nelson Bay inner harbour, they are to proceed slowly between the weigh station and the two (2) fixed poles to obtain acknowledgement from the Dock master and be placed in order for processing as required. The Dock master reserves the right to bring boats alongside out of turn for the quick and orderly management of the area. Before coming alongside the weigh station boats must have completed and be ready for presentation all capture and/or tag & release forms. All tackle used in capture or tag & release must be ready for presentation to weigh station officials together with the angler i.e. the rod & reel, line, hook(s), terminal tackle, gaff(s), tail rope(s) etc. In the event of a dispute regarding a capture and/or tag being rejected, the tackle used will be retained by the Chief Judge pending a resolution. Any angler wishing to "walk" gear etc. to weigh station must first obtain permission from the security officer prior to entering the Weigh station.
- (c) **CAPTURE and TAG & RELEASE DOCUMENTATION** – all captures and tag & release presented to the weigh station **MUST be accompanied by correctly completed documentation.** The white Tournament Capture/T&R form, provided to each boat, must be used and must include **BOAT NAME, BOAT NUMBER, ANGLER NUMBER, DATE, and TIME & LINE CLASS** of capture/tag. **Failure to record time of capture and/or tag on the return will result in the time being recorded as at the end of the days fishing or the time last fish was tagged which is ever the latter, failure to record line class will result in a 60kg line class recorded.**
- (d) **IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES** – in the event of any dispute regarding species of fish the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final.

(e) CAPTURES

(ii) **SCIENTISTS** – It has been the practice of the Association to invite Research Scientists to the weigh station to gather measurements, weights and samples from fish weighed in. Only Scientists that have NSWGFA accreditation will be allowed access to the weigh station to gather information. These people will be officially identifiable. Anglers are requested to co-operate with these people and no other scientists.

(iii) **FISH** – may not be left at the weigh station, but must be taken by boat **well clear of Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park** and disposed of in an appropriate manner - If a vessel is unable to safely dispose of a fish on the day of capture, the boat captain must seek direction on the appropriate course of action from the NSWGFA President. (Safety of the crew is paramount - if the boat is incapable of disposing of the fish safely you must inform a tournament official to organise an alternative) **Failure to comply with this rule and the direction given will disqualify the capture.** Competitors must not clean or fillet fish or remove shark jaws near the weigh station, beaches, marinas or places frequented by the public. Fish carcasses must not be hung off boats, moorings or marinas. If required, traces to be removed at the weigh station by or at the direction of a Tournament Committee member. Shark jaws to be removed on board boats only. Small boats to utilise larger boats if necessary. All boats must empty burley pots before entering the port. **Penalties will be imposed for any breach of these rules – see page 6 “F” Penalties In the event of any shark or marlin given away for eating, only the fillets may be given, and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew.**

(f) **SALE OF FISH** – Competitors are reminded that it is illegal for recreational or un-licensed anglers to sell their catches. The following rule has been adopted by the Association: “That any fish weighed for NSWGFA Trophies shall not be sold or bartered. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards of the Association”. **Anyone found to have sold their catch will be disqualified from the tournament. BAG LIMITS – All anglers must abide by the current NSW Government laws on bag limits.**

(g) **MEDIA** – only media representatives accredited by the NSWGFA and officially identifiable will be allowed access to the weigh station. Anglers should note that **ONLY** the **NSWGFA President** shall make any statements to the media. The NSWGFA logo, NSWGFA (name) or Official Tournament Name cannot be used in any media publication (including internet websites) without the express permission of the NSWGFA. **Any breach of this rule can invoke a penalty – see page 6 – “F” Penalties.**

(h) **Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park** – The NSW Marine Park regulations (including Marine Park Permit special conditions) must be adhered to by all competitors. **Any breach of these regulations and special permit conditions may incur a tournament penalty – see page 6 – “F” Penalties Misconduct.**

4. **“E” “THE LYNDY GRIEVES MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT. Boat may elect to fish from their home port for Ladies Day.** To be held on Thursday 20th February 2020. Briefing Material will be available on the NSWGFA Website and NSWGFA Facebook Page on Wednesday 19th February 2020. All entrants **MUST** view the material. On the First Sked you will be asked if you understand these requirements. This day is open to ALL LADY ANGLERS – REGARDLESS OF AGE, whether Club Members or Guests. GFAA and NSWGFA Rules & Tackle Regulations and NSWGFA Tag & Release rules will apply. Fishing will commence at 8.00 am and cease at 3.30pm. Radio schedules will be called, and procedures will be as for the major weekend competition. Minimum weight rules apply. All captures and tag & release paper work need to be presented to the weigh station prior to 4.30pm to be eligible – weigh station will open at 2.00 pm.

INDIVIDUAL LYNDY GRIEVES MEMORIAL TROPHIES ONLY

AWARDS will be for:

Capture	Heaviest Marlin	Heaviest Shark	Heaviest OGF	Champion Angler
Tag & Release	Most Marlin	Most Sharks	Most Points OGF	Champion Angler

"The Lyndy Grieves Memorial" CHAMPION LADY ANGLER CAPTURE & CHAMPION LADY ANGLER TAG & RELEASE TROPHIES
(Presentation of Trophies will be held in conjunction with the interclub presentation from 7.30pm at Nelson Bay Wests)

5. **“F” PENALTIES**

Note: Penalties WILL APPLY to BOTH Capture and Tag & Release Points

- (a) **MISCONDUCT** – Penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Committee – see “B” Tournament Rules – Rule 2.
- (b) **BRIEFING** – loss of 2,000 capture & 2,000 tag & release points – see “B” Tournament Rules – Rule 6.
- (c) **ALTERATION OF BOAT NUMBERS** – Penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Committee – see “B” Tournament Rules – Rule 9
- (d) **DISPLAY OTHER THAN SPONSOR FLAGS/BUNTING/BRANDING ETC** – Penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Committee – see “B” Tournament Rules – Rule 15.
- (e) **FAILURE TO SIGN OFF ON RETURN TO PORT** – loss of 10,000 capture & 10,000 tag & release points – see “B” Tournament Rules – see Rule 12 & “D” Operations – Rule (a).
- (f) **BREACH OF NO WASH RULE** – loss of 2,000 capture & 2,000 tag & release points – see “B” Tournament Rules – Rule 14
- (g) **FAILURE TO ANSWER TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE RADIO SCHEDULES & INAPPROPRIATE RADIO USAGE** – loss of 10,000 capture & 10,000 tag & release points – see “D” Operations – Rule (a).
- (h) **FISH DISPOSAL** – Failure to comply with this rule and the direction given will disqualify the fish – see “e” Operations – Rule (e) (iii)
- (i) **DISCHARGE OF WASTE OR RUBBISH** – Non-compliance with current NSW RMS regulations will attract a loss of 2,000 capture and 2,000 tag & release points.
- (j) **SALE OF FISH** – disqualification from tournament – see f Operations
- (k) **BREACH OF MEDIA RULE** – Penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Committee – see g Operations–

Notwithstanding the above penalties, the Tournament Committee reserves the right in any circumstance to disqualify any capture, angler or boat for disregarding any 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament rule or instructions.

6. 2020 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT AWARDS DINNER

At the conclusion of the 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament on Sunday 23rd February 2020 an Awards Presentation Dinner will be held at the Wests Nelson Bay), commencing at 7.30 pm. At this function, **Provisional** Winners (only tournament registered boat captains/anglers) will be announced and presented with Tournament Trophy Mementos. Boat Captains/Anglers are encouraged to purchase their dinner tickets for themselves and friends when completing Entry Form. All Presentation tickets **MUST BE** paid for no later than 6.00 pm Saturday 22nd February 2020 only those with pre-paid tickets will gain entry to Presentation Dinner. Seating is limited so get in early.

PRESENTATION DINNER TICKETS **ARE NOT** INCLUDED IN ANGLER ENTRY FEE

2020 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT AWARDS

NSWGFA ANGLER TROPHIES

Anglers who are financial members of an affiliated NSWGFA Member Club are eligible to compete for the following trophies.

1. **FRED TOLL TROPHY** – for the heaviest Shark capture. **Perpetual Trophy**
2. **BOB DYER TROPHY** – for the heaviest Marlin capture. **Perpetual Trophy**
3. **JAY-AH TROPHY** – for the heaviest Blue Marlin capture. **Perpetual Trophy**
4. **IMPALA TROPHY** – for the heaviest Other Game Fish. **Perpetual Trophy**
5. **PETER GOADBY TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring capture by an Adult Male angler. **Perpetual Trophy**
6. **GEORGE BESOFF TROPHY** – highest point scoring Angler – capture. **Perpetual Trophy**
7. **TOM ROCHE TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring capture by an Adult Lady Angler. **Perpetual Trophy**
8. **BILL HEYWARD TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring capture by a Junior/Small Fry Angler. **Perpetual Trophy**
9. **LAKE MACQUARIE GFC TROPHY** - for the highest point scoring Male Small Fry overall - capture. **Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
LAKE MACQUARIE GFC TROPHY – for the highest point scoring Female Small Fry overall - capture. **Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
10. **BOTANY BAY GFC TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring Male Junior Angler overall - capture. **Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
BOTANY BAY GFC TROPHY – for the highest point scoring Female Junior Angler overall - capture. **Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
11. **LOUIS ARDILLY TROPHY** – for the angler who tags & releases the most Marlin. **Perpetual Trophy**
12. **PORT MACQUARIE GFC TROPHY** – angler who tags & releases the most Sharks. **Perpetual Trophy**
13. **N'CLE & PORT STEPHENS GFC TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by a Male Small Fry Angler. **Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
N'CLE & PORT STEPHENS GFC TROPHY – for the most tag & release points by a Female Small Fry Angler. **Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
14. **PETER BENNETT TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by a Male Junior Angler. **Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
PETER BENNETT TROPHY – for the most tag & release points by a Female Junior Angler. **Tom Roche Medal & Perpetual Trophy**
15. **J.A.C. III TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by an Adult Male Angler (all categories). **Perpetual Trophy**
16. **I.C. FRITH & ASSOCIATES TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by an Adult Lady Angler (all categories). **Perpetual Trophy**
17. **DAILY AWARDS** for each day of the competition – **plaque will be awarded for:**

Heaviest Marlin	Heaviest Shark	Heaviest Other Game Fish
Most Marlin Tag & Release	Most Sharks Tag & Release	Most points OGF Tag & Release

NSWGFA TEAM & BOAT TROPHIES

Boats who are on the register of the affiliated NSWGFA Member Club that they are competing for and anglers who are financial members of an affiliated NSWGFA Member Club are eligible to compete for the following applicable trophies.

1. **INTERCLUB SHIELD** – Champion Club Team Capture. **Boat Plaque to each of the boats in the team. Perpetual Trophy to the Club and The Goadby Medal to each registered angler in the winning capture team.**
2. **BILL SOUTHAM SPOON** – Runner-up Club Team Capture. Boat Plaque to each boat. **Perpetual Trophy to the Club.**
3. **3rd Place Team Capture. Perpetual Trophy to the Club**
4. **BROKEN BAY GFC TROPHY** – Champion Boat Capture. **Perpetual Trophy to the boat scoring highest points for competition. Trophy to each registered angler on the winning boat.**
5. **KEN HANLEY TROPHY** – Runner-up Champion Boat Capture. **Perpetual Trophy to boat scoring the 2nd highest total points for the competition.**
6. **3rd Place Boat Capture – Perpetual Trophy to the boat**
7. **BUNDABAH TROPHY** – Champion Club Team Tag & Release. **Boat Plaque to each of the boats in the team. Perpetual Trophy to the Club and The Goadby Medal to each registered angler in the winning Tag & Release team.**
8. **PORT HACKING GFC TAG & RELEASE TROPHY** - Runner-up Club Team Tag & Release. Boat Plaque to each boat. **Perpetual Trophy to the Club.**
9. **3rd Place Team Tag & Release. Perpetual Trophy to the Club**
10. **MARQUIS SHIELD** – Champion Boat Tag & Release overall. **Perpetual trophy to the boat and Plaque to each registered angler on the winning boat.**
11. **SYDNEY GFC TAG & RELEASE TROPHY** – Runner-up Champion Boat Tag & Release overall. **Perpetual Trophy to boat scoring the highest total points for the competition.**

12. **3rd Place Boat Tag & Release overall – Perpetual Trophy to the boat**
13. **GLORIANA SHIELD** – Boat scoring the highest points for tag & release of Billfish – **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
14. **BROKEN BAY GFC TROPHY** - Champion Boat Tag & Release – 4kg to 10kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
15. **JEPPESEN MARINE TROPHY** - Champion Boat Tag & Release – 15kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
16. **OTTO VOLZ TROPHY** - Champion Boat Tag & Release – 24kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
17. **DAVID LITCHFIELD TROPHY** – Champion Boat Tag & Release - 37kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
18. **NEWCASTLE & PORT STEPHENS GFC TROPHY** – Champion Boat Tag & Release 60kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
19. **BARBARA BEE SHIELD** – Boat scoring the highest points for tag & release of Sharks – **Perpetual Trophy**
20. **RICKY CHAN TROPHY** – Team scoring the highest number of Sharks tagged & released – **Perpetual Trophy**
21. **GARI-LEE SHIELD** – Boat scoring the highest points for tag & release of Other Game Fish – **Perpetual Trophy**
22. **CHAMPION CLUB CAPTURE** – Gold Hook Capture Award
23. **CHAMPION CLUB TAG & RELEASE** – Gold Hook Tag Award
24. **DAILY AWARD** for each day of the competition – plaque will be awarded for:
 Highest Point Scoring Boat – Capture Highest Points Tag & Release Boat

VISITING ANGLER & VISITING BOAT TROPHIES

Visiting Anglers/Boats (i.e. anglers not affiliated with NSWGFA Inc. Clubs and Boats not on a NSWGFA Club register but comply with section “A” Entries – 10 will be welcome to compete in the 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament, but not for the trophies as listed on page 8 in the NSWGFA Angler, Team & Boat Trophies.

Visiting Angler & Visiting Boats are eligible to fish for the following trophies in this competition.

1. **MARCUS MILLER MEMORIAL TROPHY** – for the visiting angler scoring the highest capture points. **Perpetual Trophy**
2. **NSWGFA TROPHY** – for the visiting angler scoring the highest tag & release points. **Perpetual Trophy**
3. **HEAVIEST MARLIN** – captured by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
4. **HEAVIEST SHARK** – captured by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
5. **HEAVIEST OTHER GAME FISH** – captured by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
6. **MOST MARLIN** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
7. **MOST SHARKS** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
8. **MOST POINTS OTHER GAME FISH** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
9. **NSWGFA TROPHY** – for the visiting boat scoring the highest capture points. **Perpetual Trophy**
10. **COL HENDERSON MEMORIAL TROPHY** – for the visiting boat scoring the highest number of tag & release points. **Perpetual Trophy.**



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BOAT ENTRY FORM

2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament
21st to 23rd February 2020
Port Stephens, NSW

Entries close with your Club Secretary – 14th January 2020

A late entry fee of \$100 will apply to entries not received by this date.
Any incomplete or incorrect entry form will be returned & may a late fee

NSWGFA USE ONLY

Club..... G.F.C. Boat Name.....

Mobile Phone Number on Board..... DO NOT divert or turn off on tournament days.
EACH BOAT must enter a minimum of 2 Adult anglers including the Boat Captain for vessels under 8 meters and 3 Adult anglers for vessels 8 meters and over. All persons involved in effecting either the capture or tag and release of a fish must be a registered/paid angler.
(Please indicate whether angler is Senior Male (M), Senior Lady (L), Junior Male (JM), Junior Lady (JL), Small Fry Male (SFM), and Small Fry Lady (SFL))

In the case of Junior & Small Fry Anglers please list Date of Birth

1. Boat Captain..... Club..... Category.....
2. Angler..... Club..... Category..... DOB.....
3. Angler..... Club..... Category..... DOB.....
4. Angler..... Club..... Category..... DOB.....
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7. Angler..... Club..... Category..... DOB.....
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ENTRY FEES

Note: Entry Fee DOES NOT include

Presentation Dinner Ticket or Tournament Shirts

Number of Adult Anglers..... @ \$ 100.00 pp. \$.....

Number of Junior Anglers..... @ \$ 30.00 pp. \$.....

Number of Small Fry Anglers..... @ \$30.00 pp. \$.....

Balance of Fees (vessel under 8m) to bring minimum entry fee to \$200.00 \$.....

Balance of Fees (vessel over 8m) to bring minimum entry fee to \$300.00 \$.....

After 14th January 2020– Late Entry Fee is applicable \$100.00 \$.....

PRESENTATION DINNER Number of Adults..... @ \$55.00 pp. \$.....

Juniors (under 16yrs)..... @ \$35.00 pp. \$.....

TOURNAMENT SHIRTS TO BE ORDERED ONLINE AND PAID FOR AT THE TIME OF ORDERING THROUGH THE ONLINE CHECKOUT – TO ORDER GO TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS www.nswgfa.com.au/shop

GRAND TOTAL – All prices include GST – Tournament Entry and Dinner Tickets

TOTAL \$.....

2020 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT SAFETY RESCUE INFORMATION FORM

Boat Name.....Registration Number.....

Boat on the Club Register of.....G.F.C. Length.....

Make.....Colour-Hull.....Deck.....

Colour – Flybridge.....Distinctive Features or Markings.....

Engine(s) Type.....Number.....H.P.....Fuel Type.....

Capacity.....Range.....Speed-Cruising.....Max Speed.....

Name of Boat Insurer.....Policy No.....Renewal Date.....

Vessel moored/garaged at in Port Stephens.....

In the case of Trailer Boats – Trailer Registration Number.....

Emergency Contact Name (not to be onboard vessel).....Tel.....

Boat Captains Address in Port Stephens.....

Boat Captains Mobile Number.....Email.....

Boat Captains Home Address.....

Boat Owners Name (if not the Boat Captain).....Tel.....

Boat Owners Home Address.....

Note: Contact email address that you provide on this form may be used by NSWGFA and Major Sponsors of this tournament for the purpose of informing you of future NSWGFA tournaments and product information. If you do not wish to receive this information please tick the box. Δ

Please Tick **Registered Charter Boat** **Vessel has Professional/Paid Crew**

RADIOS ON BOARD– please tick **SSB HF** **27 MHz** **VHF** **UHF**

ALL MOBILE(S) ON BOARD – List Number(s).....

SATELLITE PHONE ON BOARD (if available) Number.....

E.P.I.R.B. – Expire Date..... FEBRUARY 2020.....

BOAT CAPTAIN’S DECLARATION

I and my crew agree to abide by EVERY Tournament Rule and all Tournament Committee decisions and have completed the Safety Rescue form including details of insurance covering third party property liability and third-party personal liability insurance.

Signed..... Date.....
Boat Captain

2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament & Associated Activities

Wednesday – 19th February 2020

- Briefing Material will be available on the NSWGFA Website & NSWGFA Facebook Page Wednesday 19th February. All entrants MUST view the material. On the first Sked you will be asked if you understand these requirements.
- **Download Grid Map & Marine Park Permit from www.nswgfa.com.au**

Thursday – 20th February 2020

▪ **The Lyndy Grieves Memorial Tournament'**

Fishing Times 8.00am to 3.30pm - tournament open to ALL Ladies regardless of age, the only stipulation is that the boat must be a 2020 Interclub registered boat. Briefing Material will be available on the NSWGFA Website & NSWGFA Facebook Page Wednesday 19th February. All entrants MUST view the material. On the first Sked you will be asked if you understand these requirements.

Boat may elect to fish from their home port for Ladies Day.

Tournament Weigh station: will open at 2.00pm till 4.30pm

Ladies Day Presentation of Trophies will be held in conjunction with the Interclub Presentation Night (Sunday 23rd February 2020)

- **Interclub Registrations:** 12 midday to 6.30 pm to be held at Nelson Bay Wests
- **NSWGFA Blue Water Expo** 4.00pm to 7.00pm and will be held at Nelson Bay Wests
- **Interclub Briefing:** Will be held at Nelson Bay Wests – it is mandatory that a representative from each boat attend the briefing, sign the register and verify the boat entry form. Sign in from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.
- **Lucky Boat Draws:** will take place from 6.30pm – 7.00pm.
- **50 x \$100 Angler Draws**
- **Presidents Shout:** 8pm to 10pm – Weather Permitting.

Friday – 21st February – Day 1 – 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament

\$500 Prize for the Best Dressed Boat during the Sail Past

- **Sail Past:** Boats to assemble on the western side of the channel marker near the Dutchmans Bay (Dutchies) buoy by 7.00 am. Sail Past will commence at 7.15 am precisely.
- **Fishing Times:** "Game Fish Base" will call "start of fishing" at conclusion of Sail Past. Fishing will cease for the day at 5.30 pm.
- **Tournament Weigh Station:** will open at 4.00 pm.
- **6 x Sked draws of \$500**

Saturday – 22nd February – Day 2 – 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament

- **Fishing Times:** 7.30 am to 5.30 pm
- **Tournament Weigh Station:** will open at 4.00 pm
- **6 x Sked Draws of \$500**
- **(Pre-book tickets to attend the Presentation by Saturday 22nd February 2020)**

Sunday – 23rd February – Day 3 – 2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament

- **Fishing Times:** 7.30 am to 4.00 pm – cut off time at weigh station for boats (fly point) is 6.00pm or if walking tag to weigh station.
- **Tournament Weigh Station:** will open at 3.00pm
- **6 x Sked Draws of \$500**
- **2020 Interclub Presentation Dinner:** will commence at 7.30 pm at Nelson Bay Wests.