NSWGFA proudly invites you to attend the

2027 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 2027 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament. All anglers participate entirely at their own risk.

26th to 28th February 2027
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 2027 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 2027 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 is** $150.00 (incl. GST) for each competing adult angler and $75.00 (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 $300.00 (incl. GST) for each boat under 8 metres and a minimum entry fee of $450.00 (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 all clubs entries must be forwarded to NSWGFA Secretary and must include full payment. MUST be forwarded to your CLUB SECRETARY by 31st January 2027.** Incomplete entry forms will be rejected, and **MAY attract a late entry fee of $150.** Anyone who participates in the tag and/or capture of a fish must be a registered angler in the tournament.
   No payment by due date means entries not accepted.
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 $150.00 (incl. GST) will apply to boat entries received after the closing date 24th February 2027. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of NSWGFA and must be registered before 6.30pm Wednesday 24th February 2027.
7. **ADDITIONAL ANGLERS & BOATS** – will not be accepted after briefing Thursday 25th February 2027 for additional anglers & boats.
8. **NO MAJOR TEAM/BOAT CHANGES** after 24th February 2027.
9. **NO REFUND** of entry fees for whatever reason will be considered after 24th February 2027
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 **page10**. 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, Tournament Radio Communications Officer & 1 NPSGFC Representative.
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.**
3. 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.
4. **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 6.30pm.
   Note: **the tournament committee has the right to act on any breach of any tournament rule whether a protest is lodged.**
5. **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. (Except on Sunday the last day when the time for a request for reconsideration is 7.00pm).
6. **ALL 2027 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT DECISIONS AND RULINGS ARE FINAL AND BINDING ON ALL ENTRANTS.**
7. **Mandatory BRIEFING will be held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club from 6.00pm Thursday 25th February (PRESIDENTS SHOUT)**. It is compulsory for 1 crew member to register their attendance. A member from each boat will need to attend the briefing to collect their boats tournament satchel.
8. **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 NSWRMS 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.
9. **BOAT NUMBERS** supplied are to be prominently displayed on both sides of the cabin. **Any alteration of the Sponsors boat numbers will impose a penalty**. **See page 8 "F" Penalties.**
10. **SAIL PAST** – There will be no Sail past, Tournament base will call start fishing at 7.30 am Friday 26th Feb.
11. **Shot Gun Start – There will be a shot gun start at the imaginary line; all boats will line up and are not to proceed out to fish until tournament base announces start fishing.**
12. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS – all boats must comply with NSWRMS regulations for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessel's home club.** All competitors are reminded of the requirement for a NSWDPI licence and bag limits when fishing.

13. **FISHING DAYS & TIMES**
    Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th February. On **Friday 26th February,** fishing will commence at 7.30am Game Fish Base will announce start fishing on this day. **On the other fishing days starting time will be at** 7**.30 am and Fishing shall finish at 4.00 pm on Friday and Saturday, on the last day fishing will finish at 3pm**, all fish and tag cards must be presented at the weigh station on the day the fish was tagged excluding Sunday. Any fished hooked and reported to Game Fish Base prior to finish time may be played out and if caught will be eligible for the tournament provided the angler, fish and/or tag and full equipment is presented to the weigh station by 5.00pm on Sunday 28th February. **Weigh station will be deemed FLY POINT.**
14. **FISHING AREA (TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES)**
    The Fishing area for the tournament is South to latitude 33 degrees 15 minutes (Bird Island) and North to latitude 32 degrees and 13 minutes (Latitude Rock)
15. **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 8 "F" – Penalties.**
16. **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 8 "F" – Penalties.**
17. **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.

18. 2027 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT AWARDS
    At the conclusion of the 2027 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament on Sunday 28th February 2027 an Awards Presentation will be held at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club, commencing at 7.30 pm. **(Ticket price includes 2 course meal and some refreshments @ $75 Each per person)** At this function Provisional Winners will be announced and presented with Tournament Trophy Mementos. Boat Captains/Anglers are encouraged to purchase their tickets for themselves and friends when completing Entry Form. All Presentation tickets MUST BE paid for no later than 6.00 pm Saturday 27th February 2027 only those with pre-paid tickets will gain entry to Presentation Dinner.

    PRESENTATION DINNER TICKETS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN ANGLER ENTRY FEE

    Presentation of Lyndy Grieves Memorial Ladies Day Trophies will be held in conjunction with the interclub presentation.

"C" FISHING RULES

The 2027 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 Sharks (New Minimum weights see below),** Smooth Hammerhead ONLY, Mako (all), Porbeagle, Thresher (all), **Tiger (New minimum weights see below),** Whaler (all)
     Tiger Sharks. New Min. Weights
     Line Classes 6 – 10kg min. 120kg
     Line Classes 15 – 24kg min. 200kg
     Line Classes 37 – 60kg min. 250kg
     Blue Sharks. New Min. Weights -
     Line Classes 6 – 10kg min. 100kg
     Line Classes 15 – 24kg min. 125kg
     Line Classes 37 – 60kg min. 150kg
   - **(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**
     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) **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.

(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 boat satchel. **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 Scheds" as are in affect at the time. **Compulsory log on from 6:00am**. Due to safety of boat and anglers the radio communications will be recorded from the start of fishing and will cease when the last boat returns to port. "Game Fish Base" will operate on **VHF 80 /21. 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 schedule, 9.10am, 11.10am, 1.10pm, 3.10pm and the Final Schedule at 4.10pm on Friday & Saturday with ETR. On Sunday the Final Schedule at 3.*10pm (Minute silence at 1.09pm on Sunday 28th February, radio silence unless of Mayday situation)*** 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 8 – "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. Friday & Saturday on the 4.10pm schedule and on Sunday the Final day 3.10pm 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.

(b) MAYDAY/PANPAN, if a mayday is called the radio operator will communicate the severity of the MAYDAY to the NSWGFA president it will be the decision of the NSWGFA president whether to suspend fishing.

(c) Failure to report on return to port will invoke a penalty – see page 8 – "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 8 "F" – Penalties**.

(d) 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 gate security officer prior to entering the Weigh station.

(e) 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 whichever is the latter, failure to record line class will result in a 60kg line class recorded.**

(f) IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES – in the event of any dispute regarding species of fish the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final.

(g) 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 8 "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.**

(h) 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.**

(i) 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 8 – "F" Penalties.**

(j) 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 8 – "F" Penalties Misconduct.**

4. **“E” "THE LYNDY GRIEVES MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT.** To be fished on Thursday 25th February 2027. 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 3.00 pm. Radio schedules will be called, and procedures will be as for the major weekend competition. Minimum weight rules apply. All captures and tag & release paperwork 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

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

Notwithstanding the above penalties, the Tournament Committee reserves the right in any circumstance to disqualify any capture, angler or boat for disregarding any 2027 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament rule or instructions.

2027 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*. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
   LAKE MACQUARIE GFC TROPHY – *for the highest point scoring Female Small Fry overall - capture.* **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
   BOTANY BAY GFC TROPHY – *for the highest point scoring Male Junior Angler overall - capture*. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
   BOTANY BAY GFC TROPHY – *for the highest point scoring Female Junior Angler overall - capture.* **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
   LOUIS ARDILLY TROPHY – for the angler who tags & releases the most Marlin. **Perpetual Trophy**
10. **PORT MACQUARIE GFC TROPHY** – angler who tags & releases the most Sharks. **Perpetual Trophy**
11. **N'CLE & PORT STEPHENS GFC TROPHY** – *for the most tag & release points by a Male Small Fry Angler.* **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
12. **N'CLE & PORT STEPHENS GFC TROPHY –** *for the most tag & release points by a Female Small Fry Angler***. Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
13. **PETER BENNETT TROPHY** – *for the most tag & release points by a Male Junior Angler.* **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
14. **PETER BENNETT TROPHY –** *for the most tag & release points by a Female Junior Angler***. Dog Tag & 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 Dog Tag 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 Dog Tag 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 2nd 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 2027 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament, but not for the trophies as listed on page 9 & 10 in the NSWGFA Angler, Team & Boat Trophies. Except for the **VISITING ANGLER & VISITING 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**
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9. **MOST POINTS OTHER GAME FISH** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
10. **NSWGFA TROPHY** – for the visiting boat scoring the highest capture points. **Perpetual Trophy**
11. **COL HENDERSON MEMORIAL TROPHY** – for the visiting boat scoring the highest number of tag & release points. **Perpetual Trophy**.

BOAT ENTRY FORM

2027 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament
26th to 28th February 2027
Port Stephens, NSW

NSWGFA USE ONLY

Entries close with your Club Secretary – 31st January 2027

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**.....
5. **Angler**.....**Club**.....**Category**.....**DOB**.....
6. **Angler**.....**Club**.....**Category**.....**DOB**.....
7. **Angler**.....**Club**.....**Category**.....**DOB**.....
8. **Angler**.....**Club**.....**Category**.....**DOB**.....

Number of Adult Anglers..... **@ $150.00 pp.** **$**.....

Number of Junior Anglers..... **@ $75.00 pp.** **$**.....

Number of Small Fry Anglers..... **@ $75.00 pp.** **$**.....
L

Minimum boat entry applies **Difference** $.....

(Minimum boat entry Under 8 metres $300.00 over 8 metres $450.00)

Presentation Tickets ..... **@ $75.00 pp.** **$**.....

(Ticket price includes a meal and refreshments)

GRAND TOTAL – All prices include GST – Tournament Entry

TOTAL **$**.....

Please initial confirming all anglers entered are financial members of the club stated on this form.

2027 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. ☐

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.....

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