



FISHING RULES FOR CENTRAL ZONE TOURNAMENTS SEASON 2016 / 2017



I. Zonal Chairman

The Zonal Chairman, who represents New South Wales Game Fishing Association (NSWGFA), organises Central Zone (CZ) Tournaments on behalf of the Zone's registered Clubs. Tournaments are open to all financial members of Central Zone Clubs, which are currently -

Central Coast Game Fishing Club
Broken Bay Game Fishing Club
Sydney Game Fishing Club
Botany Bay Game Fishing Club
Port Hacking Game Fishing Club
Wollongong Game Fishing Club
Lord Howe Island Game Fishing Club

Any future clubs that are accepted within the Zone can participate.

I.1 Zonal Waters

Central Zone Waters are the coastal waters within the bounded areas by **32.50 000S (Grid ref "Bravo")** in the north and **35.06.000S (Grid ref "Zulu South 4")** in the south. The eastern boundary will vary with the host club's relevant eastern boundary. Each round of the Central Zone Tournament will be fished within the prescribed waters of the host Club area within CZ waters overall, but outside the host club waters, are therefore **OUT-OF-BOUNDS** for that particular round of competition.

I.2 Boat Registration

- All Boats wishing to fish the Central Zone Competition must be registered with their respective clubs and comply with their Club Safety Rules.
- CZ requires that each competing vessel has Public Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$10 Million. Details of the current insurance cover must be included on the boat safety form submitted with your club. No vessel will be eligible without this information being completed.

I.3 Event Registration

- All boats entered into a Host clubs tournament will be automatically entered into the CZ Tournament for that round.
- If a boat elects to not enter the Host Clubs Tournament **THAT BOAT WILL ONLY BE ELIGIBLE TO FISH ONE DAY OF THAT CZ ROUND, it can be either Saturday or Sunday.**
- A boat fishing just CZ Tournament day needs to sign on to the Tournament host clubs Sched, doing so will indicate that the boat will be fishing CZ for that day & will not be eligible to fish for CZ points on any other day of the tournament.

I.4 Boat Registration

A record of boats fishing each round will be reported back to each club after each round with an updated report on each boat entered into the Tournament or CZ Round only.

I.5 Zonal Committee

In the event of any disputes, protests, misconduct etc. The Zonal Committee consisting of the Club Presidents (or their representatives) under the Chairmanship of the CZ Chairman will adjudicate on the issue. Should the CZ Chairman be unavailable then the Host Club President shall chair the Meeting. If a meeting is required at least

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I.5 Zonal Committee (cont)

three (3) clubs plus the chairman are to be present. If a rule relating to competition is not specifically cover under the CZ Rules then the Tournament rules of the host club will apply to all boats and anglers whether entered in the host Club's Tournament or just the Central Zone Round.

a. Conduct

It is the expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to the Tournament Officials, other Competitors and the general public at all times during a tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include loss of points or disqualification from a CZ Tournament round or any other penalties that may be determined **BY THE ZONAL COMMITTEE.**

I.6 Bad Weather

To avoid taking unnecessary risks in the event of bad weather, the Host Club Tournament Committee will decide whether the day will be a Tournament Day or not. Skippers should establish contact with the Tournament Committee if they consider the event will not or (may not) proceed. In the event of the Weather Bureau issuing a weather report which is a **"GALE WARNING"** or higher affecting a particular day of the Tournament, the Host Club will automatically cancel that days fishing. If a **"GALE WARNING"** or higher category of warning is issued after the commencement of fishing only those fish captured or tagged at the time fishing is cancelled or prior will count towards pointscore. ***Any fish still being played which is subsequently captured or tagged will not count towards the Club, Boat or Angler pointscore*** for CZ or the Saturday night wards. On the issuing of a **"GALE WARNING"** or **"higher category of warning"** all Boats should immediately return to Port. It is the responsibility of every boat owner/skipper to be aware of the sea conditions and decide if these conditions are safe to operate in. The Zone Chairman, N.S.W.G.F.A or the Host Club shall in no way be responsible for any loss or damage, or injury occasioned by the vessel putting to sea or remaining at sea.

I.7 Ineligible Boats

The Host Club, or CZ Chairman, will advise via the Host Clubs nominated Radio channels on the Sunday any participating boats that are not eligible to score points.

I.8 Communications

Communications will be conducted on VHF as nominated by the Host Club, 2Meg Channel 2284 and 27meg Channel 27.940. It is the Host Club's responsibility to provide 2Meg, 27Meg or VHF relay to Game Fish Base. In the event of a vessel not answering two consecutive radio schedules, the Host Club MUST implement the "Missing Vessel Procedure", as per current NSWGFA regulations.

2 Angling Rules

Shall be per Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) and NSWGFA Rules as published in the GFAA GAMEFISHING Journal that is current at the date of the Tournament Event.

2.1 Point Score

- a. Capture as per NSWGFA Rules
- b. Tag & Release as per NSWGFA Rules
- c. Minimum Weights as per NSWGFA Rules

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2.2 Capture & Weighing and Tag & Release of Fish

a. Fish captured or Tagged & Released on either day may be weighed at the Host Club Weigh station as if they were entered as part of the Host Club Tournament. However, boats may elect to have their Capture weighed and Tag & Release recorded for Saturday or Sunday at their Home Port. Tag cards & Capture certificates for these must be in to the CZ Chairman in line with rule 2.2b.

b. All Tag & Release as well as Capture results for Saturday and Sunday of the tournament must be communicated to the CZ Chairman by respective Club Secretaries / Fishing Co-ordinators by Facsimile, Mail or Email (telephone calls will not be accepted) as soon as possible but no later than 14 days following the tournament. Tournament results that are NOT received by 4.30p.m on that day will not count.

NOTE: IT IS THE BOATS HOME CLUB RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE RESULTS FOR THEIR BOATS ARE RETURNED to the CZ CHAIRMAN. Failure to do so will affect your own Club Members.

c. All Tag & Release cards or accompanying Capture Certificates must clearly show the **TIME** the fish was Tagged & Released. Fish listed on Tag & Release cards that do not show the time of release will be deemed to have been caught at the cut off time at the weigh station on the last for the day of the tournament in the case of a count back.

d. All Capture Certificates must clearly show the **TIME** of Capture.

e. Tag Cards must clearly show the line class used to catch the fish. If no line class is nominated on the Tag Card it will deem to have been tagged on 60kg line class.

f. All clubs must report point scores for both T & R and capture for their club boats entered in the CZ pointscore no later than 14 days following the tournament weekend. Results not received with this period will not count. Per rule 2.2b.

2.4 Radio Schedules

Will be conducted by the Host Club according to NSWGFA regulations at the host Club normal sked times.

3. Fishing Times

Each round of the CZ Tournament will be fished as per the Host Club's tournament times. The Radio Base will remind everyone of times on the first two radio skeds.

3.1 Saturday/ First Night Awards

Only Capture and Tag and Release results recorded by 8.00pm on the first night of the Tournament round at the HOST CLUBS weighstation will be eligible for a Sponsor's contribution for the highest point scoring BOAT in both Capture and Tag & Release. A daily prize will also be awarded to the Champion Junior Angler in both Capture and Tag & Release, A daily prize will also be awarded to Champion Small Fry Angler in both Capture and Tag & Release. In the event of a tie, a Count Back will decide the winner in all of the above categories, Winners must be present to receive their daily prize.

3.2 Trophies

The following list of Trophies will be presented at the Annual Central Zone Presentation to be arranged by the CZ Chairman. Points for Captures by Honorary Members will be counted as Boat Points only and will not qualify for Angler Trophies. The angler must be a financial member of a CZ Club to qualify for angler trophies.

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3.2 Trophies (cont)

The following CZ Trophies are

Champion Club Capture and Runner up Club Capture
Champion Club Tag & Release and Runner Up Club Tag & Release
Champion Boat Capture & Runner up Boat Capture
Champion Boat Tag & Release & Runner up Boat Tag & Release
Champion Male Angler Capture (Adult)
Champion Male Angler Tag & Release (Adult)
Champion Female Angler Capture (Adult)
Champion Female Angler Tag & Release (Adult)
Champion Junior Angler Capture
Champion Junior Angler Tag & Release
Champion Small Fry Angler Capture
Champion Small Fry Angler Tag & Release
Heaviest Billfish
Heaviest Shark
Heaviest Other Game Fish
Champion Angler Billfish Tag & Release
Champion Angler Shark Tag & Release
Champion Angler Other Game Fish Tag & Release

*** JUNIOR ANGLERS

A junior angler becomes a senior angler on his/her 16th birthday.

*** SMALL FRY ANGLERS

A small fry angler becomes a junior angler on his/her 11th birthday.

3.3 Champion Club & Runner Up Club

This is to be decided by adding together the scores of the top five boats only from each Club. The scores for the top five boats will not be cumulative from one competition weekend to another, but the top five boats on each Tournament weekend will qualify. This applies to Capture and Tag & Release.

4. Central Zone Contacts

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4.1 Central Zone Administration

Clubs within the CZ may approach the CZ Chairman for assistance with regard to NSWGFA matters or any other matter that may consolidate the relationship between Zone Members/Clubs and the State Association. Clubs may have special projects to which the Zone can financially contribute. It is the responsibility of the CZ Chairman to administrate the Zone in all aspects with regard to the requirements of Zone Clubs after taking financial and governing regulations into consideration.