



PERTH GAME FISHING CLUB BY-LAWS

1 CLUB FISHING SEASON

(a) The Perth Game Fishing Club (PGFC) fishing season shall commence on the 1st July and cease at midnight on the 30th June. All fish captured by Club members during this period will be eligible for the allocation of points.

2 FEES

In accordance with Section 6.04 of the Constitution:

(a) Membership Nomination and annual subscription fees shall be paid by members as herein:

	Annual Fee	5 Years
Ordinary Member		
(Senior male / female)	135	610
Junior Member		
(Under 16 Years at 1st July)	35	0
Small Fry Member		
(Under 11 Years at 1st July)	0	0
Family Membership		
(Member, partner and 2 <u>or</u> <u>more</u> children <16 years)	270	1215

(b) Any levy or levies struck shall be applicable to Ordinary Members only in full.

(c) All levies struck during the financial year shall also be applicable to all new Ordinary Members during that year.

Nomination fees shall be waived in the following circumstances:

(a) Individuals applying for Club membership concurrent with entering and competing in a PGFC tournament.

(b) Interstate or overseas residents applying for Club membership in order to compete in another WAGFA / GFAA affiliated club's tournament whilst fishing on a PGFC team.

(c) At the discretion of the Committee.

(d) For any 'Life member'

Nominations fees for Club membership shall only be waived once for a particular individual.



3 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A date and day of the month shall be determined for monthly Committee meetings and as far as practicable adhered to.

4 INSIGNA

- (a) A President's Insignia shall be struck and flown at masthead on a boat when the President is on-board.
- (b) A design approved by the Committee shall be the Insignia of the Club. Such insignia may be reproduced on the Club's stationery and certificates and generally when considered suitable by the current governing Committee. It may also be reproduced as a metal badge incorporated into member's wearing apparel and into the Club burgee.
- (c) If a person ceases to be a member, he or she shall surrender to the Club all such Insignia.
- (d) Appropriate flags approved by the Committee may be flown for relevant captures.

5 ANGLER REGISTRATION & REGULATION

- (a) Anglers must have a current PGFC membership to accrue points for club annual awards
- (b) Only fish captured by current PGFC members will accrue points for Champion Boat and Champion Angler
- (c) All PGFC members will fish within current GFAA, Fisheries WA and all relevant state and commonwealth government rules and regulations

6 CLUB BOAT REGISTRATION & REGULATION

- (a) Club Boats must be registered with the PGFC Weigh Master prior to fishing to accrue points for Champion Boat.
- (b) A registered Club Boat is defined as "having being provided with a "boat number" from the Weigh Master prior to fishing.
- (c) Points will only be allocated to the "registered" Club Boat.
- (d) Club Boat "tender boats" will be required to be registered for the allocation of club championship points.
- (e) In the event, a Club Boat is sold and a new one purchased, the new Club Boat must be registered with the PGFC Weigh Master prior to the allocation of club championship points.
- (f) In the event, a Club Boat is sold and a new one purchased, points accrued on the first Club Boat will **NOT** be transferred to the second Club Boat.



7 CAPTURE CERTIFICATES, MEASURE AND RELEASE CARDS, TAG CARD

- (a) The Committee shall have printed and made available to members Capture Books containing Capture Certificates, Measure and Release Cards and Tag Cards.
- (b) PGFC reserves the right to request a deposit from members when tags are requested.
- (c) It is the members responsibility to return all unused tag cards. Failure to do so may incur loss of deposit.
- (d) When requested, the Weigh Master is to supply members with a prepaid envelope for returning of completed and unused tag cards.

8 WEIGHT RECORDING

- (a) The Weigh Master shall weigh and check, according to all requirements of the official Club Capture Certificate, Measure and Release Cards and Tag Cards, all fish submitted by a member. He or she shall then if satisfied sign the Capture Certificate or Card.
- (b) In the event of the Weigh Master being unable to attend, a Committee member shall act in his or her stead.
- (c) In the event of the Weigh Master or a Committee member being unable to attend, consideration will be given to a capture, weighed by an Ordinary Member.
- (d) All Club Capture Certificates, Measure and Release Cards and Tag Cards are to be forwarded to the PGFC Weigh Master within 21 days of date of capture, or by 7th July whichever is earlier. (Season Ends 30th June)
- (e) The Weigh Master may disqualify any captures, measure and release cards or tag cards that are received more than 21 days from the date of capture, or by 7th July whichever is earlier. (Season Ends 30th June)

9 RECORDS CLAIMS

- (a) All record captures shall be in accordance with *GFAA – Rules and Equipment Regulations, and Angling Rules and IGFA – International Angling Rules*, respectively.
- (b) All record captures for "All Tackle Length Records" shall be in accordance with *GFAA - All Tackle Length Rules and IGFA – All Tackle Length Categories*, respectively.
- (c) All record captures for "Fly Fishing" shall be in accordance with *GFAA – Fly Equipment and Angling Rules and IGFA – International Fly-fishing Rules*, respectively.
- (d) All record captures shall be in accordance with *GFAA – Regulations Governing Record Catches and/or IGFA –World Record Requirements*, respectively.
- (e) All record captures shall be in accordance with all relevant government and Fisheries rules.
- (f) PGFC shall make weighing of record catches available to all financial members irrespective of species being weighed
- (g) Wherever possible, all fish for record claims should be weighed on the PGFC's certified electronic scales. These scales will be kept by the Weigh Master. These scales are to be made available for all financial members of PGFC. (Spare scale to be stored at club house.



- (h) All captures shall be weighed by either a Club Weigh Master, a Club Recorder, a Committee Member of the Club in the location at which the fish was caught or by a GFAA or IGFA Official, or by a recognised local person familiar with the operation of the scale.
- (i) At the time of weighing a fish, all tackle and equipment used in the capture, including gaffs, leader/trace, lure, and the nominated GFAA length of line, shall be submitted to an official (as defined in GFAA – Regulations Governing Record Catches – Weighing of Fish) for examination, measuring, photographing, confirming all terminal tackle and the testing of the line class used in the capture. An application for an Australian Record must be made on the prescribed form.
- (j) A claim for either a State, Australian or World Record must be forwarded to the GFAA Recorder through the PGFC Weigh Master. The claim must be made on the correct GFAA prescribed form and on the IGFA 'Form for Recording Record Game Fish Captures', which may be obtained from the Secretary of a state Association, any State affiliated clubs, from GFAA, or from the GFAA Annual Journal which is sent out annually to all PGFC financial members.

10 TROPHIES

- (a) All annual local waters trophies shall be fished for within local waters.
- (b) Local Waters are defined as those within a 75nm radius of Fremantle Harbour.
- (c) In club competitions held from an alternative location outside local waters – as noted and defined in 10 (a) and (b), for the duration of the competition, Local Waters are defined as those within a 50nm radius of the nominated location e.g., Jurien Bay Marina.
- (d) All points scored in Local Waters as defined in By-Law 10 (b) and (c) will be allocated to Local Waters trophies.
- (e) All annual "outside local waters trophies" shall be fished outside Local Waters as defined in By-Law 10 (b) and (c) above.
- (f) No fish will be accepted for fish caught in hatchery waters, sanctuaries or banned fishing areas in national parks. The catch must not be at variance with any laws or regulations governing the species or the waters in which it was caught.
- (g) All captures must comply with all State and Commonwealth laws.
- (h) All captures must comply with GFAA rules.
- (i) These By-Laws apply to annual trophies and are independent of tournament and/or competition rules and trophies.
- (j) Fish caught by a PGFC affiliated member during another Club held tournament, may submit those Captures and/or Tag cards for inclusion in the annual awards.

11 SCORING FORMULAE FOR CLUB TROPHIES

- (a) These By-Laws apply to annual trophies and are independent of tournament and competition rules and trophies.
- (b) All captures must comply with By-Law 10 (f), (g) and (h).
- (c) All captures must be entered on an original numbered PGFC Capture Certificate, Measure and Release Card or Tag Card and after complying with By-Law 8 (a) submitted to the Weigh Master within twenty-one (21) days of capture or before the 7th July, whichever is earlier.
- (d) The line class, Competitor ID and Boat ID shall also be recorded on the card. All cards must be fully completed to be eligible for inclusion in scores.



- (e) Only Club Members points will contribute to Club Boat points on the boat they are fishing and only if the Club Boat is registered with the Weigh Master. Points towards another boat are not transferable.
- (f) Any fish weighed must be in edible condition at the weigh station to be awarded points

12 FORMULA FOR CHAMPION ANGLER AND CHAMPION BOAT

- (a) All captures must comply with By-Law 10 (f), (g) and (h).
- (b) Only club members points will contribute to Champion Angler and Champion Boat points.
- (c) With the exception of billfish and in line By-Law 14.1, only five (5) of each GFAA eligible species will be accepted tagged, measured and released, or weighed per boat per day. All fish count towards Champion Angler and Champion Boat.
- (d) Champion Boat – Local Waters. Will be the highest aggregate point score in local waters as defined in By Law 10 (b) and (c).
- (e) Champion Angler – Local Waters. Will be the highest aggregate point score in local waters as defined in By Law 10 (b) and (c).
- (f) Champion Boat – Outside Local Waters. Will be the highest aggregate point score in outside local waters.
- (g) Champion Angler – Outside Local Waters. Will be the highest aggregate point score in outside local waters

13 PUBLISHING OF POINT SCORES

- (a) Website scores will be updated monthly by the Weigh Master.
- (b) It is members' responsibility to check scores. Individual and team scores should be checked as soon as they are published on the website. In the event, scores are not published or there is an inaccuracy, please inform the Weigh Master within 14 days.
- (c) There will be a blackout on publishing progressive point scores from May 31st until Presentation Night each year.

14 FORMULA FOR SCORING

14.1 WEIGHED FISH

With the exception of Eagle Rays (*Myliobatids Australis*), only Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) eligible fish species weighed in, will be awarded points.

14.2 WEIGHED FISH POINTS

- (a) All game fish must be equal to or greater than the line class being used in the capture.
- (b) All eligible Sharks weighed must be equal or exceed **twice** the line class being used in the capture.
- (c) Whaler Sharks (*Carcharhinus* spp.) must have a **maximum** 70cm inter-dorsal length to be weighed in the South-Coast and West-Coast Bioregions.
- (d) Only fish weighed on a digital scale will be counted towards club championship weighed points. Note: Fish cannot be weighed on a moving platform (i.e., boat or hand-held scales)
- (e) Points for **game fish** weighed in will be awarded using the following formula:

Weight x 100 / Line Class

Example: $\frac{12.57\text{kg Yellowfin Tuna} \times 100}{6\text{kg line class}} = 209.5 \text{ points}$

- (f) Points for **Billfish** weighed in will be awarded using the following formula:



Weight x 150 / Line Class

Example: $\frac{156\text{kg Blue Marlin} \times 150}{37\text{kg line class}} = 632.4 \text{ points}$

14.3 TAGGED AND/OR MEASURED FISH

Only those Eligible species, except for billfish and sharks, **contained within the PGFC Measure & Release Tables** may be tagged, or measured and released, for tagged points.

14.4 TAGGED AND MEASURED AND RELEASE POINTS

- (a) All **Measured and Released** and **Tagged and Released** fish must be measured on a Shimano or IGFA brag mat.
- (b) Only eligible species, other than Billfish and Sharks, contained in the PGFC Measure & Release Tables will be eligible for **tag and release** and **measure and release** points.
- (c) All eligible species contained within the PGFC Measure & Release Tables, must be equal to or greater than the line class used to be eligible for tag and release or measure and release points.
- (d) The PGFC Weigh Master shall make the PGFC Measure & Release Tables and cards available to all financial members.
- (e) Eligible species, **Measured and Released**, must be 60cm or less in fork length (yellowtail kingfish 70cm), and will be given allocated weights according to measured length, with weights allocated from the current PGFC Measure and Release Tables and will count towards club championship tag and release points.
- (f) All **Measured and Released** species, as noted under 14.4 (e), must be submitted with the appropriate NSW DPI Measure and Release Card to be eligible for club championship tag and release points.
- (g) Eligible species, **Tagged and Released**, must be more than 60cm fork length (yellowtail kingfish 70cm), and will be given allocated weights according to measured length, with weights allocated from the current PGFC Measure and Release Tables and will count towards club championship tag and release points.
- (h) All **Tagged and Released** species, as noted under 14.4 (g), must be tagged with the appropriate NSW DPI Pelagic Tag to be eligible for club championship tag and release points.
- (i) All eligible Sharks tagged and released **must exceed 1.5 meters in total length** and be equal to, or exceed, **twice** the line class used in the capture to be counted towards club championship tag and release points.
- (j) In line with By-Law 14.4 (i), only eligible Sharks tagged and released with an NSW DPI Steel Head Shark Tag will be counted towards club championship tag and release points.
- (k) Only Billfish tagged and released with NSW Billfish Only Tag will be counted towards club championship tag and release points.
- (l) With the exception of billfish and in line By-Law 14.1, only five (5) of each GFAA eligible species will be accepted tagged, measured and released, or weighed per boat per day. All fish count towards Champion Angler and Champion Boat.
- (m) Neil Patrick Trophy – All "Billfish Only" Tags will be accepted. (e.g. Billfish Foundation Tags, NSW DPI Billfish Tags, ect.)
- (n) Billfish and Sharks tagged and released will be allocated the following points:

Marlin, Black and Blue	33000
Broadbill Swordfish	33000
Marlin, Striped	16500
Billfish, Other	16500
Shark (minimum 1.5m TOTAL length)	5000



(o) Points for **Billfish and Sharks** tagged and released will be awarded using the following formula:

Allocated Points / Line Class

Example: Blue Marlin on 37kg = $33000 / 37 = 891.89$ points

14.5 CLUB COMPETITION DAYS

Club competition days will have angler points allocated towards club championship scores for all fish. All fully completed Tag Cards, Measure and Release Cards and Capture Forms must be returned to the weigh station on the day of capture.

15 DISCLAIMER

- (a) The PGFC Committee reserves the right to change any rule, regulation, or section. The Committee must provide suitable notice to all current financial members.
- (b) The PGFC, its Committee and Committee members take no responsibility for loss or damage to a member's person, personal effects or vessel. Members and any other person(s) fishing aboard members vessels fish entirely at their own risk.

16 PROTESTS

- (a) A verbal intention to protest must be made to the Weigh Master as soon as possible by the protester. This is to enable the Weigh Master to preserve any evidence that may be needed by the Committee if a weighed fish, or tag card, is presented before the protestor can attend the gantry
- (b) All protests must be subsequently logged with the Weigh Master in writing with a \$100 deposit which will be refunded if the protest is upheld
- (c) Written protests must be lodged within 24 hours from when the fish was weighed, or tag card presented. No protests will be accepted after this time period. The Committee will consider all protests as soon as possible after receipt
- (d) The Committees decision is final, and the affected parties will be notified ASAP

17 TROPHY LIST

Refer to Appendix 1 (Below)

NOTES

- (a) In the case of a tied score, the trophy or prize will be awarded on a count back. The first capture certificate or tag card to be received by the weigh-master, resulting in the highest point score (or number of fish tagged), will be deemed the winner.
- (b) Fish caught in WAGFA sanctioned competitions other than PGFC events, will be eligible for club points provided they are submitted on PGFC capture forms. If tagged, an image or copy of the tag details with tag number, angler name, fish type and line class used must be sent to PGFC Weigh-master within 21 days of date of capture, or by 7th July whichever is earlier.



- (c) Club Person of the Year is selected by the President and may be awarded to any ordinary member except a committee member. The recipient may be given the award in more than one (including successive) year.
- (d) In respect to annual awards, the decision of the Committee is final, and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- (e) After a fish is awarded a trophy, it is then not eligible for another trophy unless there is no other eligible fish in the category.

APPENDIX 1

WEBBER WEIGHMASTER TROPHY	<i>Boat with highest points scored in local waters</i>
CLUB TROPHY	<i>Boat with second highest points scored in local waters</i>
EDDY MOSS TROPHY	<i>Male angler gaining highest points in local waters</i>
CLUB TROPHY	<i>Male angler gaining second highest points in local waters</i>
KAYE WEBBER TROPHY	<i>Female angler gaining highest points in local waters</i>
SECRETARYS' TROPHY	<i>Female angler gaining second highest points in local waters</i>
PETER COOTE TROPHY	<i>Junior angler gaining highest points in local waters</i>
CLUB TROPHY	<i>Junior angler gaining second highest points in local waters</i>
SMALL-FRY TROPHY	<i>Small-fry angler gaining highest points in local waters</i>
CLUB TROPHY	<i>Small-fry angler gaining second highest points in local waters</i>
TOM BELL & ASSOCIATES TROPHY	<i>Highest point scoring fish weighed - local waters</i>
CLUB TROPHY	<i>Highest point scoring fish tagged - local waters</i>
PANAWONIC TROPHY	<i>Boat with highest aggregate points score for billfish in local waters</i>
ROLAND SMITH TROPHY	<i>Heaviest game fish weighed in local waters excluding billfish & sharks</i>



CARL GEORGEFF TROPHY	<i>Most species tagged and released in local waters</i>
BASIL DOWNS TROPHY	<i>Angler with highest aggregate points score tag & release marlin in local waters</i>
IVAN QUARTERMAINE TROPHY	<i>Angler with highest number of fish tagged and released in local waters</i>
MAHER FAMILY TROPHY	<i>Highest point scoring mackerel weighed in local waters</i>
MICHAEL OFFICER TROPHY	<i>Team trophy for the first marlin tagged and released on a Club registered boat, by a Club angler, in LOCAL waters</i>
MARLIN CUP	<i>Billfish event only run over two days. Trophy goes to boat with highest points</i>
NEIL PATRICK TROPHY	<i>Angler tagging and releasing the most marlin exceeding line class worldwide excluding local waters</i>
IAN McCARTHY TROPHY	<i>Angler with the first broadbill tagged & released or weighed to go line class in LOCAL waters</i>
LINE CLASS LOCAL WATERS	<i>Heaviest fish weighed in each line class in local waters including billfish & sharks</i>
CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR	<i>Non-committee member recognized for outstanding contribution to the Club during the course of the year</i>
OUTSIDE LOCAL WATERS	
OLW CLUB TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT	<i>Boat gaining highest points - outside local waters</i>
OLW CLUB TROPHY – CHAMPION MALE	<i>Male angler gaining highest points - outside local waters</i>
OLW CLUB TROPHY – CHAMPION FEMALE	<i>Female angler gaining highest points - outside local waters</i>
OLW CLUB TROPHY – CHAMPION JUNIOR / SMALL-FRY	<i>Junior / Small-Fry angler gaining highest points - outside local waters</i>
CLUB TROPHY - MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE OUTSIDE LOCAL WATERS	<i>Highest point scoring fish weighed - outside local waters including billfish & sharks</i>
CLUB TROPHY - LARGEST GAME FISH WEIGHED OUTSIDE LOCAL WATERS	<i>Largest game fish weighed outside local waters excluding billfish & sharks</i>
CLUB TROPHY - MOST SPECIES TAGGED & RELEASED OUTSIDE LOCAL WATERS	<i>Most species tagged & released - outside local waters</i>



CLUB TROPHY - MOST GAME FISH TAGGED OUTSIDE LOCAL WATERS	<i>Angler with the highest number of game fish tagged & released - outside local waters</i>
CLUB TROPHY - HIGHEST POINT SCORING MACKEREL WEIGHED OUTSIDE LOCAL WATERS	<i>Highest point scoring mackerel weighed outside local waters</i>
LINE CLASSES OUTSIDE LOCAL WATERS	<i>Heaviest fish weighed in each line class outside local waters including billfish & sharks</i>

18 Patron of the Club

It will be the Club's Committees' responsibility to seek out a suitable candidate to fill the role of the Patron of the Club. The candidate must not have a criminal record or be involved in any court proceedings.

The patron becomes the ambassador for the Club – and by extension an ambassador in the community helping to promote the Club ideals, events and wider goals of game fishing in general.

The patron is a person who formally agrees to lend their name as a way of providing credibility and support for your Club.

They can be a full member of Club but do not play a formal role in its operations. Instead, they consent to the use of their name on your letterhead, in correspondence and for fundraising purposes. They will also be invited to attend selected events and be visible in the community supporting the Club.