

MT MAUNGANUI SPORT FISHING CLUB INC.  
FISHING RULES FOR TROPHIES/COMPETITIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_ Revised and up-dated June 2013

(Changes are in BOLD)

1. The fishing season is from 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 30<sup>th</sup> June the following year.
2. Any person submitting a fish for weighing that is eligible for any Club Trophy or competition must be a financial member of the MMSFC. Existing club members are deemed financial up to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> July of the new season. Members of clubs affiliated to NZSFC being eligible for competition prizes only.
3. DAY MEMBERSHIP: Day members have the rights of full members for that day, other than the right to qualify for individual Angler Trophies. Day member's catches qualify for the two TOP BOAT competitions. Day member catches qualify for Club Records and pins.
4. **SMALL FRY & JUNIOR ANGLERS: Small fry anglers are aged 10 and under. Junior anglers are aged 11 to 16 years. Where a small fry or junior has a birthday during the fishing season that moves them up to the next membership category, then all points accumulated shall remain with the membership status that the angler fished and recorded the points under. A new tally of points will begin from the commencement of the change of membership category.**
5. All fish weighed must be caught on rod and reel only. The use of nets, set lines, hand lines, Kontiki kites, droppers etc is not permitted. Power driven reels of any kind are prohibited. This includes motor, hydraulic, or electrically driven reels, and any device which gives the angler an unfair advantage.
6. All fish for weighing MUST be presented to the Weighmaster by the angler in person.
7. All fish must be presented to the Weighmaster complete.
  - (a) Fish that are rotten, gutted or in any way mutilated will be disqualified.
  - (b) Frozen fish may be weighed for Club Trophies and Pins ONLY. Frozen fish weighed do not qualify for club competitions.
  - (c) **Correctly iki'd fish are allowed.**
8. Tackle must be presented to the Weighmaster on request.
9. All fish must be weighed as soon as practicable after capture or at specified weigh in times in the case of any competition. The condition factor of the fish is at the Weigh Masters sole discretion.
10. Weighmaster can at his/her sole discretion gut or cut open any fish for inspection or identification purposes.
11. The angler and crew must assist, if required, the Weighmaster in the measurement of gear and the weighing of fish.
12. A fish is deemed caught when weighed by the Weighmaster.
13. Pin and Game fish species must be caught in accordance with IGFA, NZSFC and CLUB rules, Regulations and By Laws. All fish must be caught and disposed of in accordance with the current Ministry of Fisheries Rules, Regulations and By Laws.
14. Any fish weighed by MMSFC (or courtesy weighed by an affiliated club in NZ) must at all times be handled and dealt with in accordance with these rules, and NZSFC, IGFA, and MOF rules and By Laws. If there is any contravention then any award may be refused or cancelled. Any trophy, prize or pin must then be returned to the Club.
15. Tag & Release - Completed tag return certificates must be delivered to the Club Secretary within 14 days of release. (This includes any courtesy tag and releases). A photograph/video and/or witness from another boat clearly showing the tag in the fish must accompany all tag certificates for Billfish. The responsibility is that of the individual angler.
16. Minimum weights:
  - Billfish - (Striped, Blue and Black Marlin) Min 90kg
  - Broadbill – must exceed line weight Kingfish – minimum of 1 m in length
  - Sharks - (All Sharks) light tackle (10kg and under) Min 40kg. Heavy tackle (over 10kg) Min 90kg. Club records, regardless of weight will be accepted for Billfish and Sharks; however they are not eligible for pins, points or trophies.
  - Snapper – With the exception of **small fry and juniors** a 1kg Min applies unless otherwise stated for a particular competition. There are no minimum weights on any other species unless otherwise stated for a particular competition.
17. Courtesy weighs will be accepted from any Club affiliated to the NZSFC. However if a MMSFC member is fishing another club's competition outside of Chart 54, they fish by their rules, and no courtesy weighs will be accepted by this club for fish caught in another club's competition (outside of Chart 54) unless you choose to weigh the fish for MMSFC and forego any competition prizes. Correctly completed weigh sheet to Club Secretary within 14 days. The responsibility is that of the individual angler.
- 17a. Courtesy weighs will be accepted for all fish weighed inside Chart 54. (This includes fish weighed during other NZSFC affiliated clubs competitions within Chart 54.) Correctly completed weigh sheets to Club Secretary within 14 days. The responsibility is that of the individual angler.
18. PINS: Pins will be divided into ultra light tackle (1, 2, 3 and 4kg) light tackle (6, 8, and 10kg) and heavy tackle (15, 24, 37 and 60kg) sections and will be awarded in categories of men's, ladies, juniors and small fry. Pins will be awarded in each section for the first fish caught in the pinfish species list (see minimum weights or length requirements) Pins will be awarded for each subsequent fish caught that beats the previous pinfish weighed in that section for that season. In the event of two fish weighing the same weight the first fish weighed will be classed as pinfish. No angler on any one-day may be awarded more than 1 pin for one species per section.
- 18a. Minimum weights for pinfish – Trevally, Snapper, Kahawai, Skipjack Tuna, Albacore Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Bigeye Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Broadbill, Wreck Fish (giant sea bass) all must equal or exceed line weight.
  - Striped Marlin, Blue Marlin and Black Marlin minimum of 90kg.
  - Sharks – (all sharks) Ultra light tackle and light tackle sections (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10kg) Shark must be minimum of 40kg. Heavy tackle section (15, 24, 37 and 60kg) Shark must be minimum of 90kg.
  - Shortbilled Spearfish. Wahoo and Sailfish, minimum of 10kg.
  - Mahi Mahi minimum of 4kg.
  - Kingfish 1m minimum in length and must equal or exceed line weight.
19. Record fish – It is the responsibility of the angler to be aware of any potential NZ or World records their fish may be eligible for, they must notify the Weighmaster of their intention to claim any NZ or World record. It is then the responsibility of the Weighmaster or another committee member to record and process the claim. A listing of current records will be held at the weigh station.
20. Any fish weighed for the MMSFC that has been previously weighed for another Club or any other competition will be disqualified.
21. DRAWING CONTEST PRIZES: When contest prizes are unclaimed through lack of eligible fish then they will be drawn amongst participating anglers at Prize Giving. Angler must be present to claim any drawn prize. (NB note sponsors approval).
22. For safety reasons we recommend a minimum of two people fishing from one boat.
23. Certificates will now be issued for all catches that break an existing club record, in the men's, ladies, junior and small fry categories. No angler on any one-day will be awarded more than 1 club record per species per line weight.
24. The Committee shall have the right to alter, delete or add to these rules, as it may deem necessary prior to the new fishing season.