



TOURNAMENT RULES

OF

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ANGLING ASSOCIATION
(SADSAA)**

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SADSAA TOURNAMENT RULES

These Rules will apply to all Internationals, National, Inter-Provincials and the All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments run under the authority and auspices of the South African Deep Sea Angling Association.

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- 1.1. To properly elevate deep sea angling to its rightful place among the other participating sports. It is the intent to fish only the best Anglers and Skippers/Boat Captains (hereinafter referred to as Skippers) under regulations which will prove the winning team to be the best in the Tournament.
- 1.2. These fishing rules have been evolved internationally so that in their observance, every fish and angler should have a sporting chance. Captures in which the fish has not fought, or in which the fish has not had the chance to fight, except on the gaff, rope or in the boat, are not caught with the intent of these rules and do not reflect credit on the fish or the fisherman. Only fish caught in accordance with the IGFA angling rules (with additions as stated in these rules) within the intent of these rules will qualify.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 Teams will consist of three (3) Provincial anglers, or more if decided upon by the National Council and the number of National Anglers per team is determined by the Council of SADSAA. A non-travelling reserve may be selected in terms of the conditions specified in Rules 2.2, 2.3 or 2.4 below but shall not gain his/her Provincial or National colours unless he/she actually proceeds to the sea and fishes in the Tournament as a replacement for one of his/her team members.
- 2.2 Should it be necessary for the reserve angler to replace one of his/her own team members for whatever reason, the change in the team will only be permitted prior to the commencement of the Tournament, i.e. no change to the team will be allowed for the duration of the Tournament once the fishing in the Tournament has commenced.
- 2.3 Should the reserve angler wish to accompany his/her team to the Tournament venue, he/she shall not do so without the explicit prior written consent of the host Province.
- 2.4 Where the host Province has given written consent to the reserve angler accompanying his/her team to the Tournament venue, the host Province will have the full right to hold the Province and team concerned responsible for all additional costs incurred in accommodating such a reserve angler for the duration of the Tournament.
- 2.5 In the case of International Tournaments, teams will consist of SADSAA registered deep sea anglers who have been selected on merit by the Selection Committee of SADSAA.
- 2.6 In the case of Senior National Tournaments, teams will consist of SADSAA registered deep sea anglers who have been selected on merit by their member Provincial Associations. Also included in Senior Nationals shall be one senior SADSAA team, one SADSAA Masters team. The SADSAA teams will be selected on merit by the Selection Committee of SADSAA. A U/19 SADSAA teams will be chosen on merit by the Selection Committee of SADSAA for the Gamefish and Bottomfish Nationals only.

- 2.7 In the case of other Inter-Provincial, All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments, teams will consist of SADSAA registered deep sea anglers who have been selected on merit by their Provincial Associations and any invited teams which have the prior approval of the council of SADSAA.
- 2.8 Barbarian teams will also be allowed to compete in National, Inter-Provincial and the All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments but only with the express blessing of the hosting Province and only if the hosting Province can accommodate them.
- 2.9 U/16 Juniors, for the purpose of Tournaments only, shall be deep sea anglers who have not yet attained 16 years of age at the commencement date of the Tournament.
- 2.10 U/19 Juniors shall be deep sea anglers who have not yet attained 19 years of age at the commencement date of the Tournament.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Official registration must be completed with the registration officer of the Tournament by not later than the date and time laid down by the host Province, which shall not be later than the commencement of the Tournament.

4. FORMAL RECEPTIONS

- 4.1 Attendance of all competitors is compulsory.
- 4.2 All participants will be correctly dressed in their step-out uniforms or alternate smart casual attire as determined and prescribed by the hosts in their written invitation.
- 4.3 Spouses, life partners, companions and or friends shall not accompany a Protea or a SADSAA team member for the duration of an International or National tournament hosted locally or abroad. Certain circumstances might however warrant a deviation from this resolution with regards to National Tournaments, and the Action Committee of SADSAA may authorise a deviation from this rule on receipt of prior written request.

5. BRIEFING AND BOAT DRAW

- 5.1 Boats will be drawn at an official boat draw ceremony and rotated daily. Under no circumstances will random allocation of boats be permitted, other than provided for in rule 6.1.
- 5.2 The only own boat Tournaments are the Heavy Tackle and Light Tackle Billfish Nationals and the Sailfish Inter-Provincial.
- 5.3 There will be no discussion and/or deviation from any of these SADSAA rules.
- 5.4 Attendance of all competitors at the Briefing and Boat Draw is compulsory.
- 5.5 All participants will be correctly dressed in their step-out uniforms or alternate smart casual attire as determined and prescribed by the hosts in their written invitation.

6. BOATS AND SKIPPERS

- 6.1. Boats and Skippers will be provided by the host Province in all Tournaments other than the light and heavy tackle Billfish Nationals, where each Province is required to supply their own boat and Skipper. If a Province is unable to supply a boat and Skipper, they may request the host Province to assist.
- 6.2. Only boats that hold a current valid Sea Worthy Certificate (COF) for that year may be used in the Tournament.
- 6.3. Only Skippers considered being competent by the host Province will take part in the Tournament and they should hold a recognised valid Skippers ticket (COC).
- 6.4. Each boat will carry only one Skipper and one angling team. No guests are permitted on any Tournament boat with the exception of National Selectors and a crew member for the juniors if so required and arranged by the host Province.
- 6.5. Bottom Fish Nationals boats may have an additional crew member (gillie) on the boat only if it is stipulated by the host province and if such provision was made for him or her. Such a person will be bound by all the same rules that the skippers are.
- 6.6. A second crew member may be permitted for the Heavy and Light Tackle Billfish Tournament where the host Province deems it necessary, but he/she will be bound by the same rules as applicable to the Skipper in Rule 6.6
- 6.7. The Skipper of the boat will be bound by IGFA Rules **except** that he may not assist the competitors in the making up of terminal tackle or the rigging of baits whilst at sea. Either the Skipper or the second crew member may also assist with the gaffing of fish, but only when expressly requested to do so by the captain of the team. Only one person, either Skipper or second crew member, may assist at any one time.
- 6.8. In International Tournaments only, the rigging of baits, by the Skipper or his second crew member, is allowed after approval of the National Council and if the tournament rules for that particular competition allow for it.

7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. For all Internationals, National Championships and Inter-Provincials, but excluding the Billfish Tournaments, the host Province shall restrict the Tournament to two line classes only.
- 7.2. Heavier breaking strain line other than the prescribed line classes is permitted on the boat for the exclusive purpose of towing teasers or utilisation for leaders and traces.
- 7.3. Any team member using line with a heavier breaking strain than the line class of the Tournament will result in his entire teams catch being disqualified for that day. This excludes the line when used as described and covered under 7.2 above or 7.4 below.
- 7.4. The IGFA weakest link rule will apply – described below:
 - 7.4.1 Monofilament, multifilament, and lead core multifilament lines may be used.

- 7.4.2 Wire lines are prohibited.
- 7.4.3 Backing is permitted.
- 7.4.4 The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first 5 meters (16.5 feet) of line directly preceding the double line, leader, or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line and may not exceed 60 kilogram (130 pound) line class.
- 7.5. All tackle and gaffs shall conform to IGFA Rules (with additions as stated in these rules) as it applies to the line class used.
- 7.6. SADSAA will not issue any line to anglers for tournament as in the past.
- 7.7. No Braid line may be used as the “weak link” itself, but may be used before the weak link as backing, as long as it does not exceed 80lbs (37 kg).
- 7.8. Spooning and “Drop Shot” fishing is permissible whilst deep jigging is not allowed.
- 7.9. The use of off-set circle hooks is not allowed.
- 7.10. Only non-offset circle hooks may be used for all natural and live baits whilst fishing the Heavy Tackle, Light Tackle, Tuna, Game Fish and Bottom Fish Tournaments.
- 7.11. The use of a strip bait on a double or single hook arrangement, with or without a lure, as fully described in the IGFA rules is allowed during the Heavy Tackle Tournaments.
- 7.12. A strip bait in a Kona is permissible as per IGFA rules.
- 7.13. Anglers are warned that should they use the minimum length of line as specified in the “weak link” IGFA rule, there will not be sufficient line for testing for various records (Club, Provincial, National, All Africa and World) It is advised that a minimum of 15 meters be used.

8. TYPE AND CLASS OF FISHING

- 8.1. **HEAVY TACKLE AND LIGHT TACKLE BILLFISH INTERNATIONALS, NATIONALS & INTER-PROVINCIALS:**
 - 8.1.1 Only fish of the Billfish species as listed by SADSAA in the points scoring section of these rules will count.
 - 8.1.2 In the case of Internationals where the International is held for a specific species of Billfish, then any one of the Billfish species will be permitted but shall be restricted to the single selected species only, e.g. in a Sailfish International only sailfish will be allowed.
 - 8.1.3 In the case of Nationals and Inter-Provincials, all of the Billfish species will be permitted but the host Province may restrict the Tournament to a specific species or certain species only if they see the necessity for it.
 - 8.1.4 IGFA rules and SADSAA point scoring system will apply.

- 8.1.5 All Billfish Tournaments are to be a Full Release Tournament.
- 8.1.6 The new Billfish scoring system will apply as per scoring method and table below.
- 8.1.7 The skipper remains SADSAA's referee to ensure the adherence of these rules.

8.2. **TUNA INTERNATIONALS, NATIONALS & INTER-PROVINCIALS:**

- 8.2.1 Only the fish species listed by SADSAA in their book of "Record Requirements and Regulations for fish caught from a Craft at Sea" under the heading of "II. TUNA" will be permitted.
- 8.2.2 The host Province may nominate one line class for the Tournament
- 8.2.3 The minimum weight to weigh will not be lighter than the line-class used.
- 8.2.4 The first 10 fish killed, or any modified bag limit that may be introduced, as long as it is in accordance with the Legislation and Bag Limits of MCM, will be the fish presented to the scales by any angler at the end of the days angling (in other words an angler cannot kill small fish and then select his 10 at the end of the day).
- 8.2.5 Whilst there will be NO points for release, the amount of releases and fish taken by predators must be recorded by the team and verified by the Skipper.
- 8.2.6 In the case of an Inter-Provincial, the host province may restrict the Tournament to a specific species or certain species only.
- 8.2.7 When an International Tournament is held for a specific species of Tuna then only that species is permitted e.g. in the World Albacore Championships then only the Albacore will be allowed.
- 8.2.8 The IGFA weakest link rule will apply.
- 8.2.9 Only non-offset circle hooks may be used.
- 8.2.10 The swapping and passing (i.e.: if one team member has caught his quota and is fishing for the other members and the fish are weighed in.) of fish amongst the team members is strictly prohibited. Any team found guilty of this will have their catch disqualified for that day.
- 8.2.11 The caught fish remains the property of the angler and he may dispose of them as he sees fit, but under NO circumstance may **any** fish be sold.
- 8.2.12 The Skipper remains SADSAA's referee to ensure the adherence of these rules.

8.3 **GAMEFISH INTERNATIONALS, NATIONALS & INTER-PROVINCIALS**

- 8.3.1 The host Province may nominate a maximum of two line classes for the Tournament.

- 8.3.2 The host Province may at their discretion rule the tournament as a species multiplying tournament.
- 8.3.3 IGFA rules will apply.
- 8.3.4 The IGFA weakest link rule will apply.
- 8.3.5 Spooning and “Drop Shot” fishing is **Legal**, whilst “Jigging” remains **Illegal**.
- 8.3.6 Only non-offset circle hooks may be used.
- 8.3.7 The swapping and passing (i.e.: if one team member has caught his quota and is fishing for the other members and the fish are weighed in.) of fish amongst the team members is strictly prohibited. Any team found guilty of this will have their catch disqualified for the day.
- 8.3.8 The first 10 fish killed, or any modified bag limit that may be introduced, as long as it is in accordance with the Legislation and Bag Limits of MCM will be the fish presented to the scales by an angler at the end of the days angling (in other words, an angler cannot kill small fish and then select his 10 at the end of the day).
- 8.3.9 Whilst there will be NO points for release, the amount of releases and fish taken by predators must be recorded by the team and verified by the Skipper.
- 8.3.10 The caught fish remains the property of the angler, he may dispose of them as he sees fit, BUT under **NO** circumstance may any fish be sold.
- 8.3.11 The Skipper remains SADSAA’s referee to ensure the adherence to these rules.

8.4 **BOTTOMFISH NATIONALS & INTERPROVINCIALS**

- 8.4.1 These rules take cognisance of the present legislation with regard to fish caught and bag limits and may have to be modified should the law change.
- 8.4.2 The host Province may nominate maximum of two line classes for the Tournament.
- 8.4.3 The target species, minimum weights, lengths etc., will be issued by the host Province taking cognisance of their particular area and National regulations
- 8.4.4 The first fish killed, up to the bag limit, by any angler will be the fish presented to the scales at the end of the days angling (in other words an angler cannot kill small fish and then select his fish at the end of the day).
- 8.4.5 One single hook only may be used.
- 8.4.6 No off-set circle hooks may be used
- 8.4.7 The swapping and passing (i.e.: if one team member has caught his quota and is fishing for his other members and the fish are weighed in) of fish amongst the

team members are strictly prohibited. Any team found guilty of this will have their catch disqualified for the day.

- 8.4.8 It is up to the host Province to decide whether an additional crew member (gillie) will be allowed on the boat to assist, however he or she will be bound by the same rules as what the skippers are.

8.5 SPECIES SCORING

(This is applicable to Bottomfish and Gamefish Tournaments ONLY):

- 8.5.1 If the team catches only one or two species, the team score the full normal SADSAA points
- 8.5.2 If the team catch three species, the team score the full normal SADSAA points x2.
- 8.5.3 If the team catch four species, the team score the full normal SADSAA points x3, etc.....
- 8.5.4 The reverse hook method may be used and a special rig kept on the boat for this release method which can be carried out by Skipper.
- 8.5.5 If a Sailfish or Marlin or Shortbill Spearfish is caught in Gamefish Tournaments, they will not score any points but will count as specie for multiplication purposes (No weight but a multiplier only).
- 8.5.6 The specie Green Jobfish (Kaakaap), whilst being a Gamefish in terms of these rules, is excluded as a weighable fish at Sodwana, Cape Vidal, Mapelane & St. Lucia (In the Isimangaliso Greater Wetland Park).
- 8.5.7 Cape Yellowtail and ALL the Amberjack species (Seriola species) can be classified as both Game Fish and Bottom Fish species in a tournament. It is up to the hosting Province to make the ruling on them.
- 8.5.8 The Skipper remains SADSAA's referee to ensure the adherence to these rules.

8.6 INTER-PROVINCIALS OTHER THAN THOSE COVERED ABOVE:

- 8.6.1 These may structured in any form and may be divided into both the Game-fish and Bottom-fish sections over the period of the Tournament, but invitations and rules must spell the details out very clearly and should the Tournament cater for both the Game-fish and Bottom-fish species, then the two sections must be fished independently and scores tallied separately.
- 8.6.2 In terms of Game-fish Tournaments the host Province may specify all or any of the Game-fish species as defined in 8.3 above
- 8.6.3 In terms of Bottom-fish Tournaments, the host Province may specify all or any of the fish species as defined in 8.4 above.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 There will be no more than two (2) lines per angler in the water at any one time
- 9.2 Boat Skippers, supplied by the host Province, will at all times act as referees and report any transgressions of the rules to the organisers.
- 9.3 For all Internationals, Nationals and single category Inter-Provincials, the points scoring will be based on the National Point Scoring System applicable to the respective line class allowed in the Tournament.
- 9.4 The team scoring the highest number of points shall be the winner
- 9.4.1 In the case of Tournaments held in terms of Rule 8.5 above (both game-fish and bottom-fish) then scores using the National System as defined in Rule 9.3 above will be applied to each section independently and the team with the highest number of points in each of the two sections will be the winner of the respective section.
- 9.5 Weighing will be to the nearest completed 0.1kg (1/10th of a kg).
- 9.6 There will be an extra 5 points for a caught and released fish on a circle hook in the Light Tackle Billfish Tournament.
- 9.7 In the event of a tie, the team with the lesser number of individual qualifying fish will win.
- 9.7.1 The new SADSAA Billfish scoring system will apply in the Billfish Tournaments.
- 9.7.2 The recognised International “First Last Fish” rule will be the tie break for Billfish Tournaments where an equal number of releases by different teams have been made.
- 9.8 The results of the Tournament will be decided over the actual number of days fished.
- 9.9 The Skippers positions over the Tournament will be determined by the host Province using a method which is totally fair and acceptable to all Skippers participating in the Tournament.

10. TOURNAMENT ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

- 10.1 There shall be a Tournaments Adjudicating Committee consisting of at least three but not exceeding five persons who shall be appointed by the host Province and whose names shall be published before the commencement of the Tournament.
- 10.2 At the National Tournaments, two of the National Selectors attending as observers shall be included in the maximum of five persons appointed to the Tournaments Adjudicating Committee.

11. MINIMUM SIZES AND LEGAL BAG LIMITS

11.1 Minimum sizes will be the legal **Legislated** sizes for the species prescribed by MCM but shall not be less than the following:

- 11.1.1 All Bottom-fish species - 2 Kg
(Except where the host Province has indicated that a certain species weight will be less but the fish will not be shorter than the Legislated legal length prescribed by MCM)
- 11.1.2 All Game-fish species - 4 Kg.
(Except where the host Province has indicated that a certain species weight will be less but the fish will not be shorter than the Legislated legal length prescribed by MCM)
- 11.1.3 All Tuna species - 5 Kg.
- 11.1.4 All Marlin species - Release Only
- 11.1.5 All Sailfish species - Release Only
- 11.1.6 All Spearfish species - Release Only

Host provinces may **increase** the minimum size to suite their conditions and/or species. But they may not be less than Rule 11.1 above.

11.2 No angler shall, on any day, catch or be in possession on any boat, of more than the maximum number of fish permitted by current legislation applicable to fish species and total bag limits.

12. FULL RELEASE

- 12.1. All Sailfish, Marlin species and Short Bill Spear Fish will be released.
- 12.2. For the fish to qualify for release points, the swivel or, in the case where no swivel is used, the leader knot must touch the rod tip. Points will be scored irrespective of subsequent occurring events after the qualification has been met, unless the fish is not released in a humane manner, which must be verified by the skipper of the boat, whom is acting as SADSAA's referee.
- 12.3. When releasing the fish, every humane effort shall be made to remove the hook from the fish or the leader is to be cut approximately one metre or less from the hook if safe to do so. The jerking of the leader to part the line or to dislodge the hook is not permitted and any action of this nature will result in the fish being disqualified.
- 12.4. Where there is no independent boat Skipper, digital camera evidence or cellular phone footage of the tip including footage of the billfish and release and/or tag and release will be acceptable as long as the date and time appear on such digital photographs.
- 12.5. Teams may tag a fish for ORI's record purposes but no extra points will be allocated for such a release.

13. BAIT

- 13.1. The host will provide bait equally to all teams, this is only applicable to the following Nationals and Inter- Provincials:
 - 13.1.1 Bottomfish Tournaments
 - 13.1.2 Gamefish Tournaments
 - 13.1.3 Tuna Tournaments
- 13.2. No other bait, other than bait caught at sea on the day may be used.
- 13.3. The decision as to whether bait can be carried over will be made by the host Province
- 13.4. It is **Legal** for Heavy Tackle anglers to fish with strip baits in their Kona's
- 13.5. It is **Legal** for the use of strip bait on a double or single hook arrangement, with or without a lure, as fully described in the IGFA rules whilst competing in the Heavy Tackle Tournament.
- 13.6. **Only** non-offset circle hooks are to be used for all natural and live baits in the Bottomfish, Gamefish, Light Tackle, Heavy Tackle and Tuna Tournaments.

14. FISHING TIMES

- 14.1. Fishing times will be as decided by the host Province.
- 14.2. All fish must be hooked by the "Lines Up" time and teams which report by radio, before lines-up time, the fact that a fish is hooked but not yet boated, will be allowed extra time of maximum of 1 (one) hour for all Tournaments other than Heavy and Light Tackle Tournaments where an extra 2 (two) hours will be allowed. Any fish hooked by an angler after "Lines-Up" will be disqualified.
- 14.3. Fishing hours may be adjusted during the Tournament by the organisers if they deem it necessary for the purpose of safety. Should the organisers wish to extend fishing hours beyond the published times, for whatever reason, then all teams must be informed accordingly with a correct amount of not less than two hours' notice given.
- 14.4. All teams must report to the scales for weigh-in by not later than the time specified by the organisers, unless the organising committee decide, for reasons of breakdown or rendering assistance to a distress call, to extend the weigh-in time. The decisions of the adjudicating committee will be final.
- 14.5. Should the decision be taken to call the Tournament to a halt by on-sea or land based Safety Committee, then all boats will immediately proceed to their base. Any boats fighting fish will immediately cut the line and proceed to base.
- 14.6. If the Tournament is called off due to a weather or a safety call then no boats taking part in that tournament will be allowed to proceed to sea on their own accord, or if the tournament is called off whilst at sea then no boats participating in the tournament will be allowed to stay out at sea and carry on fishing.

14.7. **BREAKDOWN OF TOURNAMENT BOATS**

- 14.7.1. Should any craft break down during the Tournament this must be reported by radio to the Adjudicating Committee immediately
- 14.7.2. Lost fishing time will not be made up but the Adjudicating Committee will endeavour to replace or repair the broken down craft as soon as possible.

15. **WEIGH-IN AND JUDGING**

- 15.1. Only one Official Scale shall be used and supplied by the host Province.
 - 15.1.1. The Official Scale shall have been certified for accuracy not more than twelve (12) months prior to the Tournament and the relevant Agent's Certificate of Accuracy shall be available for inspection from the Adjudicating Committee if requested.
- 15.2. All fish submitted for official weighing shall be weighed and judged only by the official Weigh-Master and his decision in all respects is final and binding.
- 15.3. Each team's catch shall be recorded on a catch record form furnished by the host Province. This form must be signed by the team captain, Skipper and Weigh-master at the Weigh-in.
- 15.4. The angler shall be required to exhibit the bait (lures), rod, reel and any relevant tackle with which the fish was caught, to the Weigh-master, if the Weigh-master so deems it necessary.
- 15.5. The Adjudicating Committee may investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the Tournament as they deem necessary.
- 15.6. Any protest, concerning the validity of any catch, shall be filed in writing accompanied by a R1000-00 fee, signed by the protesting team and delivered to the Tournament Adjudicating Committee within one hour of the close of Weigh-in on the day in question.
 - 15.6.1. The decision of the majority of the Adjudicating Committee shall be final.
 - 15.6.2. If the objection is upheld, the protest fee will be returned; if set aside, then the protest fee will be retained by the organising Tournament Committee and utilised as they deem fit.
- 15.7. All fish weighed by the respective teams need to be removed only once the weigh sheets have been signed by all relevant parties.
- 15.8. All fish weighed by an angler remains the property of that angler.

16. **PRIZE GIVING FUNCTION**

- 16.1. There shall be a Prize Giving function.
- 16.2. Attendance of all competitors is compulsory.

- 16.3. The President of SADSAA, or a person nominated by him, will officiate for the purpose of awarding prizes at all Internationals, National, Inter-Provincial, All Coastal and All Inland Tournament prize giving functions.
- 16.4. All participants will be correctly dressed in their step-out uniforms or alternate smart casual attire as determined and prescribed by the hosts in their written invitation.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes shall be in the form of medals and/or trophies only and shall consist of the following minimum number of awards per Tournament.
- 17.1.1. Winning Team - Gold Medal
- 17.1.2. Second Place Team - Silver Medal
- 17.1.3. Third Place Team - Bronze Medal
- 17.1.4. 1st Place Skipper - Gold Medal
- 17.1.5. 2nd Place Skipper - Silver Medal
- 17.1.6. 3rd Place Skipper - Bronze Medal
- 17.2. All Teams (including Barbarian teams) participating in a National Tournament or Inter-Provincial Tournament shall qualify for the award of the prizes in that tournament.
- 17.3. Awards in the form of medals for all International, National, Inter-Provincial, All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments, as detailed above, will be supplied by SADSAA at the expense of SADSAA, but where the host Province wishes to make additional awards, these may be purchased from SADSAA at the expense of the host.

18. GENERAL

18.1. COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1.1. All radio communications between Tournament boats and between the organisers and Tournament boats will be initiated by a call up on VHF Marine Channel 16 only, unless otherwise instructed by the organisers.
- 18.1.2. Cellular telephone communication, wherein any matter related to the Tournament, other than weather conditions, is discussed, is strictly prohibited.

18.2. SKIPPERS

- 18.2.1. Skippers will adhere to rules, radio reporting times and procedures as laid down by the organisers.
- 18.2.2. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed or be allowed on the Tournament Boats during the Tournament while at sea

18.3. COMPETITORS

- 18.3.1. INFRACTION: Any person, including Skippers, guilty of infraction of the rules may be disqualified from participating further in the Tournament and all future Tournaments sanctioned by SADSAA.
- 18.3.2. The latest IGFA Rules will apply to all Tournaments and the onus will be on participants to keep themselves informed of the latest rules and amendments.

18.4. NATIONAL SELECTORS

- 18.4.1. At every National Championship Tournament the host Province shall provide within their budget the cost of travel, accommodation and function expenses for at least two National Selectors to attend the Tournament as observers.
- 18.4.2. The National Selectors attending the National Championships shall accompany teams of their choice to sea daily, as observers.
- 18.4.3. The National Selectors shall not assist or advise the participating teams in any way whatsoever.

18.5. RECORDS:

- 18.5.1. The organisers will have available the latest Provincial, South African, All African and World Record lists.
- 18.5.2. The onus for record claims remains with the individual angler.
- 18.5.3. The organisers must at all times retain a copy of the weigh sheet for any potential record claims and must have available a copy of the current Calibration Certificate of Accuracy for the scale being used at the Tournament.
- 18.5.4. The host Province of the Tournament must ensure that they have the necessary documentation for claiming a potential record, and assist the angler in obtaining the correct signatures needed on the forms.
- 18.5.5. The onus is on the angler to submit the forms for a record purpose via his/her Provincial Records Officer.

18.6. All anglers will, prior to the commencement of the Tournament, sign an indemnity form, which indemnifies the host Province, SADSAA, the sponsors and any person involved in the Tournament or the organisation thereof. In the case of minors, the indemnity form will be signed by the parents or legal guardian.

18.7. Each Province **must** supply a Provincial flag/banner to be flown during the Tournament.

18.8. Invitations must be sent out by Email, by the host Province at least sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the Tournament and shall set out clearly all of the pertinent details regarding line classes, fish species, accommodation, costs, etc.

- 18.9. Acceptances/non participation to the invitation must be returned by Email, no later than the final date specified by the invitee.
- 18.10. The Entry Fee shall be in line with the budget as approved at the time of the acceptance of the host Province's tender to the National Council at the SADSAA's AGM.
- 18.11. National Championships for the five different disciplines will be held in South African waters but Inter-Provincials may be fished anywhere, worldwide.
- 18.12. National Tournaments will be held for the duration of five days (weather permitting) and Inter-Provincial, All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments can be as long as the host Province decides prior to issuing invitations.
- 18.13. The hosts for the National Tournament each year will be decided at the Annual General meeting once all the tenders have been seen and decided upon.

19. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOST PROVINCE

- 19.1. Host Provinces are to arrange for Netcare 911/ NSRI or any SADSAA approved medical services for all National and Inter-Provincial Tournaments held at places far from hospitals i.e. Sodwana, Cape Vidal, St Lucia and Mapelane. The cost for these services will be for the account of the tournament organiser.
- 19.2. Any photographs, a detailed team score sheet, individual score sheet and skippers score sheet is to be forwarded to the SADSAA PRO at the end of each day of the tournament.
- 19.3. At all SADSAA affiliated tournaments, catch returns of all fish caught, released or taken by sharks are to be e-mailed to the Environmental Officer not later than 30 days after the Tournament.
- 19.4. A detailed income and expenditure account signed by the Provincial Chairman shall be submitted to the SADSAA Tournament Officer not later than 30 days after the Tournament.
- 19.5. A detailed schedule of the results and all correspondence with the sponsors, together with any brochures and a collection of photographs taken at the Tournament, shall be submitted to the SADSAA Tournament Officer and the SADSAA PRO within 60 days after each of the five National Tournaments.

20. SADSAA POINT SCORING SYSTEM

20.1 METHOD OF CALCULATION – BOTTOMFISH, GAMEFISH & TUNA

The points for each individual fish will be calculated as follows:

- The individual fish weight in kilograms divided by the line strength in kilograms
- The result is then squared and then multiplied by **32**
- This result is then multiplied by the applicable Fish Species Factor (FSF) – see below
- The combined sum of all the fish caught is then multiplied by the number of species caught less 1 – i.e. 1 species, multiply by 1, 2 species, multiply by 1, 3 species, multiply by 2, 4 species, multiply by 3 etc.

- Since **ALL** Tuna are classed as a single species, there shall be no variety of specie multiplier

EXAMPLE: A **33.8kg** Yellowfin Tuna caught on **10kg** Line Class

1. **33.8kg** divided by **10kg** Line Class = **3.38**
2. **3.38** squared = **11.42** which is then multiplied by **32** = **365.58**
3. **FSF** for YF Tuna = **1** so **365.58** multiplied by **1** = **365.58points**

20.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION – HEAVY & LIGHT TACKLE BILLFISH

STRAIGHT RELEASE POINTS

Spearfish	100 Points.
Sailfish	100 Points.
Marlin	220 Points.

BONUS POINTS - MULTIPLE RELEASE BONUS POINTS

Spearfish

Team's 1st Release in the tournament:	Straight Points Only
Team's 2nd Release in the tournament:	20 Bonus Points
Team's 3rd Release in the tournament:	40 Bonus Points
Team's 4th Release in the tournament:	60 Bonus Points
Team's 5th Release in the tournament:	80 Bonus Points

Sailfish

Team's 1st Release in the tournament:	Straight Points Only
Team's 2nd Release in the tournament:	20 Bonus Points
Team's 3rd Release in the tournament:	40 Bonus Points
Team's 4th Release in the tournament:	60 Bonus Points
Team's 5th Release in the tournament:	80 Bonus Points

Marlin

Team's 1st Release in the tournament:	Straight Points Only
Team's 2nd Release in the tournament:	40 Bonus Points
Team's 3rd Release in the tournament:	70 Bonus Points
Team's 4th Release in the tournament:	100 Bonus Points
Team's 5th Release in the tournament:	130 Bonus Points

SPECIES BONUS POINTS

Species that count in this category are as follows:

Spearfish, Sailfish, Black Marlin, Blue/Striped Marlin

*Blue & Striped Marlin count as one specie because they are not as easy to identify on a leader in the water

Team's 1st Species in the tournament:	Straight Points Only
Team's 2nd Species in the tournament:	25 Bonus Points
Team's 3rd Species in the tournament:	50 Bonus Points
Team's 4th Species in the tournament:	60 Bonus Points

DAILY RELEASE SEQUENCE BONUS POINTS

Daily release sequence bonus points are awarded per day, every day of the tournament

Tournament's 1st release of the Day:	5 Bonus Points
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Tournament's 2nd release of the Day:	4 Bonus Points
Tournament's 3rd release of the Day:	3 Bonus Points
Tournament's 4th release of the Day:	2 Bonus Points
Tournament's 5th release of the Day:	1 Bonus Point

CIRCLE HOOK BONUS POINTS

Billfish released on a circle hook:	5 Bonus Points
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ANNEXURE A1 - FISH SPECIES FACTORS (FSF)

ALL MARLIN SPECIES	1	100%	KING MACKERAL (CUTA)	0.8	80%
ALL SPEARFISH SPECIES	1	100%	RAINBOW RUNNER	0.8	80%
SWORDFISH (BROADBILL)	1	100%	QUEENFISH	0.8	80%
ALL BONITO SPECIES	1	100%	ELF (SHAD)	0.75	75%
YELLOWFIN TUNA	1	100%	GREAT BARRACUDA	0.7	70%
BIG EYE TUNA	1	100%	GREEN JOBFISH (KAKAAP)	0.7	70%
BLUEFIN TUNA	1	100%	QUEEN MACKERAL	0.6	60%
DOG TOOTH TUNA	1	100%	CAPE SNOEK	0.6	60%
YELLOWTAIL	1	100%			
ALL KINGFISH SPECIES	1	100%			
ALL SPORTFISH SPECIES	1	100%			
GARRICK (LEERVIS)	0.9	90%			
DORADO	0.9	90%			
COBIA (PRODICAL SON)	0.9	90%			
WAHOO	0.8	85%			
SAILFISH	0.8	80%			
LONGFIN TUNA (ALBACORE)	0.8	80%			