

18TH - 19TH FEBRUARY 2012 VICTORIAN GAMEFISH CLASSIC SPORTFISHING RULES

1. TEAMS

Boat teams shall consist of a minimum of 2 adult anglers and a maximum of 5 anglers per boat. There will be only one team per boat. Teams fishing in the Game Fishing Tournament may not fish in the Sport Fishing Tournament. GFAV/GFAA affiliated members may not claim GFAV, GFAA or IGFA Trophies or Records for fish captured in this tournament

2. FISH

Gummy Shark, Tope, Snapper, Flathead, Whiting.

3. CAPTURES

MINIMUM LENGTHS

	Senior	Junior
Gummy Shark	(Partial Length) 50cm	45cm
School Shark (Tope)	(Partial Length) 50cm	45cm
Snapper	30cm	28cm
Flathead	30cm	27cm
King George Whiting	30cm	27cm

4. BERLEYING

Berleying must not commence until the Start Fishing time, which will be announced by Tournament Base.

"Berley should not be used where tide, wind or currents could take it to swimmers, divers or other water users".

Maximum of 10 litres of berley is permitted per angler per day for sharks only.

5. WEATHER

In the event of bad weather, a radio announcement at the earliest possible time from the base station will notify boats of possible restriction or cancellation of the days fishing.

6. WEIGHING

All anglers with fish for weighing in must present them at the weigh station on the day of capture. All fish presented at the weigh station **must** have the appropriate paperwork. The weigh station will be **open after 11:30am** each day. On the final day anglers with fish to weigh must be at the gantry by **4.00pm** to be eligible for trophies.

7. PROTESTS

Any protests relative to capture must be submitted in writing by the captain to the tournament committee. Protests must be lodged no later than 6.30pm on **Day 1** and no later than 4.30pm on **Day 2**. The decisions of the tournament committee are final.

8. RADIO

Radios must be left on at all times. All boats **must** be equipped with an operational marine radio operating on frequencies 27.86, 27.88, 27.91, 27.94 & 27.96 or VHF operating on 16 & 72. Radio skeds will commence at 8.05am on **Day 1** and 8.05 on **Day 2** on frequency VHF channel 72 & 27 Mhz 27.96. Subsequent skeds will be every 2 hours there after. The final sked on **Day 1** will be 4.05pm and for **Day 2** will be 2.05pm.

Boats will be called in order of team number and name. On contact with each team, your reply must give your team number, boat name, position as per tournament map, capture species, approximate weight and name of the angler during that two hour period. **DO NOT** announce captures of un-weighable fish. As a safety initiative, Tournament Base will repeat your position back to you.

Skeds must be answered by all competing boats. A sked will be defined as a period of time of one hour from the commencement time of that sked. After that one hour period, *any team which has not responded may be disqualified for that day*.

All boats **MUST** sign on with tournament base before commencement of fishing.

All boats **MUST** sign off on return each day.

PENALTIES: -

Fail to sign on	Captures ineligible prior to sign on
Fail to sign off	Disqualification for that day
Sale of fish for cash or kind	Disqualification

9. JUNIORS

A junior will be any person under the age of 16 years as at Midnight, 19th February 2010.

10. TROPHIES

Juniors are only eligible for prizes in the category that they pay to enter. EG: If a Junior wishes to be eligible for junior and senior trophies, they must pay both entry fees
One fish can only win a maximum of 2 trophies.

11. GENERAL

All boats must collect tournament bags prior to commencement of fishing from the base station. All boats competing in the tournament must be seaworthy and comply with Victorian Boating Regulations for Safety Equipment.

Tournament Itinerary

All Activities are conducted at Rhyll Phillip Island Angling Club

Friday 18 th February 2010	6:00 to 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	Registration Briefing
Saturday 19 th February 2010	6:00 am 6:30 am 11:30 am 4:00 pm 8:00 – 9:00 pm	Breakfast Start Fishing Weigh Station Opens Stop Fishing Lucky Angler Draw
Sunday 20 th February 2010	6:00 am 6:30 am 11:30 am 3:00 pm 4:30 – 5:00pm 5:00 pm	Breakfast Start Fishing Weigh Station Opens Stop Fishing Raffle Draw Trophy Presentation