

# 18TH – 19TH FEBRUARY 2012 VICTORIAN GAMEFISH CLASSIC TOURNAMENT 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.

As per GFAV Bylaws: "Only members affiliated with GFAA, ANSA or overseas visitors affiliated with IGFA can fish a GFAA/GFAV sanctioned tournament". Anglers must provide proof of affiliation on request. Proof of affiliation will be required for allocation of prizes. Attendance to the tournament is compulsory by a team representative @ 8:00pm Friday night unless prior arrangements made with tournament committee.

## 2. FISHING RULES

Fishing rules shall be the current G.F.A.A. rules for equipment, capture and tag & release. G.F.A.V. By-laws must be adhered to. Only species listed below will be recognized.

### BILLFISH

Marlin (Black, Pacific Blue, Striped), Broadbill Swordfish.

### GAMEFISH

Albacore, Mahi Mahi, Southern Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Yellowtail Kingfish. (Snapper - for GFAV, GFAA & IGFA Record claims only)

### SHARKS

Blue (Tag & Release only), Hammerhead, Mako, Porbeagle, Thresher, Tiger, Whaler. (Gummy & Tope - for GFAV, GFAA & IGFA Record claims only)

#### Note 1:

Capture of Blue Sharks is not allowed except for potential IGFA World, GFAA Australian or GFAV Victorian Records. These fish will score **NIL** Points. If the captured fish does not weigh within 20% of the current record, 2000 points will be DEDUCTED as a PENALTY.

#### Note 2:

Snapper, Gummy and Tope are not eligible for trophies & prizes in this tournament.

## 3. LINE CLASSES

4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg, 60kg.

"Braid or Gel-spun lines are NOT PERMITTED for CAPTURE"

## 4. TAG & RELEASE

All tag cards and capture forms must be marked with the time the fish was tagged or captured. In the event of equal scores, the first angler to attain those points shall be deemed the winner.

### POINT SCORES:

Marlin, Broadbill Swordfish	10000 pts
Southern Bluefin Tuna	2000 pts
Yellowfin Tuna	2000 pts
Albacore	1000 pts
Yellowtail Kingfish	1000 pts
Mahi Mahi	500 pts
Thresher Shark	4000 pts
Blue Shark	2000 pts
Hammerhead, Mako, Porbeagle, Tiger & Whaler Sharks	3000 pts

### MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Gamefish	3kg
Sharks	5kg

### MINIMUM LENGTHS

Yellowtail Kingfish	70cm
Sharks	100cm

## 5. CAPTURES

### SCORING

Method used to calculate capture points will be as follows:-

<u>(Weight of fish)<sup>2</sup> x line factor</u>	
Line class	Line class
4kg 6kg 8kg 10kg 15kg 24kg 37kg 60kg	4kg 6kg 8kg 10kg 15kg 24kg 37kg 60kg
	Line factor
29.5 19.5 14.5 11.5 7.5 4.6 3.0 1.7	

The following bonus/penalty points apply:-

Billfish	Double points
Gamefish	Triple points
Sharks (except Blue)	Half points

All captures on line classes up to 10kg shall receive a maximum of 15000 pts plus one point per kilogram of fish weight. All captures on line classes 15kg and over shall receive a maximum of 20000 pts plus one point per kilogram of fish weight.

### MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Southern Bluefin Tuna	10kg
Sharks	40kg

All Sharks must be double line class.

All Billfish & Gamefish must be line class.

**Current Victorian Bag and Size Limits Apply.**

## 6. BERLEYING

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

As per G.F.A.V. By-laws: - "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.**

## 7. WEATHER

As per GFAV bylaw "The declaration of a gale or storm force warning by the appropriate government weather authority will automatically require the suspension of any tournament or event conducted under the auspices of the Game Fishing Association of Victoria and its member clubs for the period of the current warning. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing and make way to port."

## 8. WEIGHING

All anglers with either fish for weighing or tag cards to hand in must present them at the weigh station on the day of capture or tag. All fish or tag cards 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 or tags to hand in must be at the gantry by **4.00pm** to be eligible for trophies.

## 8. TACKLE

Any angler weighing fish will be asked to present the tackle on which the capture was made so that it may be checked prior to weighing. Anglers submitting tag cards may be asked to present their tackle for checking.

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## 9. PROTESTS

Any protests relative to capture or tag & release 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.

## 10. RADIO

*Radios must be left on at all times.* All boats must be equipped with an operational VHF radio operating on channel 72 or a 27 MHz marine radio operating on frequencies 27.86, 27.88, 27.91, 27.94 & 27.96.

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 and tag & release species, approximate weight and line classes 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.*

*Note: If radio and mobile phone contact not possible, team must report to nearest boat for assistance and contact with tournament base.*

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 2000pts  
Fail to sign off 10000pts  
Sale of fish for cash or kind Disqualification

## 11. JUNIORS / SMALL FRY

A junior will be any person under the age of 16 years and small fry any person under the age of 11 years as at Midnight, 17th February 2012.

## 12. TROPHIES

Juniors & Small Fries are only eligible for prizes in the category they pay to enter. Only one category per angler.  
One fish can only win a maximum of 2 trophies.

## 13. 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.

The tournament committee's decision will be final.

## TOURNAMENT ITINERARY

All Activities are conducted at Rhyll Phillip Island Angling Club

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	6:00 to 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Registration Briefing
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	6:00 am 6:30 am 10:05 am 11:30 am 12:05 pm 2:05 pm 4:00 pm	Breakfast <b>Start Fishing</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Lucky Angler Draw * Weigh Station Opens 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lucky Angler Draw * 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lucky Angler Draw * <b>Stop Fishing</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	6:00 am 6:30 am 11:30 am 3:00 pm 4:00pm 4:30 – 5:00pm 5:00 pm	Breakfast <b>Start Fishing</b> Weigh Station Opens <b>Stop Fishing</b> Weigh Station Closed Raffle Draw Trophy Presentation

\*Times subject to change\*

\* Lucky Angler Draw Prizes to be collected at Trophy Presentation