

EXMOUTH GAME FISHING CLUB

BY-LAWS

1. CLUB FISHING SEASON

- 1.1. The Exmouth Game Fishing Club (EGFC) fishing season shall commence on the 1st January and cease at midnight on the 31st December. All fish captured by Club members during this period will be eligible for the allocation of points.

2. GAME FISHING COMPETITIONS

- 2.1 The EGFC Committee shall organise and hold at least two individual Western Australian Game Fishing Association (WAGFA) sanctioned tournaments in each year.
- 2.2 EGFC members will be advised of the dates of all tournaments and competitions for the year as soon as possible after the Committee sets them.

3. EXMOUTH GULF TAG & RELEASE LIMITS

- 3.1 Only billfish tagged on 1kg to 10kg inclusive line classes can accrue points if captured inside Exmouth Gulf.
- 3.2 Exmouth Gulf is defined as all waters south and east of a line drawn from North West Cape to the south-west tip of South Muiron Island, to the north-west tip of South Muiron Island, to the south-west tip of North Muiron Island, to the north-west tip of North Muiron Island, to Peak Island, to Observation Island and to Tubridgi Point.

4. WEIGHED FISH

- 4.1. For a weighed fish to be eligible for Club points, the angler that caught the fish must present the rod, reel, at least 16m of line, the leader, and the lure and hook arrangement, and any landing device used (gaffs and landing nets) with the fish to the weigh station. Failing to comply with this rule will automatically disqualify the fish.
- 4.2 Billfish and sharks are ineligible for weigh in points. Billfish and sharks may only be weighed in for state, national and world record claim purposes.
- 4.3 Only Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) recognised game fish species may be weighed in for weigh in points.

5. TAG & RELEASE

- 5.1 Tag cards fully completed must be lodged with the EGFC Weigh Master. Line class used in capture must be included on the card.
- 5.2 Completed tag cards can be returned to the EGFC clubhouse during regular opening hours, by mail to: PO Box 121, Exmouth WA 6707 or by contacting the EGFC Weigh Master directly.

6. TAG & RELEASE SECTIONS

- 6.1 Tag & Release section winners will be decided by:
 - 6.1.1 Boat/Angler with the highest total of Tag & Release points.
 - 6.1.2 In the event of a tie on points the Boat/Angler with the lowest average line class;
 - 6.1.3 If still tied the Boat/Angler achieving the points first according to the time of tagging entered on tag cards.

7. POINT SCORING

7.1 Weighed fish

- 7.1.2 Points for game fish weighed in will be awarded using the formula:
 $Weight \times 100 / line\ class.$
 Example: 12.57kg Yellowfin Tuna on 6kg line class = 209.5 points

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7.3 TAG & RELEASE

- 7.3.1 Only billfish and sharks are eligible for Tag & Release points.
- 7.3.2 Tag & Release points will be awarded according to line light, medium and heavy line class categories as per below:

SPECIES	1-10kg LINE	15-24kg LINE	37-60kg LINE
Whaler Shark	200 points	100 points	50 points
Other Shark	300 points	200 points	100 points
Sailfish or Spearfish	500 points	400 points	300 points
Marlin or Swordfish	600 points	500 points	400 points

8. FORMULA FOR CHAMPION ANGLER AND BOAT

- 8.1 Points from Highest Point Scoring (HPS) fish on each line class used (weigh in or Tag & Release).
- 8.2 Points from HPS fish of each species captured (weigh in or Tag & Release).
- 8.3 Add total points accumulated from HPS fish on each line class used (weigh in or Tag & Release).
- 8.4 Add total points accumulated from HPS fish of each species captured (weigh in or Tag & Release).
- 8.5 Add steps 8.3 and 8.4 to determine total points.
- 8.6 Total points will determine Champion Angler and Champion Boat.

9. VESSEL LENGTH

- 9.1 For Champion Boat points a boat will accrue points as per its registered length with the relevant government authority.

10. CAPTURE CERTIFICATES

- 10.1 All Capture and Tag & Release certificates must be forwarded to the Club Weigh Master and be in his/her possession no later than 28 days after the capture. Capture certificates shall be witnessed and signed by the Weigh Master of a club affiliated with WAGFA or a person on the EGFC Committee.
- 10.2 The Weigh Master may disqualify any captures or Tag & Release certificates that are received more than 28 days from the date of capture.

11. RECORD OF CAPTURES

- 11.1 The EGFC Committee will make provision for members to weigh fish and log tags at a minimum of 2 convenient locations in Exmouth.
- 11.2 Such locations will have assistant Weigh Masters appointed by the Committee who will be given instruction by the Weigh Master in the procedures of weighing fish and logging of tags and the completion of record of capture certificates.
- 11.3 For these purposes, all Committee members can be considered assistant Weigh Masters

12. RECORD CLAIMS

- 12.1 All fish for record claims must be weighed on certified scales.
- 12.2 Wherever possible, all fish for record claims should be weighed on the EGFC's certified electronic scales. These scales will be kept by the Weigh Master.
- 12.3 All fish must be claimed on the line class which they were captured. 'Bumping' of line class (i.e. lodging a record claim or club points claim on a higher line class than the fish was caught on) is not allowed.

13. ANGLER REGISTRATION & REGULATION

- 13.1 Anglers must have current EGFC membership to accrue points for club annual awards.
- 13.2 Only fish captured by current EGFC members will accrue points for Champion Boat awards.
- 13.3 All EGFC members will fish within current GFAA, Fisheries WA and all relevant WA government rules and regulations.

14. CLUB FISHING ZONE

- 14.1 All fish must be captured in Western Australia and along the Western Australian coast (i.e. all State and adjacent Commonwealth Waters).

15. DISCLAIMER

- 15.1 The EGFC Committee reserves the right to change any rule, regulation or section.
- 15.2 The EGFC, its Committee and Committee members take no responsibility for loss or damage to a member's person, personal effects or vessel, and members fish entirely at their own risk.

16. CONDUCT

- 16.1 All members will participate in a sportsman like manner and will embrace the ethics of game fishing.
- 16.2 The EGFC Committee reserves the right to penalise any Boat/Angler by deduction of points or disqualification for conduct they consider detrimental to the competition or the EGFC.
- 16.3 All fish offal must be disposed of appropriately or returned to the ocean.

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1 A verbal intention to protest must be made to the Weigh Master as soon as possible by the protestor. This is to enable the Weigh Master to preserve any evidence that may be needed by the Committee if the fish/tag card is presented before the protestor can attend the gantry.
- 17.2 All protests must be logged with the Weigh Master in writing with a \$100 deposit which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 The Committee's decision is final and the affected parties will be notified ASAP.

18. PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- 18.1 The following annual award trophies will be awarded each year at the venue and date set by the EGFC Committee after the close of the season.
- Highest Point Score Gamefish - 1kg Line Class
 - Highest Point Score Gamefish - 2kg Line Class
 - Highest Point Score Gamefish - 3kg Line Class
 - Highest Point Score Gamefish - 4kg Line Class
 - Highest Point Score Gamefish - 6kg Line Class
 - Highest Point Score Gamefish - 8kg Line Class
 - Highest Point Score Gamefish -10kg Line Class

- Highest Point Scoring Gamefish Weighed in
- Heaviest Marlin/Swordfish Weighed in
- Champion Angler Tag & Release Shark
- Champion Angler Tag & Release Sailfish (Carl Georgeff Trophy)
- Champion Angler Tag & Release Marlin
- Champion Junior Angler Tag & Release Sailfish
- Champion Junior Angler Tag & Release Marlin
- Champion Junior Angler Tag & Release Billfish
- Champion Boat Tag & Release Sailfish
- Champion Boat Tag & Release Marlin
- Champion Boat Under 7m & Under
- Champion Boat Over 7m
- Champion Land-Based Angler
- Champion Small Fry Angler
- Champion Junior Angler
- Champion Senior Female Angler
- Champion Senior Male Angler
- Champion Angler Overall (Phil Tickle Memorial Award)
- Best Club Person (John Houghton Trophy)