



Exmouth Game Fishing Club Tournament Rules & Regulations Ladies Day

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1. Regulations: All EGFC tournaments will be fished within current Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA), Western Australia Game Fishing Association (WAGFA), WA Department of Transport, WA Department of Environment and Conservation, and WA Department of Fisheries rules and regulations.

2. Membership: The EGFC Ladies Day is a non-GFAA/WAGFA sanctioned event. Anglers and crews do not need to be current members of the Exmouth Game Fishing Club or a club affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia.

3. Registration: Only registered female entrants may participate as anglers for each team, however, male crew members may participate in any other act which directly contributes to the capture or tag of a fish during the tournament. They are, driving the boat, gaffing fish, tagging fish, running out lines, retrieving lines, clearing teasers or taking the leader. Anglers will fish only from the boat on which they registered. Permission to change boats once registered in the tournament must be applied for in writing to the EGFC Committee and each request will be adjudged on its merits. The Committee will meet ASAP after receipt of such application. The Committee's decision is final.

4. Fishing area: All Tournament competitors must fish within 60 nautical miles of the EGFC Clubhouse, from a boat at sea, with a minimum of two persons on board. All other safety requirements apply.

5. Lines: All fish must be claimed on the line class on which they were captured. Backing can be used of an undetermined breaking strain in braid, dacron or monofilament. IT MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 5 METRES IGFA RATED LINE CLASS TOPSHOT. (For record purposes 16m continuous of your line/backing including the 5m of IGFA line is required).

6. Tag and Release: The Ladies Day Tournament is a boat to boat tournament. EGFC Radio Base will not be operating during this tournament.

All details of tagged fish, i.e. species, estimated weight, angler's name, boat name, line class, and time of tagging, must be announced to other competing boats over VHF radio Channel 21 as soon as possible after release.

Tag cards, FULLY COMPLETED, must be lodged with the weigh-master during the official weigh-in times at the conclusion of the day's fishing unless otherwise arranged with the tournament weighmaster. Latitude and longitude must be accurate to degrees and minutes or two decimal places. One member of the team, or a representative, must sign the capture receipt at the recorder's station and will be asked to give their daily sked of billfish raised, hooked and tagged. Billfish are to be tagged with NSW DPI tags. These tags have an orange tag card. No other tags will be accepted. These tags are available from the EGFC.

Weigh-in times are 6pm-8:00pm.

7. Tag & Release sections: Tag & Release sections for the Ladies Day Tournament are:

- Champion Team Tag & Release Billfish;
- First Tagged Billfish;
- Last Tagged Billfish.

Champion Team Tag & Release winners will be decided by total number of billfish tagged, regardless of species.

In the event of a tie, the team with the lowest average line class will be awarded the win on count back. If still tied, the team achieving the points first according to the time of capture will be awarded the win.

8. Weigh-In & Weigh-In Sections: The Ladies Day Tournament is primarily a tag & release billfish tournament. However, the following capture section will apply:

- Heaviest other gamefish (excluding billfish or sharks).

Fish may only be weighed at the official weigh-in gantry during the times stated in the program. Fish must be presented at the gantry on the day of capture unless otherwise arranged with the tournament weigh-master. Fish must be in an edible condition or will be disqualified by the weigh-master. Frozen fish will not be weighed.

Anglers must present the fish, together with the rod and reel, at least 16m of line, and any double, leader, lure or hook arrangement used in the capture. All tackle must be removed by the angler before weighing. The angler or a witness must sign the capture receipt at the recorders station.

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Billfish may still be weighed during the tournament for record claim purposes, but will not count for tournament points.

9. Hooks for Natural Baits: When fishing with natural baits for billfish (live or dead), anglers cannot use off-set circle hooks or J hooks. In-line circle hooks only are to be used.

10. Communications: All boats must be fitted with an operational VHF radio system and are required to log on and off each day of the tournament. Tournament radio coverage will be exclusively VHF. A non-functional radio must be repaired before the affected vessel goes to sea. Vessels failing to comply will be disqualified.

11. Lines in and out: During the tournament fishing day, lines in will be at 8am and lines out 5pm. Any vessel that is hooked up, or hooks up before lines out, must notify other competitors via radio and be acknowledged. A boat may continue to fight a fish after lines out if they have notified other competitors via radio. Weigh-in time restrictions still apply. All other boats are to observe radio silence during the last 15 minutes of lines in.

12. Protests: 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. All protests must be lodged with the weigh-master in writing with a \$100 deposit which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Protests must be lodged before the close of weigh-in at which the fish was weighed or tag card presented. No further protests will be accepted after completion of the weigh-in. The Committee will consider all protests as soon as possible after receipt. The Committee's decision is final and the affected parties will be notified ASAP.

13. Sanctuary zones: If a competitor is charged by Fisheries WA or Parks & Wildlife with fishing in a sanctuary zone they will be disqualified from the competition for that day. No other protests relating to sanctuary zones will be heard.

14. Conduct & Cancellation: All competitors will participate in a sporting manner and embrace the ethics of game fishing. All fish offal must be returned to the ocean. The Committee reserves the right to penalise any Boat or Angler by deduction of points or disqualification for part of, or the whole, tournament for conduct they consider detrimental to the competition or the EGFC. Please refer to our weather matrix for possible daily cancellations. Please see our cancellation policy for further details via our website: www.egfc.com.au. Please refer to our terms and conditions for the event located on our website: www.egfc.com.au

15. Disclaimer: The EGFC committee reserves the right to change any rule, regulation or section which it believes will enhance the Tournament. The EGFC takes no responsibility for loss or damage to competitor's person, personal effects or vessel and competitors fish the tournament at their own risk.