



Anniversary Weekend Game Tournament 2022 Entry Form

Entry Fee: \$50 Full Member.

**ALL SKIPPERS OR A NOMINATED "FISHING" TEAM
MEMBER MUST ATTEND THE BRIEFING**

Fishing: Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th January 2022

Briefing: 19:00 Friday 28th January 2022

SKIPPERS NAME:		CONTACT PHONE #			
BOAT NAME:		Email:			
	ANGLERS FULL NAME	NZSFC Club	M/SHP NUMBER	FEE PAYABLE	TOTAL
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
				TOTAL FEES PAID	

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Please be aware of the safety rules that are attached. They must be read as a condition of entry into this tournament. We now require you to complete the details below with your signature. Failure to complete these details may result in disqualification.

ALL rules and COVID appendix understood. Skipper to sign.....



Anniversary Weekend Game Tournament 2022 Rules

1. Dates & Tides

	Low Water	High Water
Saturday 29 th January	10:55	04:35/16:51
Sunday 30 th January	11:59	05:39/17:54

2. Start/End Time

06:00 Saturday 29th January 2022.

All boats entered in this tournament cannot depart from any port or boat ramp until 06:00 on Saturday 29th January 2022. Tournament end time is 17:00 on Sunday 30th January 2022.

3. Briefing

There will be a briefing in the clubrooms at 19:00 on Friday the 28th of Jan 2022. The skipper or nominated team member must attend briefing.

4. Entry Fees

Entry fee is \$50.00 per angler. Anglers must be full members of the Whakatane Sportfishing club or affiliated NZSFC club.

5. Species

Marlin: All species

Tuna: All species

Kingfish - Mahimahi – Shortbill Spearfish – Broadbill Swordfish.

6. Minimum Weight

Billfish:	90 kgs
Broadbill Swordfish:	90 kg
Tuna:	15 kg
Kingfish:	15 kg and 1 meter
Mahimahi:	5 kg
Shortbill Spearfish:	10 kg



7. Weighing of fish

Anglers wishing to weigh fish must call in to Tournament HQ (when able) on 027 261 2848 with details of catch and sponsors grid map reference. For both days of the tournament the weigh station will be open from **14:00 until 17:00**. Weighing of fish before **14:00** will be at the discretion of the weigh master. All fish weighed must be brought across the Whakatane Bar and must be weighed from the boat (unless stated otherwise) at the Whakatane weigh station. Fish may only be caught on rod and reel in accordance with IGFA rules. Electric reels are not permitted. In the event that two or more fish weighed are the same weight a live draw will take place at prize giving to determine the heavier fish. Correctly completed catch cards **MUST BE** filed with the weigh master for all weighed **and** tagged fish.

8. Prize Categories (all prizes are cash except spot prizes)

Heaviest Marlin (all)	1 st – 3 rd
Heaviest Tuna (all)	1 st – 3 rd
Heaviest Kingfish	1 st – 3 rd
Heaviest Mahimahi	
Heaviest Shortbill Spearfish	
Heaviest Broadbill Swordfish	
Team most tag and release points*	1st \$1000

*Team tag and release points are calculated as per the Whakatane Sportfishing Clubs By Laws and can be accumulated across all species included in this tournament. Points allocated are:

Marlin (all) and Broadbill Swordfish	600 points
Tuna (all)	150 points
Shortbill Spearfish	100 points
Kingfish (Limit of 4 per crew)	25 points

Photos of **ALL** tagged fish including IGFA tag must be taken and sent to 027 304 8389.

9. Prize Giving

Final prize giving will be held in the club rooms from 19:30 on Sunday 30th Jan 2022. The winner of a prize or a team member from the same team must be present to collect the prize unless the Tournament Committee have been advised of any problems before 18:30 on Sunday 30th Jan 2022 and dispensation granted. Anglers must be present to collect spot prizes.

10. Cancellation or postponement

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to abandon the tournament for any reason. This Information will be broadcast on Radio's 1XX and SunFM prior to the start time or as soon as possible after the decision has been made. Notification will also be made on the club's social media pages. The COVID-19 appendix annexed to these rule's forms part of these rules as to protocol at certain COVID-19 alert colours.

11. Disclaimer

All participants involved with this tournament do so at their own risk. The team skipper shall be responsible for the safety and other considerations of self, crew, and boat. The Whakatane Sportfishing Club accepts no responsibility.

12. Complaints and protests

Any complaints must be made in writing and directed to the Tournament Convenor. The Tournament Committee will then consider the complaint. Any dispute against the Whakatane Sportfishing club will be heard by a mutually agreed third party. In all other matters the decision of the Tournament Committee is final. Angler entry confirms acceptance of this process. Any concern relating to the weighing of fish must be brought to the attention of the weighmaster at time of weighing.

SAFETY RULES FOR THE WHAKATANE SPORTSFISHING CLUB.

- (1) All skippers or a nominated "fishing" team member must attend the briefing. Attendance to this briefing is compulsory and no team can compete in this tournament until the skipper or nominated "fishing" team member has attended the briefing and once the briefing is completed, sign the briefing attendance sheet.
- (2) There must be a minimum of two (2) persons on the vessel, and at least one of the persons should be over the age of 18 years.
- (3) It shall be the responsibility of the skipper or the nominated "fishing" team member to advise his/her other team members of the information given at the briefing.
- (4) In the interest of safety, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter all times for the duration of the Tournament depending on the weather or sea conditions.
- (5) In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify the Whakatane Coastguard on VHF channel 16
- (6) All boats must carry correct size Life Jackets for all passengers. It is compulsory for all crew members on recreational vessels to wear Life jackets while crossing the Whakatane River Bar.
- (7) All participants agree and accept -
 - (a) To enter this Tournament at their own risk,
 - (b) That boating and fishing involves a risk
 - (c) Not to hold Tournament organizers, Officials, Sponsors, or any other person involved with the Tournament liable for any loss or injury to person or equipment incurred during the Tournament,
 - (d) Notwithstanding any representations made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations, and by-laws related to (but not limited) to boating and fishing are complied with.
 - (e) All participants agree to have read and understood the Tournament Rules.

SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY

I have the necessary skill, knowledge, and qualifications to safeguard all on board. My vessel and all equipment are properly maintained.

My vessel carries all the necessary safety equipment.

We have a minimum of two means of communications, i.e. VHF marine radio, cell phone, flares.

My passengers are briefed on the location and use of all safety equipment. My vessel is loaded within its limit and all equipment is securely stowed.

COVID – 19 Appendix

Under the COVID-19 Protection Framework the Whakatane Sportfishing Club committee have decided to require **ALL** patrons 12 years and over, including any tournament entrants, who enter the Whakatane Sport Fishing Club to be fully vaccinated. My Vaccine Passes will need to be produced at the door to enter the club.

In the event that Whakatane is affected by COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the proposed date of running this tournament the following procedures will apply:

COVID – 19 Protection Framework **Green** or **Orange**

- The tournament will be run as normal.
- Unvaccinated anglers may enter the tournament but cannot enter the club.
- Any restrictions imposed by the Government will need to be complied with. These restrictions will be communicated to entrants via social media before briefing.

COVID – 19 Protection Framework **Red**

- In the first instance the Tournament Committee will consider postponing the tournament. In the event that the tournament cannot be run or postponed it will be cancelled. The Committee's decision is final.
- If the tournament is cancelled there will be no refunds of entry fees.
- In the event that the tournament is determined to be run, restrictions **may** be in place on the numbers of crew that can attend briefing and/or prize giving, and other restrictions imposed by the Government (this includes complying with any face covering mandates). These restrictions will be communicated to entrants via social media before briefing.
- Unvaccinated anglers may enter the tournament but cannot enter the club.
- Briefing and prize giving **may** be broadcast live using Facebook Live.
- In the event that restrictions relating to the numbers of anglers that can attend prize giving are in effect anglers **may not** need to be present to collect prizes including spot prizes. A crew member from the angler's team can receive these prizes on the angler's behalf.

