



MEGA MARCH 2022

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Dates

Tuesday 1st March 2022 – Thursday 31st March 2022 inclusive.

2. Start/End Time

Start 06:00 Tuesday 1st of March 2022 end 17:00 Thursday 31st March 2022.

All boats entered in this Tournament can depart from any port or boat ramp within NZ 54 (Straight line between Cuvier Island and East Cape) at or after 06:00 on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

Tournament end time is the latest time that photographs or videos will be received by the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. for catch processing. This time is 17:00 Thursday 31st March 2022.

3. Briefing

There will be a briefing held on Facebook Live at 19:00 on Friday the 25th February 2022. The Skipper or Nominated Team Member must view this briefing. Any questions will be answered by the Tournament Committee at the conclusion of briefing on Facebook Live also. Crews that enter the Tournament after briefing can also access the briefing on the Clubs Facebook Page. Briefing can be accessed here:

<https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneFishingClub>

4. Entry Fees

Entry fee is \$80.00 per Full Senior Member of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. Non Club Members or Social Members must pay an additional fee of \$20.00. Full Junior Members of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. must pay \$30.00 entry fee. Non Junior Club Members or Junior Social Members (family) must pay an additional fee of \$20.00.

Entries will be accepted continuously throughout the Tournament up to 17:00 on the 30th March 2022 as follows:

1. The Tournament Entry Pack is available on the Club's Website and must be completed with all team Anglers entered with appropriate entry fees paid **PRIOR** to the commencement of fishing.

Entry forms can be found here: www.whakatanesportfishingclub.co.nz/tournaments

2. The Angler section of the Entry Form may have additional Anglers added throughout the Tournament. Anglers joining teams throughout the Tournament must be added to the initial Entry Form, have paid the appropriate Entry Fee and notified the club **PRIOR** to commencement of fishing.

3. Verification of additional Anglers together with payment confirmation in the form of a photograph of the amended entry form must be emailed to linda@wsfc.co.nz

The Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. reserves the right to alter or amend these rules at any time.

If the Tournament is cancelled there will be no refund of entry fees.

5. Classes

New World Whakatane Juniors 11 years & under – Snapper, Tarakihi, Trevally and Kahawai.

New World Whakatane Juniors 12 years up to and including 16 years – Marlin, Tuna, Kingfish, Snapper, Tarakihi and Trevally.

FMG Ladies 17 years and older – All species.

Whakatane Hunting & Fishing Open (an Angler may only enter one class) – All Species.

Boat Tag and Release Points

Individual Angler Tag and Release Points

Individual Snapper Jackpot

Individual Kingfish Jackpot

Team Marlin Jackpot

Stoney Creek Photo Competition

6. Species

Marlin: Striped, Blue, Black

Tuna: Yellowfin, Southern Bluefin, Northern Bluefin, Bigeye

Broadbill Swordfish, Shortbill Spearfish, Mahimahi, Kingfish, Snapper, Tarakihi, Trevally, Kahawai
(Kahawai is only applicable to Juniors 11 years and younger)

7. Minimum Weight - Only these species will be classified on weight. Refer to Rule 9.

Marlin:	90 kgs
Broadbill Swordfish:	90 kg
Tuna:	15 kg
Shortbill Spearfish:	10 kg
Mahimahi	5kg

8. Minimum Length – These species will be classified on length only. Refer to Rule 10.

Kingfish:	1 metre
Snapper:	40 cm
Tarakihi:	25 cm
Trevally:	25 cm
Kahawai:	N/A

9. Weighing of Fish

The Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. (the Club) actively supports sustainable fishing practices.

The Club encourages tag and release fishing where possible. However, we understand that sometimes a fish may not survive the fight, or the angler may elect to keep their catch.

Only species listed in Rule 7 may be classified on weight using the following method:

1. The fish must be weighed at a NZSFC weigh station within NZ54 (Cuvier Island – East Cape).
2. The Weigh Master must adhere to all IGFA Rules while weighing of fish and gear inspection.
3. The Angler must ensure that a correct **NZSFC Club Catch Card** is correctly completed in full including being signed by the attending Weigh Master.
4. A photograph of the fish with Weigh Board, Catch Card, and Anglers Number Tag must be emailed to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz within 24 hours of weigh time.
5. Anglers must follow the applicable COVID restrictions and procedures for the weigh station they are attending.

10. Stoney Creek Photograph Competition

Photographs can be taken of any subject related to this Tournament.

They must be sent to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz before 17:00 on Sunday's the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of March including a brief description of the photograph together with the Angler's number.

Weekly prizes will be awarded to the best judged photograph as decided by the Tournament Committee and will be awarded at the weekly prize giving. Photographs for the final prize giving must be received before the end day and time of the Tournament. All photographs submitted become the property of Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc.

11. Establishing Fish Length

The Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. (the Club) actively supports sustainable fishing practices.

The Club encourages measure and release fishing where possible.

Only species listed in Rule 8 may be classified on length using the following method:

1. The length of the fish must be measured on the official club measuring tape **only**. This can be purchased from the club for \$25.00 and will be included in the vessel's entry pack. Club official measuring tapes that have been used last season may be used for this Tournament.
2. The nose of the fish must be hard up against the board end of the tape.
3. One side of the tape must be clearly visible at all times, as illustrated below.
4. Photographs must include the time and date it was taken along with the Angler's Number Tag.
5. Photographs must be sent to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz only.



**ALL VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF
THE WHAKATANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.**

**IF THE ABOVE VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET THE ANGLERS FISH WILL
NOT BE ELEGIBLE.**

12. Boat Tag And Release Points

Boat Tag and Release Points are calculated as per the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. Bylaws and can be accumulated across all species listed below. Points allocated are:

Marlin (all) and Broadbill Swordfish:	600 Points
Tuna - Yellowfin, Southern Bluefin, Northern Bluefin, Bigeye:	150 Points
Shortbill Spearfish	100 Points
Kingfish (Limit of 4 per Team for the Tournament)	25 Points

13. Individual Angler Tag And Release Points

Individual Angler Tag and Release Points are calculated as per the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. Bylaws and can be accumulated across all species listed below. Points allocated are:

Marlin (all) and Broadbill Swordfish:	600 Points
Tuna - Yellowfin, Southern Bluefin, Northern Bluefin, Bigeye:	150 Points
Shortbill Spearfish	100 Points
Kingfish (Limit of 4 per Angler for the Tournament)	25 Points

***Photographs of ALL tagged fish, including IGFA tag, and completed CLUB CATCH CARD must be taken and sent to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz**

Photographs must show the time and date it was taken along with the Angler's Number Tag.

Photographs MUST be sent to the Club within 24 hours of tagged time or as soon as practicable.

Catch Card retention until the end of the Tournament will not be tolerated.

ANY PHOTOGRAPHS NOT MEETING THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE

14. Kingfish and Snapper Jackpots

The Kingfish and Snapper Jackpots for the Tournament are voluntary.

The Jackpot entry fees are \$50.00 per Angler per species and must be paid at the time of entry.

The Jackpots are based on the longest length.

The Jackpots will be distributed as follows: 1st-50%, 2nd-30%, 3rd-20%.

All measured fish must be photographed prior to release. The photograph must clearly show the fish on the measure tape as outlined in Rule 11. The photograph must show the time and date it was taken. The Anglers Number Tag must be included.

All photographs must be sent to the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. at tournaments@wsfc.co.nz

15. Team Marlin Jackpot (Striped, Blue, Black)

The Team Marlin Jackpot for the Tournament is voluntary. The Jackpot entry fee is \$100 per boat and must be paid at the time of entry. The Jackpot is based on the most accumulated points, either tagged or weighed fish points, over the tournament.

The Jackpot will be distributed as follows: 1st-50%, 2nd – 30%, 3rd – 20%.

Each tagged marlin is worth 600 points.

Weighed fish will be worth 1 point per kg.

Team must follow the same procedure as stated following Rule 13* to submit their catches.

16. Prize Giving(s)

Weekly Prize Giving's and Catch Round Ups will take place at 19:00 on Mondays the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of March 2022.

Lucky Angler Prizes will be allocated a prize along with the **Stoney Creek Best Photograph Of The Week**. All prizes are to be collected from the Club or sent to the winner at their expense.

Updates on Individual Angler and Team Points along with Jackpots will also be made.

Prize Giving's will be broadcast live on <https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneFishingClub>

Final Prize Giving will take place at 19:00 on Saturday the 2nd of April 2022 and broadcast live on <https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneFishingClub>

All cash prizes will be paid directly into the winners nominated bank account.

All prizes are to be collected from the Club or sent to the winner at their expense.

17. Prize Categories

Under 11's – Snapper, Tarakihi, Trevally and Kahawai. 1st -3rd Longest plus Average Length.

12 to 16 years – Marlin, Tuna. 1st – 3rd heaviest.

Kingfish, Snapper, Tarakihi and Trevally. 1st – 3rd Longest plus Average Length.

All Juniors – Average Snapper

Ladies and Open Sections – Marlin and Tuna. 1st – 3rd Heaviest.

Heaviest Broadbill Swordfish, Shortbill Spearfish, Mahimahi

Kingfish, Snapper, Tarakihi, and Trevally;

1st – 3rd Longest plus Average Length.

Boat Most Tag and Release Points.

Individual Most Tag and Release Points

Photo Competition.

**ELECTRIC REELS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
FISH MAY ONLY BE CAUGHT ON ROD AND REEL
IGFA RULES APPLY**

18. 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 Rules forms part of these Rules as to protocol at certain COVID-19 Protection Framework Colours.

19. 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 Inc. accepts no responsibility.

20. 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 Inc. 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 Weigh Master at time of weighing.

21. Juniors Team To Represent Whakatane

Following Prize Giving, a Team will be selected to represent the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. at the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club International Yellowtail Tournament to be held in June 2022. The Team of four Anglers plus a reserve will be selected on the following bases:

1. The Angler must be a FULL financial member of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc.
2. The Angler must be 14 years and under 17 years of age as of the 30th of June 2022.
3. Those four(5) Anglers selected must be able to attend the Bay of Islands Tournament on the dates specified.
4. The Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. will provide transport to and from the Bay of Islands. The Bay of Islands Swordfish Club will provide accommodation, a boat for the team to fish from, and most meals while the team is in the Bay of Islands for the Tournament. A Chaperone selected by the Committee will accompany the Team.
5. The Anglers are expected to provide their own out of pocket expenses.
6. The Team will consist of four Anglers, boys or girls.
7. The Team selected will be from those Anglers catching the heaviest Yellowfin Tuna. In the event a team comprising of the forgoing species cannot be made up, the qualifying species will be (in order) Marlin, Kingfish then Snapper.
8. Any Angler who has represented the Club previously at the Bay of Islands will not be eligible.
9. In the event insufficient or no fish are caught during the Tournament, a draw will be held from all registered eligible Anglers to fill any vacant position(s).

MEGA MARCH 2022 PRIZES

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT YOUR SPONSORS

JUNIORS Under 11	All Species	1st	\$300 Warehouse Vouchers
		2nd	\$200 Warehouse Vouchers
		3rd	\$100 Warehouse Vouchers
		Average	\$100 Warehouse Vouchers

FMG
Advice & Insurance

Gibbo's

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JUNIORS Over 12	All Species	1st	\$300 Cash
		2nd	\$200 Cash
		3rd	\$100 Cash
		Where Applicable Average	\$100 Cash

LANDMARK
HOMES

JUNIORS All Ages	Average Snapper	\$500 Cash
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Hunting & Fishing
NEW ZEALAND

LADIES & OPEN	Marlin & Tuna	1st	\$1000 Cash
		2nd	\$750 Cash
		3rd	\$250 Cash
	Broadbill Swordfish Heaviest		Tiagra 80W Reel
			Tiagra 50W Reel
			Tyrnos 30 Reel
	Shortbill Spearfish Heaviest		\$1000 Cash
			\$500 Cash
			\$250 Cash
			\$250 Cash
	Mahimahi Heaviest		\$800 Cash
			\$400 Cash
			\$150 Cash
			\$150 Cash

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WHAKATANE

STONE CREEK

Williams & Wister

Alpha Pipelines
We get your supply sorted

Bay Engineers Supplies
ELECTRIC • PLUMBING • PAINTING

SALEX

EAST BAY SURVEYORS
Surveying & Earth Retention

INDIVIDUAL ANGLER MOST TAG & RELEASE POINTS

1st	\$1000 Cash
2nd	\$500 Cash
3rd	\$250 Cash

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MAGS & TYRES

BOAT MOST TAG & RELEASE POINTS \$5000 Cash

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STONE CREEK PHOTO COMPETITION Weekly Product Prizes

OceanSports Marine Ltd
PO BOX 100000

RAPID EXPOSURE

LUCKY ANGLER DRAWS Weekly Spot Prizes

SHIMANO

Super Liquor

CALTEX ANGLER DRAWS Weekly Caltex MTA Vouchers

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FINAL PRIZE GIVING

DAVEY PAINTERS

TRIP FOR TWO TO RAROTONGA

SAFETY RULES FOR THE WHAKATANE SPORTSFISHING CLUB INC.

- 1.** All Skippers or a nominated "fishing" Team Member must view the briefing. Viewing of this briefing is compulsory and no team can compete in this Tournament until the Skipper or nominated "fishing" Team Member has viewed the briefing.
- 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. 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.
- 6.** 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 Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc., Tournament Organisers, 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 Bylaws related to (but not limited to) boating and fishing are complied with.
 - (e) All participants agree to have read and understood the Tournament Rules.

SKIPPERS 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 Inc. Committee have decided to require **ALL** patrons 12 years and over, including any Tournament entrants, who enter the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. to be fully vaccinated.

My Vaccine Passes and ID 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 **will** be in place on the numbers of crew that can attend the Club, 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 **will** be broadcast live using Facebook Live.
- Anglers **do not** need to be present to qualify for prizes including Lucky Angler Draws. Any crew member from the Angler's team can collect any prizes on the winning Angler's behalf.
- Weigh Station procedures are in place at **RED**. Anglers only can attend weigh station and must scan the QR code on arrival. (Or sign the register)

Anglers must remain outside of the barriers erected at the weigh station at all times.

Anglers must wear a mask at all times while at the weigh station.

Anglers must follow the instructions of the Weigh Master(s) at all times while at the weigh station.