



OFFICAL ENTRY FORM *ONEBASE 2024*

22nd, 23rd and 24th February

Entry Fee: \$100 Per Angler

ANGLER NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

- This tournament will go ahead, postponement dates will be advertised if need be due to bad weather.
- Launch from any port but fishing only in marine chart 54

TEAMS:

A minimum of two members per boat per day.
 All Teams must consist of at least one angler over the age of eighteen on the boat at all times.
 All Anglers must be a member of a club affiliated to the N.Z. Sport Fishing Council.
 Non-affiliated anglers may become members of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. for \$20.00 for the duration of the tournament.

EARLY BIRD PRIZE

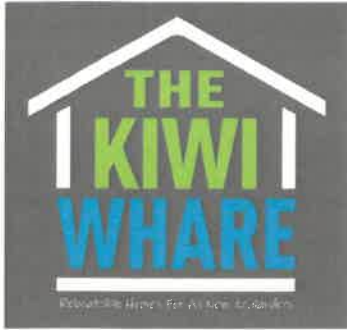
- Early Bird Prize Pack of fully rigged set of Red Gill Lures in a Stoney Creek lure bag. Entries for early bird prize close **Sunday 18th February 2024**

Please Print Clearly

Skippers NAME:	CONTACT PHONE#
POSTALADDRESS:	EMAIL:
BOAT NAME:	BOATMODEL:
BOAT LENGTH:	COLOUR
VHF CALLSIGN:	CELLPHONE#

- I have read and made my team members aware of ALL tournament rules.

Signed(Skipper): **Date:**



Notes: Snapper jackpot is individual. Game fish jackpot is for the team (vessel). Measure boards are specific to the WSFC and **MUST** be used. Boards from previous years are acceptable. Non NZSFC club members must pay an additional entry fee of \$20.

	Anglers Name	NZSFC Club	Entry Fee \$100	Non-Member Fee \$20	Snapper Jackpot \$50	Total
1						
2						
3						
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Office Use:				GAMEFISH Jackpot \$200 Total		

Internet Banking: 02-0488-0034035-26. Ref: Boat Name. Particulars: Skippers Name
 Send Completed Entry Form to: Tournaments@wsfc.co.nz

2024 Whakatane One Base Tournament 22nd – 24th February

Rules

Please read these rules thoroughly. We need a set of rules to keep everyone safe and to ensure everyone has a fair chance. If you have any questions or matters arising please note them and ask them at the briefing.

1. Eligibility & Entry

- a. Teams, Any Number but a minimum of two, all teams must consist of at least one person over the age of 18 on the vessel at all times.
- b. If for any reason an angler wants to change vessels at any time, permission must be first sought and granted by the tournament committee.
- c. All anglers competing must be full financial members of a club affiliated to the NZ sportfishing council **OR**
- d. For a fee of \$20, non affiliated anglers may become members of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club for the duration of the tournament.
- e. It is the responsibility of the skipper and / or anglers to ensure that any membership is up to date and paid for, WSFC will not be checking this prior to the tournament ,any fish caught by anglers not meeting this eligibility requirement will be disqualified.
- f. Media and sponsors may be permitted on vessels at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.
- g. Refunds, **this tournament will go ahead**, postponement dates will be advertised if need be due to bad weather.
- h. For all lucky angler draws the angler must be present.
- i. Noncompliance of these rules may result in the team being disqualified from the tournament or any future tournament.
- j. Acceptance of all entries will be at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.
- k. Any matters not specifically covered in these rules will be covered by briefing notes, WSFC Rules, NZSFC Rules or IGFA Rules. In the event that there is any discrepancy between rules / instructions, the order of priority will be: Breifing notes, Tournament Rules, WSFC Rules, NZSFC Rules, IGFA Rules
- l. Entry and registration in the tournament constitutes acceptance of the rules by ALL participants, and an agreement to abide by ALL judges decisions, The tournament committee reserves the right to amend the rules, should it be deemed necessary in the interest of the tournament.

2. Times and Restrictions

- a) Start fishing time is 0600 on **Thursday 22nd February**, bait fishing prior to this time will be accepted.
- b) Final weigh in & final catch card drop off is **16.30 on Saturday 24th February** at the Whakatane weigh station.
- c) Vessels may launch from **any** port or boat ramp but fishing is strictly permitted to marine chart 54, you may be asked by tournament committee to prove location of catch either by G.P.S coordinates (eg: photo of chart plotter) or photo/video location.
- d) **Bar Crossings**, It is always the Skippers responsibility to cross a bar at any time. If in doubt do not go out. You will be disqualified from the tournament if you **depart** any unworkable/closed bars throughout the Tournament. If the Whakatane Bar is deemed unworkable / closed it is likely that other Eastern Bay of Plenty bars are in a similar condition.
- e) Skippers **MUST** attend The Briefing at the Whakatane Sportfishing Club at 8pm on Wednesday 22nd February and sign the skipper attendance sheet prior to leaving. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. For teams fishing the Nationals an alternative briefing will be held in the Anchorage Bar at the Whakatane Sports Fishing club on Thursday 15th February at 7pm.

3. Tournament Tide Times

- Tide times at Whakatane –
- Thursday 22nd February
- High Tide 06:23
- Low Tide 12:43
- High Tide 18.40

- Friday 23rd February
- High Tide 07:12
- Low Tide 13:33
- High Tide 19:29

- Saturday 24th February
- High Tide 07:56
- Low Tide 14:18
- High Tide 20:14

4. Jet skis

- a) Jet Ski fishing is allowed with one person per ski being accepted, provided a minimum of two jet skis remain in close proximity to each other at all times while fishing.

5. Fishing & Tackle

- a) All fishing will be from boats or jet skis, there are no shore or kayak sections.
- b) All tackle **MUST** comply with IGFA and NZSFC regulations. it is the angler's responsibility to be conversant with these regulations.
- c) The tournament committee reserve the right to inspect all vessels, tackle and equipment, the tournament committee also reserve the right to keep any fish weighed.

6. Weigh in, Catch cards & Tag cards

- a) An official fish capture & weight recording certificate (catch card) must be filled out for ALL Game Fish before arriving at the weigh station.
- b) All sections must be filled in, first and last name must be written in full, not initials.
- c) Providing false information on catch cards will result in disqualification.
- d) Along with the fully completed catch card and or tag card each angler must present rod, reel, lure and or terminal tackle which the fish was caught on.
- e) The angler must be present at the weigh station, you cannot weigh in a fish on someone's behalf.
- f) A fish is not deemed to be caught until it has been weighed (or tagged)
- g) **Game fish only**, you must take a Digital video of releasing the fish which **must** be date and timed stamped, and clearly showing the tag in place along with your Gamefish ID tag . This video must be shown to the weighmasters when the tag cards & catch cards are presented at the weigh station. (you will find your Gamefish ID tag in your briefing pack)
- h) Releasing **Tuna**, the same ruling above is required expect without tagging the fish. You may tag Tuna if you wish for club points etc but for the purposes of this tournament you will not be required to tag tuna, you will need to have your Gamefish ID tag clearly shown in your videos of release, however.
- i) All catch cards must be in the hands of the weigh master no later than 16.30 on Saturday 24th February.

- j) Weigh Station Hours – Thursday & Friday are 14:30 – 18:00. Saturday 14:00 – 16:30
- k) Photos of snapper & kingfish on the measure boards are to be emailed to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz please see rule 11 for information on this.
- l) All game fish captures are to be called in on Channel 60 after the fish is landed or as soon as the vessel is in range of the repeater.

7. Species & Minimum weights

- a) **Species** – Blue, Black & Striped Marlin, Broadbill Swordfish, Short Bill Spearfish, Mahi Mahi, Tuna (all Species, except Albacore & Skipjack), Snapper, Kingfish, Trevally.
- b) **Minimum weights / Lengths** – Marlin & Broadbill 90kg, Tuna 15kg, Short Bill Spearfish 15kg, Mahi Mahi 5kg, Kingfish 1meter, Snapper 40cm. Trevally 35cm.
- c) Trevally, two per angler per day to be weighed.
Snapper, two photos or two weighed fish per angler per day to be presented.
Kingfish, two photos or two weighed fish per angler per day to be presented.

8. Catagories / Prizes

- 1st Heaviest Striped Marlin \$5000
- 1st Heaviest Other Billfish \$3000
- 1st – 3rd Heaviest Kingfish - \$5000 for 1st
- 1st – 3rd Heaviest Snapper - \$5000 for 1st
- **Champion Team on Gamefish Points**, Starts with \$5000 in the purse. –
1st 70% of jackpot purse. (if entered)
2nd 20% of jackpot purse (if entered)
3rd 10% of jackpot purse (if entered)
- 1st – 3rd Heaviest Trevally
- Average Weight Kingfish, Snapper, Trevally.
- **Davey Painters \$5000 cash draw**, open to all anglers in this tournament. five names will be drawn and go through to the final draw in July 2024.

9. Champion Team on Gamefish Points & The Jackpot

- a) Champion team on gamefish points is points based category in which you can combine weighed fish and tag / released fish. The species in this section and Their value if **Tagged/ released** are as follows.
- **Blue & Black marlin 1000 points**
 - **Striped marlin 600 points**
 - **Broadbill Swordfish 600 points**
 - **Short bill Spearfish 410 points**
 - **Tuna (all species except albacore / skipjack) 150 points**
 - **Mahimahi 100 points (max of 4 per day per team)**
- b) For **weighed fish** each team will have only their highest points scoring fish of each species eligible for team totals. Points for weighed fish will be allocated as follows
- $$\frac{\text{Fish weight} \times 100}{\text{Line weight}}$$
- c) Any team may win the champion team on gamefish points but to win the money in the purse you must be entered and have paid the \$200 to enter the Gamefish jackpot before the end of the tournament briefing.
- d) If any team or teams in the top 3 have not entered into the jackpot, the prizes will shift down to the next highest points scoring team or teams that are entered into the jackpot.

10. Snapper Jackpot

- a) The snapper jackpot for the Tournament is on a voluntary basis.
- b) The snapper jackpot is \$50 per ANGLER and has to be paid at time of entry.
- c) From the pool the jackpot will be distributed as follows:
- **Heaviest Snapper 70% of the total pool (if entered)**
 - **2nd Heaviest Snapper 20% of the total pool (if entered)**
 - **3rd Heaviest Snapper 10% of the total pool (if entered)**
- d) If any anglers in the top 3 have not entered the snapper jackpot the prizes will shift down to the next heaviest snapper / angler that has entered the jackpot

11. Snapper & Kingfish Measurement to Weight Conversion Charts and Photograph Requirements

- a) You have the option of measuring & releasing your Kingfish & Snapper. But you can still land and weigh a fish if you choose. In your briefing pack is a conversion chart which will convert your measured fish into weight. Kingfish must be minimum of 1 meter and snapper minimum of 40cm.
- b) Photos, photos need to be of high quality with your angler card clearly visible in the photo. The photos must adhere to the following requirements: the nose of the fish be firmly placed on the board end of the tape. One side of the tape must be continuously visible, that is, the tape must be seen from the nose end of the board to the tail without any part of the fish obscuring the tape. Date and time stamps will be asked for upon submission of photos. Maximum of 2 photos per day per angler per species.



- c) Photos are to be sent to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz . If you have bad reception or concerned that your photos have not been received, you will need to be at the Whakatane Sportfishing Club weigh Station before weigh station cut off time of 16:30 Saturday 24th February.
- d) All photographs become the property of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club

12. Prize Giving

Final Prizegiving will be held in the club rooms at **7pm** on Saturday 24th February. Anglers must be there for lucky draws.

13. Disclaimer, Complaints & Protests

- a) Whether or not to fish is not the responsibility of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club and must be based solely on the team's own judgement, taking into consideration the prevailing conditions, the seaworthiness of their vessel, the status of the safety equipment on board, and the crews seamanship skills.
- b) 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.
- c) In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify the Coastguard emergency VHF channel 16 at first instance. Whakatane Coastguard can be contacted on VHF 18, Waihou Bay Coastguard VHF 65, Tauranga Coastguard VHF 01.
- d) 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.
- e) Any Protest must be filed in writing and delivered to the tournament convenor. The tournament committee will then consider the protest.
- f) Any protest relating to the weighing of fish is to be brought up with the weigh master before the fish is removed from the weigh station.
- g) Any protest against the Whakatane Sportfishing Club will be heard by a mutually agreed third party. In all other protests the tournament committee decision is final and binding.
- h) All participants agree and accept to: Enter this tournament at their own risk. That boating and fishing involves some risk. Not to hold tournament organisers, officials, sponsors, or any other person involved with the tournament liable for any loss or injury to a person or any equipment incurred during the tournament. Notwithstanding any representation made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations, and by-laws related, but not limited, to boating and fishing are complied with.

TIGHT LINES