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### **WPDSAA SOUTH & WEST INSHORE LEAGUE RULES CONCEPT & PARTICIPATION**

#### **AIMS**

- A.1 To promote light tackle boat sport fishing amongst all the anglers affiliated to WPDSAA.
- A.2 To ensure all league competitions are fished fairly and all anglers participate on an equal basis.
- A.3 To ensure the safety of all anglers and boats participating.
- A.4 To identify the top performers in each category, namely top angler, top boat and top club.
- A.5 To reward any angler or club for their performance as the WPDSAA may deem fit.
- A.6 To assist Selectors in identifying top performing anglers when selecting Provincial Teams.
- A.7 To record data generated in competitions and to use data for research purposes.  
**All data accumulated stays the property of WPDSAA and can only be supplied to research organizations with the approval of WPDSAA EXCO.**

#### **TOURNAMENT & DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

##### Tournament committee

Shall consist of:

The WPDSAA Tournament Officer OR his / her nominee if unavailable, the Tournament Officers of each participating club OR his / her nominee if unavailable must be available at the leg venue to make decisions relating to the league competition and are responsible for all weather calls prior to a league competition.

##### Disciplinary committee

Shall consist of:

The WPDSAA Tournament Officer as well as the Chairperson of each club participating in the league competition. This committee will deal with any objections and/or transgression of the rules.

#### **BRIEFINGS**

There will be a Tournament Officers briefing hosted by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer prior to the commencement of the new season, to discuss and agree any proposed rule changes put forward by the Clubs and to set the league calendar dates for the next season.

It is the duty of each club's Tournament Officer to advise their league Skippers and Anglers of the new rules and approved dates for the new season prior to the start of the new league season.

A league brief is to be compiled by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer and distributed to all club Tournament Officers by WPDSAA secretary by no later than Wednesday 17h00 prior to the commencement of the league weekend.

At all SOUTH league competitions, there will be a briefing on the evening before the launch day at 19h30 at the host club and attendance by at least **ONE** representative of each participating WPDSAA club is **COMPULSORY**.

All decisions made at the briefing needs to be conveyed to the WPDSAA TO via Whatsapp by his nominated representative if not in attendance, and this needs to be passed on to the other club TO'S via the TO Whatsapp group.

## ENTRY FEES

An entry fee for all **South & West League events** will be payable by all anglers. These entry fees will be deducted by each participating club from monies owing to a skipper for towing fees for a specific leg or paid via EFT into WPDSAA bank account by an angler, where towing fees are not applicable. The collected entry fees to be deposited into the WPDSAA banking account no later than the Wednesday after the League day. Each club TO to give a breakdown of how the funds are made up, to the WPDSAA secretary by no later than the Wednesday after the League and will be responsible to make sure that the funds are paid over by their specific club or individuals to WPDSAA.

The cost of entry fee is as follows:

- R60.00 per senior angler
- R30.00 per junior angler

Rules governing the prize money and the awarding of prizes are as follows:

1. Entry fees utilization:

- 50% of the registration fees will be donated to WPDSAA and will be used, exclusively for the WPDSAA tournament fund.
- The balance of 50% of the monies collected will be awarded as prizes at the year-end prize giving.

2. Biggest fish of each species caught each leg in both West and South Leagues respectively, will receive a prize.

## A. LEGS & VENUES

### WEST League

5 Legs with 1 spare

The West League is a split launch and you may only weigh in where you sign in.  
WPSAA south affiliated clubs e.g. OBC and Suidpunt may participate in the west league.  
Allowed launches are from any WPSAA affiliated club west of and including OBC, split launches out of Gansbaai is also permissible if fishing out of OBC.

### SOUTH League

2 Legs at Kleinbaai

3 Legs at Struisbaai

1 Dedicated spare leg for Struisbaai

1 Dedicated spare leg for Kleinbaai

There will be a SPLIT launch when hosted by Overberg Boat Club. All vessels have a choice to launch & retrieve from either Kleinbaai or Gansbaai harbour. You may not launch from one and retrieve from another nor will boats be allowed to launch and retrieve at one harbour and re-launch at another on the same day. The day's fishing will be seen as completed as soon as a boat is retrieved. Retrieval will only be allowed in the case of an emergency and both the control boat and club safety officer must be informed prior to retrieval of the boat. Registration & Weigh in will be at Overberg Boat Club.

## B. WEATHER

- B.1.** The Tournament Committee, with the aid of the Weather Stations, can decide if the event IS or IS NOT to take place, due to weather conditions and will notify all via the respective club Whatsapp groups. The WPDSAA Tournament Officer will have the final vote to fish or not to fish. Only participating and active WPDSAA affiliated clubs will be allowed to comment and vote on weather calls (at least one boat to participate in the leg).

WPDSAA TO to be solely responsible for the weather call in the event of a "easy" call and to only enter into dialog with Club TO's if weather is 50/50.

Club Chairmen to be added to WPDSAA to Whatsapp group, for distribution of weather info only and may not comment regarding any weather call (no role in weather call)

### **WEST League**

The WPDSAA Tournament Officer, in consultation with the respective club Tournament Officers, where applicable, must make a decision by no later than 16h00 on the Friday before the WEST League Leg (or earlier if possible) and notify all club TO's via the WPDSAA TO Whatsapp group.

If the leg is cancelled for the Saturday the call for Sunday will be made by no later than 16h00 on the Saturday.

**The weather call will be based on Cape Point. In the interest of the fishing the leg the call can be made based on Franskraal if all participants are in agreement, the final decision will stay with the WP T/O.**

### **SOUTH League**

The WPDSAA Tournament Officer, in consultation with the host club Tournament Officer and weather committee where applicable, must make a weather call by no later than 16h00 on the Thursday before the SOUTH league and notify all via the WPDSAA TO Whatsapp group. A weather call for Sunday will be made by 16h00 on Friday.

- B2.** Weather calls will be made on the basis of the first fishable day in terms of wind and swell conditions and not the best fishable day. Weather call based on Windguru Struisbaai, Cape Agulhas or Franskraal.

## **C. WEATHER DECISION**

For **reasons of safety**, lines-up may be called early by **MAJORITY VOTE** of the elected Weather Committee or their nominee.

Notice will be given to the fleet that a weather call has been made and that all anglers have 15 minutes to lines up. All fish being fought at the 15 minute lines up call MUST BE CUT OFF IMMEDIATELY.

If by 10h00 on the Saturday no fish have been boated and the event is called off due to bad weather, it shall be considered cancelled and fished on the Sunday if possible.

**The Weather Committee ONLY will use channel 69** in the case of making these weather decisions at sea and may not be interrupted by any other persons when making their decision.

## **D. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

Failure to comply with conditions of participation may result in the individual angler's scores, boat score and club score not being scored and/or disqualified.

- D.1** Participating boats will carry a current **SADSAA or SAMSA safety survey certificate on board.**
- D.2** All anglers must be registered members, in their own right, of this Association.
- D.3** All anglers must fill in their Western Province angling numbers on the registration forms. The onus will rest with each angler to remember his/her angling number.
- D.4** New anglers must affiliate to Western Province through their respective clubs within 30 days of fishing a leg. **The onus will rest with the skipper to ensure that the new angler gets affiliated. If the angler does not affiliate within 30 days, the new boat and/or new angler will not be scored.**
- D.5** All vessels participating in the league do so as amateur sports anglers, under the auspices of the WPDSAA. As such, the laws pertaining to recreational bag limits, minimum sizes and protected species are binding on all participants.  
Boats carrying a commercial type license **MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE provided it is** in accordance with their regulations and that they abide by the rules as set out.
- D.6** The registration form must be signed, clearly stating name of boat, boat registration number (this registration number must be accurate as the WP scorer will be using it in the future to identify your vessel), WPDSAA Disc Number (to be filled in in the section

- on the weight sheet form calling for the "SADSAA Disc No"), names of each team member, name of club they represent and the line class and brand they are using by close of scales.
- D.7 Each vessel participating in the Inshore League shall display a WPDSAA disc which can be purchased from the WPDSAA secretary on submission of a copy of the vessels Certificate of Fitness at a cost of R100 each for SADSAA surveyed boats and R200 each for SAMSA surveyed boats. Increase? Keep for the year.
- D.8 In the event of mechanical failure of vessels, contact is to be made with the Control Boat to notify them of the problem and an extension of the scales closing time may be allowed.
- D.9 The onus will rest with the Skipper of each boat, regarding the safety of his/her crew, on whether to go to sea or not. Should the Skipper decide to go to sea, he/she does so at his/her own risk and indemnifies WPDSAA of all risk and legal implications.
- D.10 Provincial or SADSAA representation on a league day, the anglers concerned will NOT score but will be adjudged as FISHED in the league for the provincial selection criteria process only.

## RULES

### A. ANGLING RULES

- **NEW IGFA RULES FOR LEADER AND DOUBLE LINE:** *In all line classes up to and including 20 lb (10kg), the double line shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20feet (6.1 meters).*
- *The weak link line rule as per SADSAA's (IGFA) specification may be adopted, the weak link may be a minimum of 5m, and this excludes any knots or double lines! Please ensure you understand the rules. For record purposes the weak link needs to be 30m or more!*

### B. BOATS

All boats must have a qualified skipper on board and **may only carry participating anglers**. A day angler/non-member may be allowed to fish 1 leg per year. His catch will not count towards the boat or club score unless he/she registers within the allowed 30 day time period **or before he or she fishes the next leg**. With the express permission of the skipper, a recognized reporter of recognized media/newspapers may be allowed on board but may only be on board as an observer. It is envisaged that the promotion of angling as a sport be encouraged.

Should a vessel break down prior to a Leg, and such vessel had been fished from in the current season in the South League, a request for a replacement vessel may be lodged through a club TO to the WPDSAA TO. **At least 2 of the original crew members needs to participate to qualify for boat points transfer**. It is solely at the discretion of the WPDSAA TO to allow the use of a replacement vessel.

Boat changes with the same crew will be allowed for West Leagues. The WPDSAA TO must however be notified of such a change.

Weigh sheets must always reflect the name of the 1<sup>st</sup> nominated vessel with the substitute vessels name in brackets behind it, for scoring purposes.

### C. SKIPPERS

- C.1 It is the duty of each Skipper to act as a referee and see that the rules are strictly adhered to.
- C.2 In the interests of safety and sportsmanship, each Skipper is expected to give an accurate as possible details regarding position and catch when asked to do so by other boats at sea in the competition.
- C.3 Any person talking on the radio of a boat will be considered as representing his/her Skipper.
- C.4 **Only channel 72 may be used for inter boat communication with the exception where communication is needed with harbour control on channel 71.**
- C.5 KaviComms and Satellite phones may NOT be used for inter-boat communication

- except by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer or his elected nominee on the day in the case of a boat not responding to a radio call test.
- C.6 **NO cellphones may be used during league competitions.**
- C.7 Skippers electing to release fish must ensure that their boats have a fish release tool to prevent fish floating on the surface after being released.
- C.8 A call up from each participating vessel at 11am stating vessel name and units of fish landed including M/R fish. In case of a vessel having radio problems they must call there club or WP T/O via cellphones to relay.

## D. ANGLERS

Any Angler, who is an affiliated member of more than one (1) club, must nominate the club he/she wishes to fish for, before the start of the League Season and may not change his/her nomination during the course of that League Season.

### D.1 JUNIOR ANGLER

A junior angler will be under the age of sixteen (16) years (on 1 January of each year). Juniors will be scored as seniors. Juniors will not affect boat scores unless as defined later in this document.

A rod may be removed from a rod holder for a junior angler, but only from the trolling board; no other hooked fish may be passed over to a junior. The rod may be touched by another angler for the sole purpose of handing it to the junior angler, but the reel may not be touched by anyone other than the junior angler fighting the fish.

A junior angler may nominate to fish as a senior angler but may then NOT receive any help or assistance whatsoever.

## E. RODS

An angler may have a maximum of 4 rods and 4 reels on board with the exception of one "heavy" rod & reel which may be used as a release rig **ONLY**. No angler may have more than **two lines** in the water at any one time. Only one hook per line/rod.

In the event of both lines going off simultaneously the angler may elect another angler, who is fishing the same line class only, to take one rod, subject to that angler retrieving 1 rod of his own in the event he/she has 2 rods in the water at that time.

## F. LINE CLASS

**Line classis 6kg or 10kg** (IGFA rated) and all scores will be calculated with a factor. No heavier line, unless as defined in rule A (Angling Rules), may be taken on board except as required for traces. Each angler may select which line class they will be angling with on each leg day and anglers angling on the same boat may fish different line classes.

### F.1 LINE BRANDS

Only IGFA rated lines will be allowed. All line used should be pre-tested before use. Braid allowed in the prescribed "weak link line" manner only. Any angler found not conforming will be penalised.

### F.2 LINE TESTING METHOD

**All lines WILL be subject to testing.** Tests are to be done through the assistance of the club Tournament Officers. DRY testing only qualifies. If samples fail the first dry test a minimum of three (3) more DRY tests will be done and the average will determine the class. In the case of a line breaking over, using the above methods, the angler will be penalized as per the decision of the disciplinary committee as defined in this document.

## G. MINIMUM WEIGHT/SIZE

The minimum weight for species to count will be 1kg subject to the minimum legislated size & weight requirement per species as specified in the regulations with the exception of:

- Yellowfin Tuna must have a minimum fork length of 58cm to be eligible for scoring.  
NO BARBEL, SHARK, SKATE OR RAY SPECIES TO COUNT

## H. BAG LIMITS

All vessels participating in the league do so as amateur sports anglers under the auspices of the WPDSAA. As such, the laws pertaining to sport and recreation regarding bag limits, minimum sizes and protected species are binding on ALL participants.

**H1.** All fish presented at the scales will be recorded on the WPDSAA weigh sheet by the nominated weigh master.

**H2. COMPULSORY BOAT INSPECTIONS CAN BE CARRIED OUT BY ANY AVAILABLE**  
Tournament Officers or their nominee FOR ILLEGAL BAG LIMITS.

**H3.** No more than 10 fish may be weighed by any angler per leg.

**H4.** Each angler must do a call up as soon as he or she has 10 dead fish on the boat with the number of species.

## I. SPECIES

The inshore league is a species driven format. There is an overall cumulative daily bag limit of ten per angler, irrespective of the species caught, subject to a maximum of the daily bag limit allowed per species.

Only baitfish may be kept alive in live bait/bait wells – THE FIRST FISH RETAINED/KILLED IS TO COUNT except for M&R purposes as stated in No3 section J (Measure and Release).

## J. MEASURE & RELEASE (OPTIONAL)

1. Measure & Release will be optional on the following species only:
  - Red Roman
  - Red Stumpnose
  - Daggeraad
  - Black Musselcracker
  - Red Steenbras
  - Garrick
  - Rockcod
2. Clear photographs of all M&R fish showing entire fish and clearly showing fork lengths to be available for inspection on request by WPDSAA TO or scorer.
3. M&R cards with the anglers' name and date of the competition MUST be clearly visible on the picture of the fish that is reflected and documented on the M&R Sheet. A number will be allocated to each league day the day before the league competition is due to take place, by the WPDSAA T/O and shared by him on the TO Whatsapp group. Each club TO will in turn inform their club anglers. This number is to be clearly visible on an anglers M&R card in his photograph of a fish M&R'd on the specific league day to which the number pertains.
4. All relevant pictures must be Whatsapped to the anglers' club TO immediately on request.
5. The WPDSAA scorer and TO will request random spot checks from the relevant club TO's to verify catches relating to the anglers' M&R sheets.
6. Measured "killed" fish to be replaced with measure release fish. For example: If an angler has killed his first stump because he wants to eat it and he then catches a larger stump, he is able to measure and release the larger stump and replace the smaller stump with the larger stump on his weigh sheet.
7. It is the responsibility of each skipper to make sure that they are in the possession of the relevant M&R forms for recording their fish and for subsequent submission.
8. Both fork and total length of fish measured and released MUST be recorded.
9. An anglers biggest fish recorded, within the legal recreational bag limit, will count towards their scores.
10. It is the responsibility of each skipper to hand his/her angler M&R sheet to the club weighmaster.
11. It is the responsibility of each skipper to make sure that they are in possession of the relevant conversion sheet.
12. NB!!! The website data we use is based on Fork length!!! PLEASE document both fork and total length.
13. Measurement will be documented in CM rounded up e.g. 55.2cm becomes 56 cm.
14. Modus Operandi
  - Each angler documents his released fish on the format supplied to all clubs
  - Prior to the weigh-in process, each skipper will neatly, document all the M&R fish on a sheet.

- Each skipper will do the conversion from length to weight using the 2020 conversation table and present this to the weigh master at the scales with the fish weighed from his/her boat.
  - Should the length of any fish exceed the conversation table, the fish's Total and Fork length should be filled in on the M&R sheet and a note should be made on the weight sheet that the conversion was not available on the conversion sheet. The scorer will do the necessary conversion in this case.
  - Weigh-master will document this in the weigh sheet book after which skipper will sign off the boat's data.
  - White copies will be given to the club TO's by the weighmaster to be forwarded to the scorer by club TO's by 17h00 on the Monday after a Leg.
- 15.** All boats must go directly to weigh-in station. Random checks to take place by WPDSAA TO and/or inspector nominated by the WPDSAA TO to include boats, bag limits, hatches, wells, cooler bags, bait boxes as well as line tests, leader lengths etc. Skippers to be present at boat inspection. WP T/O will nominate 4 participants per leg to perform inspections on random boats selected after retrieval.
- Any transgression in terms of angler will result in the angler being disqualified. Any transgression in terms of fish will result in the boat being disqualified (i.e. all crew / anglers)**

## K. FISHING AREAS

### WEST LEAGUE & SOUTH LEAGUE

The Tournament Committee, at their discretion, may limit or extend area boundaries.

#### West Leagues:

10NM from land with the inclusion of a 3NM radius around the following structures:  
Dassen Island, Robben Island and Rocky Bank (measured from the pinnacle). The whole of False Bay. Kleinbaai West Legs will be fished 10NM from land.

**NB:** No fishing is allowed in any restricted area as demarcated reserves as stipulated in the Table Mountain National Park Marine Protected Areas.

#### South Leagues:

**10NM from land.**

**Struisbaai – The participating Tournament Officers on the day may decide to include the 12 Mile bank in the case of:**

- The wind average on Windguru for Cape Agulhas shows 6 knots or less.
- All participating club Tournament Officers are in full agreement.
- A 3 Mile radius from the middle of the 12 mile bank will be the restriction in such an event...

In the interest of fishing, the weather committee may restrict the area bearing in mind that the weather conditions is fishable in the nominated/restricted area.

## L. FISHING TIMES – West & South Leagues

### L.1 Departure from all launch sites will be:

1 April to 31 August **07h00** and 1 September to 31 March **06h00**

### L.2 Boats may launch earlier but to wait at the Borrel gat to launch time in Struis, to wait outside Black Sophie in Kleinbaai, to wait just outside dedicated launch site in the West League.

## M. LINES UP – West & South Leagues

Lines-up on a SATURDAY will be 16h00. If fished on any SUNDAY lines up will be at 15h00

#### **The exceptions are as follows:**

- For reasons of safety lines-up may be called early by majority vote of the elected weather committee.
- An angler may continue fighting a fish for 1 (one) hour after lines-up only provided it was hooked prior to the call and is immediately reported to the control boat. In such a case, the particular boat will be granted an extension, of up to 1 hour, for weighing in their fish. Fish hooked after the lines-up call, will be disqualified.

## N. SCORING

1. All points scored will be awarded in accordance with the WPDSAA scoring system together with a GRAND PRIX 1000 - point system.
2. All fish species to the scale will be capped at 10kg.
3. The total score of the anglers on board will determine boat scores divided by a minimum of three (3) participants. In the case of only two senior anglers a junior will make up the third angler and his/her score will count to determine the boat score. In the case of only juniors catching fish, their fish will count towards the boat score.
4. The total score of that angler/boat will determine the top angler/boat over the whole season
5. The boat points for a boat carrying 1 or more junior anglers will receive a 10% additional points added to the boat score on the day.
6. The club score will be the total score of the top ten anglers of that club for that particular day and the total of all the events will be the overall score of that participating club.
7. For the Species scoring system, individual scoring will be calculated as the total points of an angler for the day, multiplied by a line factor and multiplied by the number of legal species he/she has caught.
8. The grand prix system based on the species scoring will apply to individuals, boats and clubs scores.
9. Western Province floating trophies may be won by any WPDSAA affiliated angler but may not be taken away from the prize giving event.
10. It is the responsibility of the scorer to forward a first draft of the results, weigh sheets and M&R sheets to the participating club TO's as well as the WPDSAA TO for ratification. This should be received by 17h00 on the Monday; 1 week after the scorer received the weigh sheets. This draft may not be distributed to any anglers and is solely for checking purposes.
11. If a problem on the weigh sheet occurs regarding the boats' information, the boat score is to be disqualified. For example: omissions concerning disc numbers, WP numbers etc.
12. Individual anglers are responsible for their own information on weigh sheet. If there is an issue the angler will be disqualified and not the boat.
13. If no measure and release (M&R) forms are presented with the weigh sheet, the affected boat and anglers will be disqualified.
14. Any correction to weigh sheets to be signed by both the weigh master and the skipper if these corrections were made before close of scales.
15. All weigh sheets and M&R sheets to be posted on the TO Whatsapp group by the club TO's by no later than 17h00 on the Monday after the Leg.
16. Club TO's to check weigh sheets. A club TO can make changes and corrections on weigh sheets up until 17h00 on the Monday after the league day at which time the weigh sheets must be posted on the TO group. These will then be taken as final and scored. No weighed fish may be added to weigh sheets and no M&R fish may be added to M&R sheets after close of scales, however TO's may transfer fish from M&R sheets to weigh sheets if they were omitted erroneously on the weigh sheet.

#### **O. WEIGH-IN – West & South Leagues**

1. All fish must be weighed on the official scales so designated.
2. All fish are to be clearly marked and sorted for individual identification prior to the weigh-in.
3. All fish must be individually presented to the scale and recorded against the angler's name on the official weigh sheet, which must be signed as correct by the skipper, or his nominee. All weighed fish to be marked by the weigh master.
4. Scales will close three hours after lines up.
5. If no fish are caught, Weigh Sheets must be signed by the skipper, or in the absence thereof, be reported to the weigh master.

#### **P.PRIZES – West & South Leagues**

1. Prizes will be awarded according to the available trophies and as determined by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer.
2. If any trophies are incorrectly awarded the Club's Tournament Officer at the first opportunity must bring it to the attention of the WPDSAA Tournament Officer.
3. Trophies for separate South and West leagues to be awarded.
4. Trophies may not be removed from the prize giving venue and must be handed back to WPDSAA on the evening of the prize giving once the ceremony has been concluded.
5. **Cash prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish of each species per leg caught during the League Year in both West and South Leagues respectively.**

#### **Q. OBJECTIONS**

All objections together with R 50.00 (Fifty Rands) must be reported in writing to the host tournament officer or the WPDSAA Tournament Officer no later than 48 hours after scores for a particular Leg are made public.

## R. INFRINGEMENTS

Although the intent of these rules is to rely on the integrity and sportsmanship of all participants, the Disciplinary Committee will make a finding at their discretion, by no later than 10 days after receiving the written complaint. Each case will be evaluated on merit by the Disciplinary Committee and judged accordingly.

## S. APPEALS

The decision of the Disciplinary Committee WILL BE FINAL. No appeals will be heard.

## T. DATES – As per circulated calendar

### TOURNAMENT OFFICERS' DUTIES

#### A. WPDSAA TOURNAMENT OFFICER

1. Inshore League Rules.
2. Call meeting of Disciplinary Committee within 10 days of receiving the objection.
3. Act as chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.
4. Ensure that the Tournament Committee complies with all the rules as set out.
5. Circulate the league brief as stipulated and oversee weather calls.
6. Update the WPDSAA TO Whatsapp group as per the decision made by the Tournament Officers.
7. Assign a M&R number at skippers briefing.
8. Appoint 4 boat inspectors per leg where possible.

#### B. CLUB TOURNAMENT OFFICERS

1. Be available for weather decisions.
2. All decisions will then be placed on the WPDSAA TO Whatsapp group or advised at registration for the information of league participants.
3. Ensure that the registration book is readily available to anglers at the specified venues, from half-an-hour before launching and/or the previous day.
4. Name of control boat.
5. Make arrangements for alternate launching when required doing so.
6. Ensure that weigh masters/mistresses are appointed to the scales and that the scale is calibrated for the year and that the scale certificate is available at all times.
7. Post weigh sheets on the TO Whatsapp group after checking them by no later than 17:00 on the Monday following the league.
8. Supply the WPDSAA secretary with a breakdown of entry fees for each specific leg by the Wednesday after the league day and make sure all relevant funds are paid to WPDSAA.
9. Must be available at the venue until close of scale.
10. Hosting TO's must ensure that an updated list of all WP, All Africa and SADSAA records are available at the scales.
11. Hosting TO's must make spare copies of M&R sheets & M&R Conversion Sheets available at the scales.

**TOURNAMENT OFFICERS SHOULD AT ALL TIME REFRAIN FROM BEING INVOLVED IN CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSIONS REGARDING RULES OVER THE AIR AND SHOULD ACTIVELY DISCOURAGE THEIR ANGLERS FROM IT. ANY ANGLER WITH A COMPLAINT SHOULD CONTACT HIS/HER CLUB TOURNAMENT OFFICER OR THE HOST TOURNAMENT OFFICER WHO CAN IN TURN CONFERS WITH THE WPDSAA TOURNAMENT OFFICER ON ANOTHER CHANNEL IF NECESSARY OR PREFERABLY BACK ON LAND.**

#### 9. WEIGHMASTERS/MISTRESS

1. Be available at the scales from lines-up.
2. Ensure that ALL names of anglers are noted on the boat weigh sheet – nil catch included.
3. Enter ALL fish presented to the scales, irrespective of weight (nil catches included) and enter M&R fish from M&R sheets on to weigh sheets.
4. At close of scale hand over to the host tournament officer all completed white weigh sheets and M&R sheets.