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Good day fellow anglers,

CHANGES TO SADSAA RECORDS WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

I would like to announce that SADSAA has made a council decision to align all rules and requirements 100% to IGFA.

What does this mean:

- SADSAA will no longer have a separate list of rules and requirement to IGFA and will automatically adopt any changes to the rules and requirements when IGFA makes changes
- No more confusion when it comes to which rule applies to which application
- More record categories and possibilities are now available to recognise outstanding accomplishments in the field of angling while still ensuring we are committed to the conservation of fish and promote responsible, ethical angling practices

Main Changes:

- **Line Class:**

- **SADSAA – Previous Rule**

LINE CLASS record catch claims will only be considered for acceptance when the weight of the fish equals (100%) or exceeds the breaking strain of the line. Should the weight of the fish be less than the breaking strain of the line, the LINE CLASS record will not be allowed, but the claim will still be considered for the ALL TACKLE category if the weight exceeds the current ALL TACKLE RECORD.

Example: When you fish with 10kg line the fish weight had to be 10kg or more to qualify for a 10kg line class record

- **SADSAA, ALL AFRICA and IGFA – Current Rule**

Line Class world records are kept for each eligible species according to the breaking strength of the first 5 meters (16.5 feet) of line directly preceding the double Line, Leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogeneous piece of line.

Tippet Class records are kept for the eligible species according to the breaking strength of the class tippet.

For all Line Class records and Tippet Class records, the weight of the fish must be at least 50% of the US Pounds Line and Tippet Class used to make the catch.

Example: a fish entered for the 6-kilogram (12-pound) Line Class or Tippet Class category must weigh a minimum of 2.72 kilograms (6 pounds).

- **Summary**

SADSAA, All Africa and IGFA allows the minimum fish weight to be 50% of the US Pounds breaking strength.



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| Line Classes | | | Tippet Classes | | |
|------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Metric Kilograms | U.S. Pounds | Min Fish Weigh (kg) | Metric Kilograms | U.S. Pounds | Min Fish Weigh (kg) |
| 1 | 2 | 0.45 | 1 | 2 | 0.45 |
| 2 | 4 | 0.91 | 2 | 4 | 0.91 |
| 3 | 6 | 1.36 | 3 | 6 | 1.36 |
| 4 | 8 | 1.81 | 4 | 8 | 1.81 |
| 5 | 10 | 2.27 | 5 | 10 | 2.27 |
| 6 | 12 | 2.72 | 6 | 12 | 2.72 |
| 8 | 16 | 3.63 | 8 | 16 | 3.63 |
| 10 | 20 | 4.54 | 10 | 20 | 4.54 |
| 15 | 30 | 6.80 | | | |
| 24 | 50 | 11.34 | | | |
| 37 | 80 | 18.14 | | | |
| 60 | 130 | 29.48 | | | |

- **Line Class Categories:**

- **SADSAA – Previous Rule**

- **Junior** - records are kept for both male and female anglers ages 17 and under
 - **Men** - records are kept for male anglers ages 18 and older
 - **Ladies** - records are kept for woman anglers ages 18 and older

- **SADSAA, ALL AFRICA and IGFA – Current Rule**

- **Smallfry** - records are kept for both male and female anglers ages 10 and under
 - **Junior** - records are kept for both male and female anglers ages 11 – 16
 - **Men** - records are kept for male anglers ages 17 and older
 - **Ladies** - records are kept for woman anglers ages 17 and older

- **Summary**

Junior anglers are grouped into two age groups, (**smallfry** and **juniors**) and the age of juniors for record applications are reduced from 18 to 17. Please note this is only applicable to **RECORDS** and **NOT** any other SADSAA age grouping rules.

Tight lines,

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