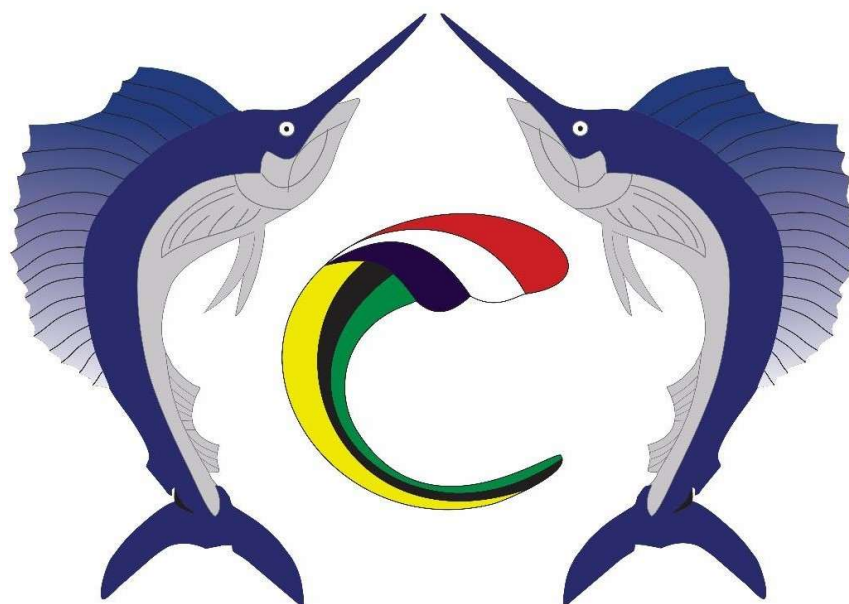




SADSAA

TOURNAMENT RULES

OF

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEEP SEA
ANGLING ASSOCIATION**

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SADSAA Tournament Rules

These Rules will apply to all International, National, Inter-Provincial and the All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments run under the authority and auspices of the South African Deep Sea Angling Association.

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- 1.1 To properly elevate deep sea angling to its rightful place among the other participating sports. It is the intent to fish only the best Anglers and Skippers/Boat Captains (hereinafter referred to as Skippers) under regulations which will prove the winning team to be the best in the Tournament.
- 1.2 These fishing rules have been evolved internationally so that in their observance, every fish and angler should have a sporting chance. Captures in which the fish has not fought, or in which the fish has not had the chance to fight, except on the gaff, rope or in the boat, are not caught within the intent of these rules and do not reflect credit on the fish or the fisherman. Only fish caught in accordance with the IGFA angling rules (with additions as stated in these rules) within the intent of these rules will qualify.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 Teams will consist of three (3) Provincial Anglers, or more if decided upon by the National Council, and the number of National Anglers per team is determined by the Council of SADSAA. A non-travelling reserve may be selected in terms of the conditions specified in Rules 2.2, 2.3 or 2.4 below but shall not gain his/her Provincial or National colours unless he/she proceeds to the sea and fishes in the Tournament as a replacement for one of his/her team members.
- 2.2 Should it be necessary for the reserve angler to replace one of his/her own team members for whatever reason, the change in the team will only be permitted prior to the commencement of the Tournament – that is, no change to the team will be allowed for the duration of the Tournament once the fishing in the Tournament has commenced.
- 2.3 Should the reserve angler wish to accompany his/her team to the Tournament venue, he/she shall not do so without the explicit prior written consent of the host Province or hosting country/organisation.
- 2.4 Where the host province or hosting country/organisation has given written consent to the reserve angler accompanying his/her team to the Tournament venue, the host province or hosting country/organisation will have the full right to hold the province and team concerned responsible for all additional costs incurred in accommodating such a reserve angler for the duration of the Tournament.

- 2.5 A Tournament will only be deemed a Tournament if there are Three (3) or more Provinces (or two Provinces, and a correctly selected Barbarian team) and Five (5) or more teams taking part in an Inter-Provincial, All Coastal, All Inland or a Nationals. With the exception of the Ladies division, which has to be a minimum of Three (3) Provinces (or two Provinces, and a correctly selected Barbarian team) fishing a Tournament within a Tournament, for their own medals.
- 2.6 A Barbarian team is allowed to enter any Tournament, and compete for the medals. Such a team can only comprise of anglers of different Provinces who qualify to nominate and have nominated for the tournament through their respective Province, but were not selected as the first choice for their Provincial team.
- 2.7 In the case of International Tournaments, teams will consist of SADSAA registered deep sea anglers who have been selected on merit by the Selection Committee of SADSAA.
- 2.8 In the case of Senior National Tournaments, teams will consist only of SADSAA registered deep sea anglers who have been selected on merit by their member Provincial Associations. Also included in Senior Nationals shall be one senior SADSAA team, one SADSAA Masters team and one SADSAA U/19 team. The SADSAA teams will be selected on merit by the Selection Committee of SADSAA. The U/19 SADSAA teams will be chosen for the Tuna, Game-fish, and Bottom-fish Nationals only. Guest teams from other countries will also be welcome, but these teams may not fish for medals.
- 2.9 In the case of other Inter-Provincial, All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments, teams will consist only of SADSAA registered deep sea anglers who have been selected on merit by their Provincial Associations and any invited teams which have the prior approval of the council of SADSAA.
- 2.10 Barbarian teams will also be allowed to compete in National, Inter-Provincial and the All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments but only with the express blessing of the hosting Province and only if the hosting Province can accommodate them. Procedures for the formation of Barbarian teams in the Road to Protea Colours must be followed.
- 2.11 U/16 Juniors, for the purpose of Tournaments only, shall be deep sea anglers who have not yet attained 16 years of age at the commencement date of the Tournament.
- 2.12 U/19 Juniors shall be deep sea anglers who have not yet attained 19 years of age at the commencement date of the Tournament.

- 2.13 U/21 Juniors shall be deep sea anglers who have not yet attained 21 years of age at the commencement date of the Tournament.

3. REGISTRATION

Official registration must be completed with the registration officer of the Tournament by not later than the date and time laid down by the host Province, which shall not be later than the commencement of the Tournament.

4. FORMAL RECEPTIONS

- 4.1 Attendance of all competitors is compulsory.
- 4.2 All participants will be correctly dressed in their step-out uniforms or alternate smart casual attire as determined and prescribed by the hosts in their written invitation.
- 4.3 Spouses, life partners, companions and or friends shall not accompany a Protea or a SADSAA team member for the duration of an International or National tournament hosted locally or abroad. This is not applicable if the angler and spouse are fishing in the same team. Certain circumstances might however warrant a deviation from this resolution with regards to Local National or International Tournaments, and the Action Committee of SADSAA may authorise a deviation from this rule on receipt of prior written request.

5. BRIEFING AND BOAT DRAW

- 5.1 Boats will be drawn at an official boat draw ceremony and rotated daily. Under no circumstances will random allocation of boats be permitted, other than provided for in rule 6.1.
- 5.2 Teams and boats, specifically in the Bottomfish facet, will be pre-drawn by an impartial SADSAA official prior to the commencement of the tournament, and this will be communicated timeously to the hosting province for circulation.
- 5.3 SADSAA has the right to determine if teams, especially when hosting International Tournaments, will stay on the same boats for the duration of the tournament or not.
- 5.4 All SADSAA sanctioned Tournaments, excluding Bottomfish, may be "Own Boat" Tournaments, provided it was specified in the Tender document that was submitted via the SADSAA Office for voting on at the October council meeting.
- 5.5 There will be no discussion and/or deviation from any of these SADSAA rules.

- 5.6 Attendance of all competitors at the Briefing and Boat Draw is compulsory.
- 5.7 All participants will be correctly dressed in their step-out uniforms or alternate smart casual attire as determined and prescribed by the hosts in their written invitation.

6. BOATS AND SKIPPERS

- 6.1 Boats and Skippers will be provided by the host Province in all Tournaments unless it was tendered for as an own boat tournament.
- 6.2 Only boats that hold a current valid Seaworthy Certificate (COF) for that year may be used in the Tournament.
- 6.3 Only Skippers considered being competent by the host Province will take part in the Tournament and they should hold a recognised valid Skippers ticket (COC).
- 6.4 Each boat will carry only one Skipper (being the first crew member) and one angling team. No guests are permitted on any Tournament boat apart from National Selectors or SADSAA Officials, and a team manager/gillie (being the second crew member) for the U/16 juniors if so required. No Provincial team manager or gillie may accompany his own team on the same boat. Prior arrangement must be made with the host Province.
- 6.5 In a Junior Gamefish Nationals, especially where bigger marlin boats are being used and where billfish have been included as a specie, a gillie (being the second crew member) for the U/19 teams is permissible. They may assist with outriggers and leadering.
- 6.6 A gillie (being the second crew member) may be permitted for the Heavy Tackle Billfish Tournament where the host Province deems it necessary, but he/she will be bound by the same rules as applicable to the Skipper in Rule 6.7
- 6.7 The Skipper of the boat will be bound by IGFA Rules **except** that he **may not** assist the competitors in the making up of terminal tackle or the rigging of baits whilst at sea. Either the Skipper or the second crew member may assist with the gaffing of fish, but only when expressly requested to do so by the captain of the team. Only one person, either Skipper or second crew member, may assist at any one time.
- 6.8 In International Tournaments only, the rigging of baits, by the Skipper or his second crew member, is allowed after approval of the National Council and if the tournament rules for that competition allow for it.

- 6.9 All vessels must be fitted with an electronic GPS that is capable of recording the days movement by means of tracks. No skipper shall be asked by any angler or member of a team to switch off their GPS when boarding the craft. All movement of a vessel for any competition fishing day MUST be available for inspection for a minimum of one week after the tournament has concluded.

7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.1 For all Internationals, National Championships and Inter-Provincials, but excluding the Billfish Tournaments, the host Province shall restrict the Tournament to two line classes only.
- 7.2 Heavier breaking strain line other than the prescribed line classes is permitted on the boat for the exclusive purpose of towing teasers or utilisation for leaders and traces.
- 7.3 Any team member using line with a heavier breaking strain than the line class of the Tournament will result in his entire Teams catch being disqualified for that day. This excludes the line when used as described and covered under 7.2 above or 7.4 below.
- 7.4 The IGFA weakest link rule will apply – described below:
- 7.4.1 Monofilament, multifilament, and lead core multifilament lines may be used.
- 7.4.2 Wire lines are prohibited.
- 7.4.3 Backing is permitted.
- 7.4.4 The catch shall be classified under 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, homogenous piece of line and may not exceed 130lbs (60kg) line class.
- 7.5 All tackle and gaffs shall conform to IGFA Rules (with additions as stated in these rules) as it applies to the line class used.
- 7.6 SADSAA will not issue any line to anglers for tournament as in the past.
- 7.7 No Braid line may be used for the “weak link” but may be used before the weak link as backing.
- 7.8 Spooning and “Drop Shot” fishing is permissible, whilst deep jigging is not allowed in any area that prohibits this form of angling (such as iSimangaliso Greater Wetland Park).

7.8.1 Definition of Jigging: Jigging is a method of fishing that has evolved over many centuries, where an artificial lure, with hooks attached, is used to attract and capture fish. The lure is designed to resemble small fish that the target species would normally feed on, and is fished in a vertical motion. The lure must meet the IGFA standards as set out in the IGFA International Angling Rules.

- 7.9 The use of offset circle hooks is **not allowed** in any facet.
- 7.10 If fishing with circle hooks, **only non-offset** circle hooks may be used for all natural and live baits whilst fishing the Heavy & Light Tackle Tournament.
- 7.11 The use of Stainless-Steel hooks is not permissible in any of the iSimangaliso Greater St Lucia Wetland Parks (Mapelane, St Lucia, Cape Vidal and Sodwana Bay)
- 7.12 The use of strip bait on a double or single hook arrangement, with or without a lure, as fully described in the IGFA rules is allowed during the Light Tackle and Heavy Tackle Tournaments.
- 7.13 A strip bait in a Kona is permissible as per IGFA rules.
- 7.14 NOTE: Anglers are warned that should they use the minimum length of line as specified in the "weak link" IGFA rule, there may not be sufficient line for testing for various records (Club, Provincial, National, All Africa and World) It is advised that a minimum of 15 meters be used.

8 TYPE AND CLASS OF FISHING

8.1 HEAVY TACKLE AND LIGHT TACKLE BILLFISH INTERNATIONALS, NATIONALS & INTER- PROVINCIALS:

Only fish of the Billfish species as listed by SADSAA in the points scoring section of these rules will count.

- 8.1.1 In the case of Internationals where the International is held for a specific species of Billfish, then any one of the Billfish species will be permitted but shall be restricted to the single selected species only, for example, in a Sailfish International only sailfish will be allowed.
- 8.1.2 In the case of Nationals and Inter-Provincials, all the Billfish species will be permitted but the host Province may restrict the Tournament to a specific species or certain species only if they see the necessity for it.

- 8.1.3 IGFA and SADSAA rules and SADSAA point scoring system will apply.
- 8.1.4 All Billfish Tournaments are to be a Full Release Tournament.
- 8.1.5 The new Billfish scoring system will apply as per scoring method and table below.
- 8.1.6 The skipper remains SADSAA's referee to ensure the adherence of these rules.
- 8.1.7 The use of non-stainless steel J-Hooks in all artificial lures is allowed.
- 8.1.8 Only **non-offset** circular hooks may be used in live or dead bait during the Heavy Tackle tournaments as per IGFA specifications.
- 8.1.9 Non-stainless steel J-Hooks (Single or double) may be used in a dead bait, such as ballyhoo or halfbeak, during a Light Tackle Tournament as per IGFA specifications.
- 8.1.10 The IGFA weakest link rule will apply

8.2 **TUNA INTERNATIONALS, NATIONALS & INTER-PROVINCIALS:**

Only fish of the Tuna species as listed by SADSAA in the points scoring section of these rules will count.

- 8.2.1 The host Province may nominate one line class for the Tournament
- 8.2.2 The minimum weight to weigh will not be lighter than the line-class used, unless otherwise stipulated by the host Province.
- 8.2.3 J-Hooks and **non-offset** circle hooks may be used in a Tournament as per IGFA specifications.
- 8.2.4 If fishing with a circle hook only a **non-offset** circle hook is allowed.
- 8.2.5 The first 10 fish killed, or any modified bag limit that may be introduced, as long as it is in accordance with the Legislation and Bag Limits of DFFE, will be the fish presented to the scales by any angler at the end of the days angling (in other words an angler cannot kill small fish and then select his 10 at the end of the day).
- 8.2.6 Whilst there will be NO points for release, unless stipulated by the host province, the number of releases and fish taken by predators must be recorded by the team and verified by the Skipper.

- 8.2.7 In the case of an Inter-Provincial, the host province may restrict the Tournament to a specific species or certain species only.
- 8.2.8 When an International Tournament is held for a specific species of Tuna then only that species is permitted, for example, in the World Albacore Championships then only the Albacore will be allowed.
- 8.2.9 The IGFA weakest link rule will apply.
- 8.2.10 The caught fish remains the property of the angler and he may dispose of them as he sees fit, but under **NO** circumstance may **any** fish be sold.
- 8.2.11 The Skipper remains SADSAA's referee to ensure the adherence of these rules.

8.3 GAME-FISH INTERNATIONALS, NATIONALS & INTER-PROVINCIALS

- 8.3.1 The host Province may nominate a maximum of two line classes for the Tournament.
- 8.3.2 The host Province may at their discretion rule the tournament as a species multiplying tournament.
- 8.3.3 IGFA and SADSAA rules will apply.
- 8.3.4 The IGFA weakest link rule will apply.
- 8.3.5 Spooning and "Drop Shot" fishing is permissible whilst deep jigging is not allowed in any area (such as iSimangaliso Greater Wetland Park) that prohibits this form of angling. See point 7.8 for a definition of Jigging.
- 8.3.6 Fishing with a J-Hooks or a **non-offset** circle hook is allowed in Tournaments as per IGFA specifications.
- 8.3.7 The first 10 fish killed, or any modified bag limit that may be introduced, as long as it is in accordance with the Legislation and Bag Limits of DFFE, will be the fish presented to the scales by an angler at the end of the days angling (in other words, an angler cannot kill small fish and then select his 10 at the end of the day).
- 8.3.8 Whilst there will be NO points for release, unless stipulated by the host province, the number of releases and fish taken by predators must be recorded by the team and verified by the Skipper.

- 8.3.9 The caught fish remains the property of the angler, he may dispose of them as he sees fit, BUT under **NO** circumstance may **any** fish be sold.
- 8.3.10 The Skipper remains SADSAA's referee to ensure the adherence to these rules.

8.4 **BOTTOM-FISH INTERNATIONALS, NATIONALS & INTERPROVINCIALS**

- 8.4.1 These rules take cognisance of the present legislation regarding fish caught and bag limits and may have to be modified should the law change.
- 8.4.2 The host Province may nominate maximum of two line classes for the Tournament.
- 8.4.3 The new SADSAA Bottomfish Release Rules will apply to all Bottomfish Tournaments – see Annexure A, point 3
- 8.4.4 The target species, minimum weights, lengths etc., will be issued by the host Province taking cognisance of their particular area and National regulations
- 8.4.5 The first fish killed, up to the bag limit, by any angler will be the fish presented to the scales at the end of the days angling (in other words an angler cannot kill small fish and then select his fish at the end of the day).
- 8.4.6 Only two single hooks may be used as per the new bottomfish rules and scoring system.
- 8.4.7 Fishing with J-Hooks or **non-offset** circle hooks is allowed as per IGFA specifications.
- 8.4.8 The IGFA weakest link rule will apply.

8.5 **INTER-PROVINCIALS OTHER THAN THOSE COVERED ABOVE:**

These may be structured in any form and may be divided into both the Game-fish and Bottom-fish sections over the period of the Tournament, but invitations and rules must spell the details out very clearly and should the Tournament cater for both the Game-fish and Bottom-fish species, then the two sections must be fished independently, and scores tallied separately.

- 8.5.1 In terms of Gamefish Tournaments, the host Province may specify all or any of the Gamefish species as defined in 8.3 above

- 8.5.2 In terms of Bottomfish Tournaments, the host Province may specify all or any of the fish species as defined in 8.4 above.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 There will be no more than two (2) lines per angler in the water at any one time except in the case of Bottomfish, where only one (1) line per angler may be in the water at any given time.
- 9.2 Boat Skippers supplied by the host Province, or own boat skippers will, at all times, act as referees and report any transgressions of the rules to the organisers.
- 9.3 For all Internationals, Nationals and single category Inter-Provincials, the points scoring will be based on the National Point Scoring System applicable to the respective line class and facet allowed in the Tournament.
- 9.4 The team scoring the highest number of points shall be the winner
- 9.4.1 In the case of Tournaments held in terms of Rule 9.10 below (both gamefish and bottomfish) then scores using the National System as defined in Rule 9.3 above will be applied to each section independently and the team with the highest number of points in each of the two sections will be the winner of the respective section.
- 9.5 Weighing will be to the nearest completed 0.1kg (1/10th of a kg).
- 9.6 There will be an extra 5 points for a caught and released fish on a non-offset circle hook in the Light Tackle & Heavy Tackle Tournament.
- 9.7 In the event of a tie, the team with the lesser number of individual qualifying fish will win.
- 9.7.1 The new SADSAA Billfish and Bottomfish scoring system will apply in the respective Tournaments.
- 9.7.2 The recognised International "First Last Fish" rule will be the tie break for Billfish Tournaments where an equal number of releases by different teams have been made.
- 9.8 The results of the Tournament will be decided over the actual number of days fished.
- 9.9 The Skippers positions over the Tournament will be determined by the host Province using a method which is totally fair and acceptable to all Skippers participating in the Tournament.

9.10 SPECIES SCORING

(This is applicable to Game-fish Tournaments ONLY):

- 9.10.1 If the team catches only one or two species, the team score the full normal SADSAA points
- 9.10.2 If the team catch three species, the team score the full normal SADSAA points x2.
- 9.10.3 If the team catch four species, the team score the full normal SADSAA points x3, etc.....
- 9.10.4 The reverse hook method may be used, and a special rig kept on the boat for this release method which can be carried out by Skipper.
- 9.10.5 If a Sailfish or Marlin or Shortbill Spearfish is caught in Gamefish Tournaments, they will not score any points but will count as specie for multiplication purposes (no weight but a multiplier only).
- 9.10.6 The species Green Jobfish (Kaakaap), and all Kingfish species whilst being Gamefish, are excluded as a weighable fish at Sodwana, Cape Vidal, Mapelane & St. Lucia (In the iSimangaliso Greater Wetland Park), however can be measured for species and points allocated to them but have to be released.
- 9.10.7 Cape Yellowtail and ALL the Amberjack species (Seriola species) can be classified as both Game Fish and Bottom Fish species in a tournament. It is up to the hosting Province to make the ruling on them.
- 9.10.8 The Skipper remains SADSAA's referee to ensure the adherence to these rules.

10 TOURNAMENT ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

- 10.1 There shall be a Tournaments Adjudicating Committee consisting of at least three but not exceeding five persons who shall be appointed by the host Province and whose names shall be published before the commencement of the Tournament.
- 10.2 At the National Tournaments, two of the National Selectors attending as observers shall be included in the maximum of five persons appointed to the Tournaments Adjudicating Committee.

11 MINIMUM SIZES AND LEGAL BAG LIMITS

11.1 Minimum sizes will be the legal **legislated** sizes for the species prescribed by DFFE but shall not be less than the following:

- 11.1.1 All Bottom–fish species – Legal size limit.
(The fish will not be shorter than the Legislated legal length prescribed by DFFE)
- 11.1.2 All Game–fish species – 4 Kg.
(Except where the host Province has indicated that a certain species weight will be less, but the fish will not be shorter than the Legislated legal length prescribed by DFFE)
- 11.1.3 All Tuna species – 5 Kg.
- 11.1.4 All Marlin species – Release Only
- 11.1.5 All Sailfish species – Release Only
- 11.1.6 All Spearfish species – Release Only

Host provinces may **increase** the minimum size to suite their conditions and/or species. But they may not be less than Rule 11.1 above.

11.2 No angler shall, on any day, catch or be in possession on any boat, of more than the maximum number of fish permitted by current legislation applicable to fish species and total bag limits.

12 RELEASE TOURNAMENTS

- 12.1 All Sailfish, Marlin species and Short Bill Spear Fish will be released.
- 12.2 All the Bottomfish tournaments will be release tournaments. Only fish within the daily bag limit/size or potential record fish and PB'S (personal best) fish may be brought to the scale for the anglers CV.
- 12.3 For the fish to qualify for release points, the swivel or, in the case where no swivel is used, the leader knot must touch the rod tip. Points will be scored irrespective of subsequent occurring events after the qualification has been met, unless the fish is not released in a humane manner, which must be verified by the skipper of the boat, who is acting as SADSAA's referee.
- 12.4 When releasing the fish, every humane effort shall be made to remove the hook from the fish, or the leader is to be cut approximately one metre or less from the hook if safe to do so. The jerking of the leader to part the line or to dislodge the hook is not permitted and any action of this nature will result in the fish being disqualified.

- 12.5 Where there is no independent boat Skipper, digital camera evidence or cellular phone footage of the tip including footage of the billfish and release will be acceptable as long as the date and time appear on such digital photographs.
- 12.6 Teams may tag a fish for ORI's record purposes, but no extra points will be allocated for such a release.

13 **BAIT**

- 13.1 The host will provide bait equally to all teams, this is only applicable to the following Nationals and Inter- Provincials:
 - a. Bottomfish Tournaments
 - b. Gamefish Tournaments
 - c. Tuna Tournaments
- 13.2 In all Tuna Tournaments, it is the responsibility of the host to supply the bait, however the cost of this bait is for the account of the individual teams and there shall be no limit to the quantity that a team may wish to use.
- 13.3 No other bait, other than the bait supplied by the hosts or bait caught at sea on the day, may be used.
- 13.4 The decision as to whether bait can be carried over will be made by the host Province
- 13.5 It is **legal** for Heavy Tackle anglers to fish with strip baits in their Kona's
- 13.6 It is **legal** for the use of strip bait on a double or single hook arrangement, with or without a lure, as fully described in the IGFA rules whilst competing in the Light Tackle and Heavy Tackle Tournaments.
- 13.7 **If fishing circle hooks, only non-offset** circle hooks are to be used for all natural and live baits in the Light & Heavy Tackle Tournaments.

14 **FISHING TIMES AND WEATHER CALLS**

- 14.1 Fishing times will be as decided by the host Province. However, there will be no extra time on the last day of a Gamefish and Tuna Tournament, as these are fish weighing tournaments. Bottomfish tournaments can allow a maximum of 30 minutes extra time and Heavy and Light Tackle tournaments **WILL** be allowed an extra 2 (two) hours on the last day as they are full release tournaments, and this will not influence the times of the prize giving.
- 14.2 All fish must be hooked by the "Lines-Up" time and teams which report by radio, before lines-up time, the fact that a fish is hooked but not yet boated,

will be allowed extra time of maximum of 1 (one) hour for all Tournaments other than Heavy and Light Tackle Tournaments where an extra 2 (two) hours will be allowed. Any fish hooked by an angler after "Lines-Up" will be disqualified.

- 14.3 Fishing hours may be adjusted during the Tournament by the organisers if they deem it necessary for the purpose of safety. Should the organisers wish to extend fishing hours beyond the published times, for whatever reason, then all teams must be informed **before** the launching of the boats on that specific day.
- 14.4 All teams must report to the scales for weigh-in by not later than the time specified by the organisers, unless the organising committee decide, for reasons of breakdown or rendering assistance to a distress call, to extend the weigh-in time, for that specific craft only. The decisions of the adjudicating committee will be final.
- 14.5 Fishing conditions will be deemed unsafe when the wind speed reaches 22 knots, or you have a situation whereby you have wind against current. (this is when the wind is blowing in one direction and the current is going in the opposite direction, thus causing an unsafe up welling)
- 14.6 The weather committee's decision is final and may not be overturned by Tournament Committee
- 14.7 Should the decision be taken to call the Tournament to a halt by the on-sea or land-based Safety Committee, then all boats will immediately proceed to their base. Any boats fighting fish will immediately cut the line and proceed to base.
- 14.8 If the Tournament is called off due to a weather or a safety call then no boats taking part in that tournament will be allowed to proceed to sea on their own accord, or if the tournament is called off whilst at sea then no boats participating in the tournament will be allowed to stay out at sea and continue fishing.
- 14.9 In the event that day one is cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the tournament will not proceed directly with day two. Instead, the tournament must commence with Day one boats. This arrangement is required to ensure fairness and accuracy in scoring, particularly within the bottom facet.

15. **BREAKDOWN OF TOURNAMENT BOATS**

- 15.1 Should any craft break down during the Tournament this must be reported by radio to the Adjudicating Committee immediately
- 15.2 Lost fishing time will not be made up but the Adjudicating Committee will endeavour to replace or repair the broken down craft as soon as possible.

16. **WEIGH-IN AND JUDGING**

- a. Only one Official Scale shall be used and supplied by the host Province.
 - i. The Official Scale shall have been certified for accuracy not more than twelve (12) months prior to the Tournament and the relevant Agent's Certificate of Accuracy shall be available for inspection from the Adjudicating Committee if requested.
- b. All fish submitted for official weighing shall be weighed and judged only by the official Weigh-Master and his decision in all respects is final and binding.
- c. Each team's catch shall be recorded on a catch record form furnished by the host Province. This form must be signed by the team captain, Skipper and Weigh-master at the Weigh-in.
- d. In the case of a release Bottomfish Tournament, the species score card must be verified and signed at the end of the day by the skipper and all three anglers that were on the boat.
- e. The angler shall be required to exhibit the bait (lures), rod, reel and any relevant tackle with which the fish was caught, to the Weigh-master, if the Weigh-master so deems it necessary.
- f. The Adjudicating Committee may investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the Tournament as they deem necessary.
- g. Any protest, concerning the validity of any catch, shall be filed in writing accompanied by a R1000-00 fee, signed by the protesting team and delivered to the Tournament Adjudicating Committee within one hour of the close of Weigh-in on the day in question.
 - i. The decision of the majority of the Adjudicating Committee shall be final.
 - ii. If the objection is upheld, the protest fee will be returned; if set aside, then the protest fee will be retained by the organising Tournament Committee and utilised as they deem fit.
- h. All fish weighed by the respective teams need to be removed only once the weigh sheets have been signed by all relevant parties.
- i. All fish weighed by an angler remains the property of that angler.

17 PRIZE GIVING FUNCTION

- a. There shall be a Prize Giving function.
- b. Attendance of all competitors is compulsory.

- c. The President of SADSAA, or a person nominated by him, will officiate for the purpose of awarding prizes at all Internationals, National, Inter-Provincial, All Coastal and All Inland Tournament prize giving functions.
- d. All participants will be correctly dressed in their step-out uniforms or alternate smart casual attire as determined and prescribed by the hosts in their written invitation.

18 PRIZES

- a. Prizes shall be in the form of medals and/or trophies only and shall consist of the following minimum number of awards per Tournament.

17.1.1	Winning Team	-	Gold Medal
17.1.2	Second Place Team	-	Silver Medal
17.1.3	Third Place Team	-	Bronze Medal
17.1.4	1 st Place Skipper	-	Gold Medal
17.1.5	2 nd Place Skipper	-	Silver Medal
17.1.6	3 rd Place Skipper	-	Bronze Medal
- b. In Bottomfish tournaments, fished under the new rules of 2023, extra medals for Top Angler, Second Place Angler and Third Place Angler will also be awarded
- c. All Teams (including Barbarian teams) participating in a National Tournament or Inter-Provincial Tournament shall qualify for the award of the prizes in that tournament.
- d. Awards in the form of medals for all International, National, Inter-Provincial, All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments, as detailed above, will be supplied by SADSAA at the expense of SADSAA, but where the host Province wishes to make additional awards, these must be purchased from SADSAA at the expense of the host.

19 GENERAL

- a. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - i. All radio communications between Tournament boats and between the organisers and Tournament boats will be initiated by a call up on

VHF Marine Channel 16 only, unless otherwise instructed by the organisers.

- ii. Cellular telephone communication, wherein any matter related to the Tournament, other than weather conditions, is discussed, is strictly prohibited.
- iii. Beach control at tournaments fulfills an important logistical and marine safety function. The decision to have it at a stationary position on the beach, or at a craft at sea, or a combination thereof, will be guided by the venue's topography, available resources, and best available radio frequencies. Tournament hosts should apply the above criteria in addition to sound decision making.
- iv. Duties of Hosting a Province: Host Province to ensure that there is no visible alcohol in any live-streaming or official photographs posted of Tournament events (including Opening & Closing Functions as well as weigh-ins).

b. **SKIPPERS**

- i. Skippers will adhere to rules, radio reporting times and procedures as laid down by the organisers.
- ii. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed or be allowed on the Tournament Boats during the Tournament while at sea

c. **COMPETITORS**

- i. INFRACTION: Any person, including Skippers, guilty of infraction of the rules may be disqualified from participating further in the Tournament and all future Tournaments sanctioned by SADSAA.
- ii. The latest IGFA and SADSAA Rules will apply to all Tournaments and the onus will be on participants to keep themselves informed of the latest rules and amendments.

d. **NATIONAL SELECTORS**

- i. At every National Championship Tournament the host Province shall provide within their budget the cost of accommodation and meals for at least two National Selectors to attend the Tournament as observers. SADSAA will cover the flights of the two Selectors to the nearest airport to the tournament venue. If a third National Selector is requested for such a tournament by the Province, the costs will be covered by SADSAA, only if it is justifiable and carries the blessing of the Action Committee.
- ii. Tournament Selectors boat packs shall be packed separately to

the team packs, and collected by the selectors themselves.

- iii. The National Selectors attending the National Championships shall accompany teams of their choice to sea daily, as observers.
- iv. The National Convenor of Selectors shall decide, with tournament selectors, in advance which anglers should be observed, prior to the start of the tournament. Any changes by the tournament selectors must be approved in advance by the Convenor.
- v. The National Selectors shall not assist or advise the participating teams in any way whatsoever whilst on the boat.

e. **RECORDS**

The organisers must have available the latest Provincial, South African, All African and World Record lists at the weigh-in.

- i. The onus for record claims remains with the individual angler.
 - ii. The organisers must at all times retain a copy of the weigh sheet for any potential record claims and must have available a copy of the current Calibration Certificate of Accuracy for the scale being used at the Tournament.
 - iii. The host Province of the Tournament must ensure that they have a dedicated person that will be able to assist with the measuring of a potential record, do the line testing and must have all the necessary documentation for claiming a potential record and shall assist the angler in obtaining the correct signatures needed on the forms.
 - iv. The onus is on the angler to submit the forms for a record purpose via his/her Provincial Records Officer.
- f. All anglers will, prior to the commencement of the Tournament, sign an indemnity form, which indemnifies the host Province, SADSAA, the sponsors and any person involved in the Tournament or the organisation thereof. In the case of minors, the indemnity form will be signed by the parents or legal guardian.
- g. Each Province **must** supply a flag/Provincial banner to be flown during the Tournament.
- h. Invitations must be sent out by Email, by the host Province at least sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the Tournament and shall set out clearly all of the pertinent details regarding line classes, fish species, accommodation, costs, etc.

- i. Acceptances/non-participation to the invitation must be returned by Email, no later than the final date specified by the invitee.
- j. The Entry Fee shall be in line with the budget as approved at the time of the acceptance of the host Province's tender to the National Council at SADSAA's annual Council meeting dealing with this.
- k. National Championships for the five different disciplines will be held in South African waters but Inter-Regionals may be fished anywhere, worldwide.
- l. All National Tournaments will be held for the duration of five days (weather permitting), other than Bottomfish Nationals, which should be 4 (four) fishing days of 5 (five) tournament days. Inter-Regionals should preferably be three days. All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments can be five days as long as the host Province decides prior to issuing invitations, and as long as the cost of the tournament does not deviate from the initial accepted tendered amount.
- m. The hosts for the National Tournament each year will be decided at the General meeting or an Annual General meeting once all the tenders have been seen and decided upon.
- n. **Junior U16 Safety**
 - i. Juniors of a small frame must bring their own life jacket to the tournament.
 - ii. An additional person (or second crew member) is not required on the boat but is allowed as per rule 6.4 above should it be deemed necessary.
 - iii. All on Board must be aware of how and who to call in event of an emergency.
 - iv. Every situation should be looked at on merit by the host Province, and competing Provinces.

20 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOST PROVINCE

- a. Provincial tender must be submitted to the SADSAA Tournaments Officer via the SADSAA Admin Officer, and in turn will be summarised and submitted to and discussed by the SADSAA Council at the annual SADSAA Council Meeting in October. On acceptance of your tender, with regards to hosting an Inter Provincial, All Coastal, All Inland or a National tournament, for the following year, your Provincial Representative must inform the Provincial Tournaments officer and hosting club.

- b. SAMSA and DFFE Permission obtained by the province in advance of the tournament, and a copy forwarded to SADSAA Safety and Secretary
- c. Documentation required by SASCOC for International Tournaments obtained by the province, forwarded to SADSAA Secretary for submission:
 - i. SAPS clearance SASREA 6.3
 - ii. Municipal Letter of Endorsement
 - iii. Sports Confederation Letter of Endorsement
- d. A detailed invitation of the tournament to be sent out by the host Province to all the other provinces not less than 60 days before the actual commencement of the tournament, and shall set out clearly all of the pertinent details regarding line classes, fish species, accommodation, costs, guests etc.
- e. All Tournament Committees to ensure that the POPI Act is observed, and to include release by anglers to have their photographs used on Social and Printed Media.(written consent needs to be obtained from any minor's parents or guardian)
- f. The Treasurer of the Province needs to submit an invoice to the SADSAA Treasurer for the allocated amount for the funds sponsored by SADSAA (this is only for tournaments that were awarded at the SADSAA council.), payable on completion of the Tournament checklist
- g. All entry fees and fuel deposit monies are to be paid directly to the host Province, NOT the host club, by the other Provinces. (Fuel deposits where applicable).
- h. Detailed brochures to be printed by the host Province with the following details in it:
 - i. A guest of honour list,
 - ii. The name of the Tournaments Convenor for the tournament,
 - iii. The name of the Safety Officer for the tournament – this shall be the Provincial Safety Officer, or the hosting Club Safety Officer
 - iv. The Weather Committee for the tournament,
 - v. The names of the Weigh Master and the Scorer for the tournament,

- vi. The names of the Adjudicating Committee for the tournament,
- vii. A message from the SADSAA President or Vice President (this needs to be requested from the President himself by the Provincial Secretary or Tournaments Officer),
- viii. A message from the Provincial President,
- ix. A message from the Club's Chairman,
- x. A detailed programme of the daily events,
- xi. A list with the emblems of all the provinces that are taking part in the tournament,
- xii. A Detailed list of each Provinces anglers and captain for the tournament (Correct spelling of each angler's name to be checked),
- xiii. Placing's to be mentioned for first three (3) top teams and skippers (Gold, Silver and Bronze medals),
- xiv. A detailed list of all the rules and times,
- xv. A list of all the Boats and Skippers in the tournament with cell phone numbers of skippers (pictures of the skippers with their boats will be first prize),
- xvi. A boat draw list (except if it is an own boat tournament),
- xvii. Blessing of the fleet,
- xviii. The Anglers Creed,
- xix. A copy of the Club or Provincial calibration certificate of the tournament scale (or this should be available at the venue),
- xx. A list of all the current SA, All Africa and World records of the specific line class and fish that might be caught at that tournament (to assist the angler and weigh master with possible new records – this does not need to be in the programme, but must be on display for all to see near the weigh in),
- xxi. A page with the names and the positions held of the current hosting Provincial committee.

- i. Province to ensure that club has sorted out enough skippers and boats for the tournament including a stand-by boat and skipper (except an own boat tournament).
- j. Province to ensure that club has sorted out enough bait for tournament (except if it's an own bait tournament).
- k. Province to ensure that official calibrated line tester and scale are present at the tournament.
- l. Host Provinces are to arrange for Netcare 911 or SADSAA approved medical services for all SADSAA approved Tournaments. The cost for these services should be billed into the entrance fee of the Tournament and are not for SADSAA's account.
- m. Province to ensure that Club has sorted out security where necessary.
- n. Province to ensure that Club has organised VHF radio coms from the beach control.
- o. Province to ensure that the Club has the necessary dietary requirements if any for catering purposes of the angler eg: Halaal.
- p. Province to ensure that the Club hosting the tournament receives the SADSAA banners and the Provincial banners, which must be displayed for the duration of the tournament.
- q. Province to ensure that all the other Provincial banners of the teams participating in the tournament be displayed.
- r. Province to ensure that hosting club has a set of SADSAA Tournament Rules at the venue – these should be posted alongside the Records Lists.
- s. Province to ensure that club supplies the weigh master with official weigh sheets.
- t. It is advisable that the Provincial or hosting Club Record Officer be present at the weigh in with the necessary records application forms, in case of any possible records.
- u. Opening function formalities: (just a guideline)
 - i. Welcoming of all the dignitaries and anglers by the Provincial Tournaments Officer. He/she acts as the master of ceremonies (MC) for the opening function. (He calls up the President or Vice President of SADSAA that is attending to say a few words),

- ii. MC then calls up the hosting Provincial President to say a few words,
- iii. MC then calls up the hosting clubs Chairman to say a few words,
- iv. MC calls up the SADSAA President or Vice President with the Provincial President for the capping ceremony,
- v. All anglers that are representing SADSAA or their Provinces at that level for the first time are called up to be capped,
- vi. MC proceeds to go through the Rules and regulations and the order of events for the rest of the tournament,
- vii. MC calls for nominations from the floor for one (1) skipper (normally the skipper of the smallest boat) and one (1) captain from a team to make up the weather committee,
- viii. MC proceeds with the boat draw whereby each team captain comes up and draws his or her boats for the duration of the tournament,
- ix. The Blessing of the fleet takes place next along with Grace,
- x. Dinner is served, and
- xi. After dinner captains and teams normally meet and greet their skipper for the next day.
- v. Closing Function Formalities:
 - i. MC welcomes all the dignitaries,
 - ii. MC calls up the President or Vice President of SADSAA to say a few words,
 - iii. MC calls up the Provincial President to say a few words,
 - iv. MC calls up the hosting clubs Chairman to say a few words,
 - v. MC calls out the positions of boats and skippers from last to fourth place,
 - vi. MC calls out the placing of the teams from last to fourth place and as he calls out the team placing he can, but does not have to, allow the captain and his team to come up and say a few words and normally they give the skippers a gift if they so wish (due to

time restrictions, its normally a good thing to announce that teams can do this privately after the formalities are over),

- vii. Before the MC gets to call out third (3) place skipper he calls up the SADSAA President or Vice President with the Provincial President to hand over the medals,
 - viii. MC calls out the team medal winners Bronze, Silver and Gold separately which are handed over by the President of SADSAA and the Provincial President,
 - ix. MC thanks everyone,
 - x. Dinner/lunch is served,
 - xi. This brings an end to the proceedings.
- w. Team photos to be sent to SADSAA PRO and SADSAA Secretary on day of opening.
 - x. Any photographs, detailed team score sheets, individual score sheets and skippers score sheets (in approved format) are to be forwarded to the SADSAA PRO and SADSAA Secretary at the end of each day of the tournament. These scores are to be posted on an official scoring sheet/template that is obtainable from the SADSAA Secretary, to maintain uniformity
 - y. At all SADSAA affiliated tournaments, catch returns of all fish caught, released or taken by sharks are to be e-mailed to the Environmental Officer and Secretary not later than 30 days after the Tournament.
 - z. A detailed income and expenditure account signed by the Provincial Chairman shall be submitted to the SADSAA Tournament Officer and Secretary not later than 30 days after the Tournament.
 - aa. A detailed schedule of the results and all correspondence with the sponsors, together with any brochures and a collection of photographs taken at the Tournament, shall be submitted to the SADSAA Tournament Officer and the SADSAA PRO within 30 days after each of the seven (five Senior and two Junior) National Tournaments.

**ANNEXURE A:
(attached and forming part of the SADSAA Tournament Rules)**

SADSAA Point Scoring System and Rules

1. METHOD OF CALCULATION – GAMEFISH & TUNA

The points for each individual fish will be calculated as follows:

- 1.1 The individual fish weight in kilograms divided by the line strength in kilograms
- 1.2 The result is then squared and then multiplied by **32**
- 1.3 This result is then multiplied by the applicable Fish Species Factor – all fish currently carry a species factor of 1
- 1.4 The combined sum of all the fish caught is then multiplied by the number of species caught less 1 – i.e. 1 species, multiply by 1, 2 species, multiply by 1, 3 species, multiply by 2, 4 species, multiply by 3 etc. – all Tuna species will be classed as one specie in a Tuna International, National, or Inter-provincial.

EXAMPLE: A 33.8kg Yellowfin Tuna caught on 10kg Line Class

1. **33.8kg** divided by **10kg** Line Class = **3.38**
2. **3.38** squared = **11.42** which is then multiplied by **32** = **365.58**
3. **FISH SPECIE FACTOR** for YF Tuna = **1** so **365.58** multiplied by **1** = **365.58points**

**2. METHOD OF CALCULATION – HEAVY & LIGHT TACKLE
BILLFISH SCORING**

2.1 STRAIGHT RELEASE POINTS

Spearfish	100 Points.
Sailfish	100 Points.
Marlin	220 Points.

2.2 BONUS POINTS - MULTIPLE RELEASE BONUS POINTS

Spearfish

Team's 1st Release in the tournament: Straight Points
Only Team's 2nd Release in the tournament: 20 Bonus Points
Team's 3rd Release in the tournament: 40 Bonus Points
Team's 4th Release in the tournament: 60 Bonus Points
Team's 5th Release in the tournament: 80 Bonus Points

Sailfish

Team's 1st Release in the tournament:	Straight Points Only
Team's 2nd Release in the tournament:	20 Bonus Points

Team's 3rd Release in the tournament: 40 Bonus Points
Team's 4th Release in the tournament: 60 Bonus Points
Team's 5th Release in the tournament: 80 Bonus Points

Marlin

Team's 1st Release in the tournament: Straight Points
Only Team's 2nd Release in the tournament: 40 Bonus Points
Team's 3rd Release in the tournament: 70 Bonus Points
Team's 4th Release in the tournament: 100 Bonus Points
Team's 5th Release in the tournament: 130 Bonus Points

2.3 SPECIES BONUS POINTS

Species that count in this category are as follows:

Spearfish, Sailfish, Black Marlin, Blue/Striped Marlin

*Blue & Striped Marlin count as one specie because they are not as easy to identify on a leader in the water

Team's 1st Species in the tournament: Straight Points
Only Team's 2nd Species in the tournament: 25 Bonus Points
Team's 3rd Species in the tournament: 50 Bonus Points
Team's 4th Species in the tournament: 60 Bonus Points

2.4 DAILY RELEASE SEQUENCE BONUS POINTS

Daily release sequence bonus points are awarded per day, every day of the tournament

Tournament's 1st release of the Day: 5 Bonus Points
Tournament's 2nd release of the Day: 4 Bonus Points
Tournament's 3rd release of the Day: 3 Bonus Points
Tournament's 4th release of the Day: 2 Bonus Points
Tournament's 5th release of the Day: 1 Bonus Point

2.5 CIRCLE HOOK BONUS POINTS

Billfish released on a circle hook: 5 Bonus Points

3 RULES & METHOD OF CALCULATION – BOTTOMFISH

3.1 INTRODUCTION.

SADSAA decided in 2023 to re-look at the bottom fish angling rules for SADSAA tournaments and to adapt them for the following reasons:

3.1.1 To better prepare all our anglers aspiring for Protea colours by aligning ourselves with some of the European Federation of Sea Anglers (EFSA) tournaments rules.

- 3.1.2 The new system will be much fairer to all anglers, eliminating in the existing system, that generally one big fish gives an angler such a huge advantage. So, for example an angler catching a 30kg Copper only, will by far beat an angler that catches 5 species with the biggest possibly only being a 4 kg Red Stump. The more technical angler is beaten by the one fish. The new system will, however, reward an angler with "bonus" points for any fish above the tournament line class.
- 3.1.3 The splitting of teams will eliminate the passing of fish amongst team members, thus only fish caught by the angler can be counted.
- 3.1.4 With increasing pressure on Federations, the new point system will promote catch and release.

3.2 BOAT DRAW FOR ANGLERS.

All team members angling in the tournament, will be split up onto different boats to try and prevent anglers from the same team fishing on the same boat on any fishing day and to try preventing anglers fishing on the same boat more than once in the tournament. A boat draw will be done on the opening evening by the organisers in the following fair way:

- 3.2.1 The organisers will have pre-selected (carefully set out to prevent any clashes) groups of sets of boats per the number of teams for the fishing days as per the programme This will be published in the information booklet.
- 3.2.2 All teams will then be placed in a draw and drawn out one team at a time to come up to the front.
- 3.2.3 The entire team will go up and the captain will then draw one of the sets of boats (as described in 2.1 above) for his team from a second draw.
- 3.2.4 Each angler from that team will then draw his set of boats for the tournament (A, B or C) from a third and final draw.
- 3.2.5 The next team will then be drawn to come up. Once all teams and anglers have their set of boats for the tournament, that is final. The organisers will only allow changes if a mistake has occurred and there are conflicts.

3.3 POSITION DRAW ON A BOAT.

When all anglers have arrived at the boat on a fishing day, before launching, the skipper will perform a draw for each angler for a position on the boat as

follows: **1** will be on the starboard side, **2** will be on the port front and **3** will be on the port back of the boat. Anglers must give any other angler, fighting a fish freedom of movement around the boat within reason.

3.4 ANGLING RULES.

The tournament will be fished according to IGFA line class and SADSAA tournament rules as below:

- 3.4.1 The line class to be used will be determined by the host province.
- 3.4.2 Any infringement of the tournament rules will be deliberated on by the tournaments adjudications committee and acted on.
- 3.4.3 All fish will be measured on the official measuring mat supplied by the hosting province.
- 3.4.4 The IGFA measuring mats wording printed on them say measure to fork length. This is incorrect as **ALL** fish with fork tails, round tails or square tails will be measured to total length to meet the regulations as set by DFFE. However, should a fish be measured for a possible record or personal best, then the fork length should be measured.
- 3.4.5 No fish tail may be squashed together to try and increase the length of the fish. The fish has to lie naturally with its nose touching the stop plate of the measuring mat and its tail either fork, round or square on the mat, to take an accurate measurement.
- 3.4.6 Fish that measure between centimetre increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 45 and 46 centimetres will have a recorded length of 45 centimetres.
- 3.4.7 If a fish is hooked with one hook in the mouth and the second hook in the body, this fish **will** count.
- 3.4.8 If a fish is hooked with one hook anywhere outside the mouth, but before the gill plate it **will** count.
- 3.4.9 If a fish is hooked with one hook before the gill plate and the other hook in the body, it **will** count.
- 3.4.10 If a fish is hooked with one hook or both hooks past the gill plate, this fish will be **disqualified**.
- 3.4.11 The weak link rule will apply. Each rod taken on the boat, must have a minimum of 5 meters of the tournament line class monofilament

line before the leader or trace. A heavier line class monofilament line or braid can be used as backing. It is recommended that a minimum of 20 meters of monofilament tournament line class be used if an angler wishes to claim a possible record fish. Line testing by the host province, may be performed.

- 3.4.12 All anglers must be in possession of a valid fishing permit and may be asked to produce it to the authorities or organisers.
- 3.4.13 Only recognised bottom fish species that are stipulated on the official species list for the tournament will count for the tournament. No sharks, Barbel, or baitfish to count.
- 3.4.14 Each angler is permitted to take a maximum of 3 rods onto the boat. Each angler is permitted to have one (1) line in the water at any one time, while drifting or anchoring. All other rods may have line through the eyes but may not be rigged with a trace or rig.
- 3.4.15 No trace or rig may be passed between anglers on a boat.
- 3.4.16 A 2-hook trace or rig is acceptable if it consists of 2 single hooks on separate leaders or drops, both hooks must be imbedded in their respective baits and separated sufficiently so that a fish caught on 1 hook, cannot be fouled by the other hook.
- 3.4.17 When making a two hook trace, if the two separate hooks on their individual snoots are hooked into each other, the main line in between the snoots must not be taught (tight) at all, and should hang in a bow.
- 3.4.18 The snoots of a two hook trace must in no way compromise or exceed the total permissible overall length of the leader length including the trace as per IGFA regulations.
- 3.4.19 Circle hooks are permitted but may not be off set. J hooks may be offset.
- 3.4.20 Multiple hooks "bait jigs" are permitted for catching **BAIT** only, any legal fish caught while using "bait jigs" must be disqualified.
- 3.4.21 All anglers must make their rods and terminal tackle available to authorities for inspection, if so requested.
- 3.4.22 Only bait issued by the tournament or caught on the boat is permitted to be used. Additional bait can be bought from the organisers. An angler may not bring his own bait onto the boat.

- 3.4.23 The swapping and passing of fish amongst fellow anglers, is strictly prohibited. Any angler found guilty of this, will have his catch disqualified for the day.
- 3.4.24 Fishing times are up to the discretion of the host province and will be printed in the program.
- 3.4.25 All anglers on the boat can only start fishing once the skipper calls "lines down" and must immediately come up once the skipper calls "lines up" to move or at the end of the day. Any fish hooked after the "lines up" call by the skipper, must be disqualified.
- 3.4.26 A skipper will call lines up and move to the next spot after 15 minutes once the first angler reaches his tally or quota of a specific specie on the score card.
- 3.4.27 If the skipper decides to go and target live bait for the anglers before "lines down" is called, then all the anglers must target live bait and no legal fish caught will count. The live bait must be shared equally amongst the anglers. If the skipper has called "lines down" and an angler catches any live bait, that angler can keep it for himself.
- 3.4.28 If any angler is fighting a fish before the "lines up" call for the end of the day's fishing, he will be given an extra 30 minutes to boat the fish, no extension of time will be given after the 30 minutes is over. The angler must have informed the skipper before the "lines up" call. The skipper must radio in before the "lines up" time to inform authorities of the angler given extra time. There will be **no** extra time given on the last day of the competition.
- 3.4.29 It is the responsibility of the anglers to assist their skippers with launching and retrieving as well as cleaning and re-fuelling of boats after each day of the competition.
- 3.4.30 It is up to the anglers to communicate with the skipper to ensure that he has a suitable gaff and/or net on his boat, the night before fishing, however, should he not have one, then it is the responsibility of the angler to ensure he brings his own net.
- 3.4.31 Cellular telephones: In terms of a decision taken at a SADSAA Council Meeting, may **not** be used on boats for fishing purposes. This will include any other form of GPS\navigation device, watches, or a mobile handheld GPS ETC.
- 3.4.32 All fish caught, remain the property of the angler, should an angler decide to take a fish to the scales for a possible record, or a personal

best catch for his CV, however, please be kind enough to offer the skipper a fish of your catch.

3.5 **BOUNDARIES.**

Boundaries will be determined by the host province with input from the weather committee and communicated to all skippers and anglers.

3.6 **RADIO CONTROL.**

All radio communications during the tournament will be on a nominated VHF Channel. Radio call-ups by Radio Control will take place **at 09h30, 11h30 and 13h30**. The boat's position and catch (total fish) recorded must be given. Call up for each boat is mandatory. Relay boats where necessary are to be identified and used where communication is limited.

3.7 **PROTESTS.**

Any rules not covered, or any objections laid by a team or angler, will be decided by the Tournaments Adjudications Committee, and will be deemed acceptable to all parties. Any protest must be lodged in writing with the Tournament Adjudicating Committee within one (1) hour after returning to base, accompanied by a fee of **R1000-00** deposit. Deposit will only be refunded if the objection is upheld. The adjudicating committee's decision is final and cannot be challenged.

3.8 **NIGHT FISHING.**

If the host province organises any night fishing, then all anglers and the skipper must wear activated glow sticks. The boats and skippers must be night rated.

3.9 **POINTS SCORING SYSTEM.**

3.9.1 The skipper will be issued with a scorecard which will count as the angler's catch return for the day for each angler on his boat. The skipper is responsible for recording each angler's fish caught onto the card, as per rules explained below. The skipper must not calculate angler points, this will be done by the appointed official. At lines up the card must be signed by the skipper, angler and both the other anglers on the boat to verify all information is correct. The scorecard must **always remain** with the skipper and must be handed in to the weighmaster at the end of each day by the skipper. It is the responsibility of the anglers to ensure that their card is correct when signing, once handed in by the skipper, it is final unless there is a protest. The skipper will also be issued with a returnable SADSAA measuring mat. All fish scored must be measured on this mat and by no other means to score points.

- 3.9.2 All fish caught by an angler will be put on the mat and measured to score points, only fish where an angler wishes to claim a record, PB or for his CV can be taken to the scale for weigh in at the end of the day but must still be measured and recorded on his scorecard. Minimum size limits will be on the scorecard for all common species. **VERY IMPORTANT: Only fish listed on the official species list will count for points.**
- 3.9.3 Points will be awarded for qualifying fish landed by an angler and recorded by the skipper on the scorecard in the following ways: –
- 3.9.3.1 Points will be awarded for all qualifying fish as per the official species and points information card up to the limits indicated on the card. Bonus points will be awarded for the first fish of every different species caught that are listed on the official information card. Example: The first Soldier caught by an angler gets awarded bonus points and there after any more soldiers caught by the same angler will get points for each fish up to the permitted number on the scorecard for Soldiers. This encourages anglers to target different species. All species will have bag limits that may **vary** with legal bag limits as per the scorecard. **It is imperative to note that the reason more fish are permitted to count, is on condition that fish are successfully released.**
- 3.9.3.2 Any fish caught and claimed over the tournament line class, will be awarded with bonus points. Example A Kob measuring over 73cm. (**over 4kg using the Fish Calculator conversion App.**) and 84cm. (**over 6kg using the Fish Calculator conversion App.**) on the mat will be awarded bonus points as per the species and points information card.
- 3.9.4 Points will vary per species based on an estimated rarity of the species as determined by the host province. Each angler will be given a laminated information card listing species, catch limits, points and any other information required by the angler.
- 3.9.5 There will be a weigh in at the end of each fishing day for **PB's or record claims only**, no other fish will be weighed to count towards scoring in the tournament.
- 3.9.6 When an angler is fighting a fish, he can ask the skipper to net or gaff the fish for him. Due to this being a catch and release tournament, we encourage the use of a net only. No fish are to be gaffed and

killed by the angler if he has already reached his legal quota on that species.

- 3.9.7 Once a fish has been successfully landed and measured, only then can the skipper mark the angler's scorecard in the appropriate block with an X. The angler may not go down again until that fish has been successfully released. He may ask the skipper to assist with this.
- 3.9.8 Once scorecards are handed in, the weighmaster/official will tabulate the scores.
- 3.9.9 **NB** Where an angler decides to bring some of his fish home after the days fishing, he must ensure that he is within legal bag and size limits.

3.10 POINTS ALLOCATED.

- 3.10.1 **ANGLER POINTS:** The anglers on a boat will be competing against other on that boat **only** and against no other anglers for that day. The anglers on a boat will score the points for the fish that they have successfully landed for that day. The angler on the boat with the most points will win the boat for that day and his points will be converted to 100%. The other anglers will be awarded a proportional % of their points compared to the boat winner. FOR EXAMPLE: Angler A scores 80 points, angler B scores 60 points and angler C scores 120 points, the boat winner will be angler C with 120 points and his score will now be **100%**, angler A will who got 80 points will have his score proportioned to the 120 points and converted to % so he will get $80/120 \times 100 = 66.67\%$ and finally angler B will get $60/120 \times 100 = 50\%$. These will be the points/percentages allocated to the 3 anglers on that boat for the day. For the competition, each angler will have his % scores for each day totalled. The likelihood of a tie is good, and, in that case, a total fish count will be done to determine the winner, should there still be a tie, then the points scored by an angler will be used to determine a clear winner.
- 3.10.2 **TEAM POINTS:** - The team will be awarded the total of all the team anglers % scores for the day. For the competition, each team will have their daily percentages totalled. Should there be a tie, a total fish count for the competition will be done to determine the winner, should there still be a tie, then the points scored by an angler for the competition, will be used to determine a clear winner.
- 3.10.3 **SKIPPER POINTS:** - The skipper will be awarded the total fish points of all anglers on his boat for the day and then be awarded position points on the grand prix system each day. The skipper with the least grand prix points at the end of the competition will be the top skipper.

Should there be a tie, then the authorities will apply the most fish caught to determine the winner.

3.11 MEDALS.

- 3.11.1 There must be at least 3 provinces and 4 teams to qualify for medals.
- 3.11.2 In the Ladies division, there must be a minimum of 3 provinces to qualify for Ladies medals, if not the teams will compete in the open section.

Medals will be awarded as follows:

MEN.

Top team Gold, second team, Silver, and third team Bronze. Top man Gold, 2nd man Silver, and 3rd man Bronze.

LADIES.

Top team Gold, second team Silver, and third team Bronze. Top lady Gold, 2nd lady Silver and 3rd lady Bronze.

SKIPPERS.

Top skipper Gold, second skipper Silver, and third skipper Bronze.

3.12 OPENING/CLOSING FUNCTIONS DRESS CODE.

It is compulsory for all anglers to attend the opening and closing functions with the following dress code:

Opening function/draws:	Full provincial colours.
Evening meals and organised social events:	Casual
Prize giving/Closing function:	Full provincial colours.

3.13 SKIPPERS RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 13.13.1 The skipper is the adjudicator and referee on the boat and must ensure that all rules are always adhered to.
- 13.13.2 It is the responsibility of the skipper to complete and register catches onto the scorecards of all anglers. He must record all legitimate fish claimed by the anglers. The scorecards must always remain in his possession. He will also sign and ensure each angler and another 2 anglers sign their scorecards at the end of the days fishing, and then hand them into the Weighmaster/official at the end of each fishing day within half an hour after returning to shore.
- 13.13.3 The skipper may assist anglers, when requested to gaff/net a fish. He may also bring in lines if asked to do so by the angler, but must

disqualify any fish caught on the rod whilst he is reeling it in. He may also release fish for an angler.

13.13.4 No fishing is allowed by skippers.

13.13.5 All skippers must be in possession of a fish release kit and can assist anglers with the release of fish.

13.13.6 The skipper, in consultation with the anglers must ensure that all anglers have a fair chance at catching fish at a particular mark, but has the final say when to move after reasonable time has been given. The skippers decision is final and cannot be challenged by any angler.

13.13.7 When drifting, the skipper must attempt to alternate drifts, to give anglers on both sides of the boat, equal opportunity to fish in comfort.

13.13.8 The skipper must ensure that no angler brings onto the boat or uses his own bait. Only bait issued by the authorities or caught that day on the boat can be used by the anglers.

ANNEXURE B:

**TOURNAMENT CHECKLIST FOR ALL SADSAA APPROVED
TOURNAMENTS**

1. Medical services arranged,
2. SAMSA permission – copy submitted to SADSAA Safety and Secretary,
3. DFFE application – copy submitted to SADSAA Safety and Secretary,
4. Municipal Letter of Endorsement for International Tournaments,
5. Sports Confederation Letter of Endorsement for International Tournaments,
6. SAPS clearance SASREA 6.3 for International Tournaments,
7. Points 2–3 to SADSAA Secretary for submission to SASACC,
8. Team photos to SADSAA Pro and Secretary on day of opening function for social media,
9. Daily tournament results and photos to SADSAA PRO and Secretary for social media and distribution to Council each night.
10. Full final results to SADSAA Pro and Secretary for social media and distribution to Council (full team, individual and skippers standings),
11. Catch returns of all fish caught, released or taken by sharks are to be e-mailed to the SADSAA Environmental Officer and Secretary not later than 30 days after the Tournament.
12. A detailed income and expenditure account signed by the Provincial Chairman shall be submitted to the SADSAA Tournament Officer and Secretary not later than 30 days after the Tournament.
13. A detailed schedule of the results and all correspondence with the sponsors, together with any brochures and a collection of photographs taken at the Tournament, shall be submitted to the SADSAA Tournament Officer and the SADSAA PRO within 30 days after each of the seven (five Senior and two Junior) National Tournaments.