



**FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY**

17TH - 18TH JAN 2026



Entry; Junior (16 years & Under)



Boat:		Skipper:	
Skippers Phone:			
Team Member (1): Club: Renew WDSAC Mship: ☐ New WDSAC Mship: ☐		Team Member (2): Club: Renew WDSAC Mship: ☐ New WDSAC Mship: ☐	
Team Member (3): Club: Renew WDSAC Mship: ☐ New WDSAC Mship: ☐		Team Member (4): Club: Renew WDSAC Mship: ☐ New WDSAC Mship: ☐	
Team Member (5): Club: Renew WDSAC Mship: ☐ New WDSAC Mship: ☐		Team Member (6): Club: Renew WDSAC Mship: ☐ New WDSAC Mship: ☐	
DECLARATION I declare that the above information is correct. I agree to carry out the instructions of the Club officials and accept their decisions as final and binding upon me and my crew. I indemnify the WDSAC against any losses, damages or untoward expenses caused or incurred by myself or my crew. I consent to the collection of the details on this entry form by the WDSAC for event registration and promotion purposes and for it to retain, use and disclose these to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. (NZSFC) I acknowledge my right to access and correct this information. This consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.			
OFFICE USE Entry Jnr Qty: \$..... Total Due \$ Team No.....		OFFICE USE Jnr Mship Qty: \$..... Family Mship Qty: \$..... Day Mship Qty: \$..... 7 Day Mship Qty: \$.....	
Note: Anglers must be current financial members of the WDSAC or a club affiliated to the NZSFC WDSAC Club Membership Junior(16 years & under) \$25.00 or a Day membership of \$25.00			

TUTUKAKA JUNIORS TOURNAMENT DISCLAIMER 2026

A Parent/Guardian is responsible for the safety and wellbeing of each entrant and must always act in the best interests of the entrants during the tournament to ensure the suitable care and protection of the young people.

All land-based fishing must be on an uninterrupted stretch of foreshore and must be insight of at least one other person. A responsible person (such as a skipper) can be delegated to care for entrants – this person must be over the age of 18 and approved by the Parent/Guardian for each entrant. I understand and accept that it involves a certain degree of risk to be associated with fishing either land based, from personal watercraft or from any sized vessel. Hazards that I could encounter whilst involved in this activity may include and is not limited to weather conditions, sea conditions, underwater obstructions, channel markers, other vessels, navigating, anchoring, traveling during darkness, mooring, and all other matters related to the sport of fishing and boating in general.

1. Where possible it is recommended that all skippers should attend a tournament briefing.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Skipper to advise his/her crew/anglers of the information given at the briefing.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Skipper to advise the correct authority of their intended fishing area and estimated time of return.
4. In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify their nearest Coastguard or radio operator.
5. All participants agree and accept: -
 - i. To enter this Tournament at their own risk.
 - ii. That boating and fishing involves a risk.
 - iii. Not to hold Tournament organizers, Officials, Sponsors, or any other person involved with the Tournament liable for any loss or injury to person or equipment incurred during the Tournament.
 - iv. Notwithstanding any representations made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations and by-laws related to (but not limited) to boating and fishing are complied with;
6. All participants agree to have read and understood the Tournament Rules.

SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY

- I have the necessary skill, knowledge and qualifications to safeguard all on board.
- My vessel & all equipment are properly maintained.
- My vessel carries all the necessary safety equipment.
- We have a minimum of two means of communication; i.e. VHF marine radio, cell phone, flares.
- Each passenger has a correctly fitting buoyancy aid.
- My passengers are briefed on the location and use of all safety equipment.
- My vessel is loaded within its limit and all equipment is securely stowed.

I agree that neither the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club Inc nor any parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that may arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or my crew, from my intended or actual participation in the event or related activities. I have made my crew aware of these conditions and have authority to sign on their behalf.

SKIPPER/BOAT OWNER

SIGNED: _____ NAME (Print) _____

Boat Information: Name:

Length: Colour:

VHF Call Sign:

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ARTHURS EMPORIUM JUNIOR TOURNAMENT **RULES 2026**

Statement of Purpose

Our Fishing Rules have evolved internationally so that, in their observance every fish 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, on the gaff rope or at the boat, are not caught within the intent of our rules and do not reflect credit on the fish or the angler. Only fish caught within the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers' Club & NZSFC Angling Rules, incorporating the IGFA Equipment and Angling Regulations, and within the intent of these rules will be recognised. We, as the Committee of the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers' Club, reserve the right to call a witness boat to verify a catch.

ELIGIBILITY

Anglers must be current financial members of the WDSAC or a club affiliated to the NZSFC and must be 16 years or under. All Anglers will also be fishing for the Six Northern Clubs Interclub Tournament. **All fish are to be credited to WDSAC.**

REGISTRATION / BRIEFING

Registration for the contest should be done at the Clubhouse on the evening of Friday the 16th January 6.30pm

CONTEST FEES

The contest fees are \$25-00 per angler and must be paid prior to the commencement of fishing. Any alteration to teams listed on the entry forms must be notified and paid prior to the start of the days fishing. By prior arrangement any boats wishing to fish into the contest may do so, providing your starting point and team members are advised to the Club prior to start fishing. Registration must be completed at the Office immediately upon arrival at Tutukaka on the first evening of fishing.

AREA TO BE FISHED

Northern Boundary bearing North East of Cavalli Light, Southern Boundary Latitude 36° (Cavalli Islands in the north to Sail Rock/Simpson Rock in the south). All vessels must remain within VHF radio or cellphone contact with Tutukaka Gamebase at all times. **Please observe all Marine Reserve Regulations.**

RETURN TO TUTUKAKA – This is a stay away tournament and you may fish into the tournament.

You may stay away after stop fishing on the first day. Trailer boats may launch from anywhere inside the fishing boundary's. All Vessels must return to Tutukaka on the last day after stop fishing.

FISHING TIMES

Baits and lures must not be in the water before 7.30am when start fishing will be called. All baits, lures and game fishing gear must be out of the water no later than 5.00pm on **Saturday** and 4.00pm on **Sunday**, when stop fishing will be called. **However, the Snapper category can be fished overnight, there will be no stop fishing for this category until 4pm on Sunday.**

All Snapper caught over Saturday night are to be called in to Gamebase Sunday morning

BAITS & LURES CAN NOT BE IN THE WATER BEFORE START FISHING BOTH DAYS!!!!

PLEASE NOTE if you have not caught or tagged a tournament fish during the day's fishing, you may fish back to Tutukaka after Stop Fishing, except on the last day of the contest, when baits and lures must be out of the water by 4.00pm unless a fish is being played.

If you have not CAUGHT or TAGGED a fish during the entire Tournament, you may fish home on the last day.

SCORING

The contest will be divided into eight sections: HEAVIEST MARLIN – TAG & RELEASE MARLIN - ANGLER MOST POINTS GAMESHARK (see rules below) – HEAVIEST SHARK – SHORTBILL SPEARFISH – TUNA – MAHIMAHI – YELLOWTAIL – SNAPPER –

1st 2nd & 3rd Sections for Heaviest - KOHERU – JACK MACKEREL – SPRAT

The following sections do not need to be caught to IGFA but still must be caught on a rod & reel - KOHERU – JACK MACKEREL – SPRAT SPECIES

MAJOR PRIZES – Yes, this year we will again have four **major** prizes up for grabs thanks to our ever generous sponsors Arthurs Emporium. These will be awarded as follows:-

1. Junior Angler most points in the Marlin section will win a iPhone & Apple Watch
2. Junior Angler most points in the Shark section will win a iPhone & Apple Watch
3. Small Fry Angler most points Marlin will win a iPad
4. Small Fry Angler most points Shark will win a lpad

Points for landed fish will be awarded on the basis of one point per kilo for fish weighed.

TAG & RELEASE

Points for Tag & Release will be awarded as follows:

- Marlin 90pts,
- Game Sharks 30pts (Mako, Blue, Hammerhead, Thresher, Bronze Whaler),
- There is no Tag & Release section for any other species for Junior Anglers.
- For Small Fry anglers only (those 10 years and under) there is a Tag & Release section for Yellowtail 10pts.

When a fish is tagged, the tag card must be filled in and handed to the weighmaster with a completed catch sheet and the tag number recorded on the catch sheet. The Angler must also present the Rod, Reel and tackle with which the fish was caught. The weighmaster may also request to inspect the Tag Pole. When calling in your tagged fish please give the radio operator the tag number. In the event of a tie/ties, the winning team will be the team amassing their points first based on the earliest time of capture ie, the time the Marlin or Broadbill was boated or tagged, as recorded by Tutukaka Gamebase (according to the tournament clock).

It is essential that you call in your catch over the VHF just as soon as possible as this will be recorded as the time of capture (according to the tournament clock).

MINIMUM WEIGHTS

- MARLIN 75kg, if caught on 15kg & over
- **SHARKS must be at least 100kg**
- SHORTBILL SPEARFISH must exceed 10kg when caught on 15kg line or above
- TUNA 15kg
- MAHIMAHI 5kg
- YELLOWTAIL 10kg
- SNAPPER maximum line weight of 15kg with a minimum weight of 2kg

Yellowtail and Snapper are limited to two per person, per day. Note: these minimum weights apply to the Junior contest only

SHARKS * please note these rules:

Blue sharks may be tagged and released only, not landed. Landed Sharks are limited to **one per person for the contest and must be a minimum of 100kg**. Any landed sharks must be utilised - dumping of sharks is not acceptable. Sharks must not be cut up on or near the weigh station.

WEIGH IN

All fish landed on Saturday can be waiting to be weighed in by **5.30pm on Saturday** to be included in that day's fishing (otherwise your catch will count for day two). There is NO requirement for a fish to be weighed or tag information to be presented at the weigh station the same day it is caught. All fish and tag information must be at the weigh station by the cut off time stated on the final day. **On Sunday all catch sheets including tag cards must be at the Tutukaka weighstation, and all fish must be waiting to be weighed in at Tutukaka, by 5:30pm** unless a fish is being played at Stop Fishing time. If a fish is still being played at Stop Fishing catch sheets, including tag cards and contest fish must be presented at the weighstation by 6:30pm to qualify for the tournament – no exceptions.

If the fish and/or tag cards are not at the weigh station by the specified times then the catch will not count for the tournament. Being within the 5 knot zone off Tutukaka Marina entrance constitutes being at the weigh station. However, we will also accept fish that are delivered to the weigh station at the roadside providing the fish is in the boat and the time limits for this tournament are observed.

All boats weighing fish, or presenting tag details, must call Tutukaka Gamebase when entering the harbour. All catches are to be weighed on the official scales at Tutukaka by an official weighperson/s designated by the WDSAC. Each angler must fill in a catch form declaring that the catch was made in accordance with the contest rules and **catch sheets must be filled in before fish are presented at the scales**. All details must be **CLEARLY** entered and the form passed to the weigh master immediately on arrival at the Tutukaka weighstation. **For all catches, including tagged fish**, the angler must present the Rod, Reel and tackle with which the fish was caught. The Weighmaster may also request to inspect the Gaff and/or Tag Pole.

RADIO ROUND-UPS

Round-ups will be broadcast at 3.15pm on Saturday and 2.45pm on Sunday on **VHF 07**.

When answering sked calls you must give a grid map reference name (as supplied) and a result report of number of strikes, hook-ups and successful catches (or T&R). **PLEASE USE YOUR TEAM NUMBER AND BOAT NAME WHEN CALLING THE OFFICE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT.**

TACKLE All tackle must be in accordance with the WDSAC and IGFA Rules but line weight shall not exceed 60kg. In all matters not specifically covered, IGFA Equipment and Angling Regulations shall apply. WDSAC has adopted IGFA Equipment Regulation A 4, which specifies as follows: "The catch shall be classified under the breaking strain of the first five metres of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line." In other words, the first five metres of main line determines the line class used. Any type of line, including those known collectively as "braids" may be used as backing, whether attached to the main line or simply used as padding under the main line. The minimum amount of line class top-shot is five metres but there is no maximum amount of top-shot that may be used.

HOWEVER The following sections do not need to be caught to IGFA but still must be caught on a rod & reel - KOHERU – JACK MACKEREL – SPRAT SPECIES

PROTESTS Any protest concerning the validity of any catch shall be filed in writing and signed by the plaintiff no later than **6.30pm** the same day. In the case of a protest the Contest Committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving will be held in the clubrooms at 6.30pm on Sunday night. There will be lucky draws and much, much more for your enjoyment. The distribution of prizes within your team is the team's responsibility. Set the ground rules now as the Club will not get involved in your domestic differences.

BAD WEATHER

In the event of unfavourable weather conditions, the Contest Committee reserves the right to cancel fishing for the day.

OFFICE HOURS - The Office will be open from 6.30am to 6.30pm each day of the contest.

Six Northern Club Trophies

These Trophies are fished for by the Six Northern Club Anglers.

HEAVIEST GAMEFISH HEAVIEST MARLIN HEAVIEST TUNA
HEAVIEST YELLOWTAIL MOST T&R MARLIN

Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers' Trophy

BARBARA & FRED COTTERILL TROPHY for the most meritorious catch.

