

New South Wales Game Fishing Association



HOW, WHAT & WHEN

Guide for
NSWGFA Club Secretaries
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Definitions

- **"NSWGFA"** means New South Wales Game Fishing Association
 - **"Association"** means the New South Wales Game Fishing Association
 - **"GFAA"** means the Game Fishing Association of Australia
 - **"Member Club"** means an ordinary member of the Association elected in accordance with NSWGFA Constitution - sub clause 3.01 (c)
 - **"Council"** means the Council of the Association as defined in NSWGFA Constitution - sub-clause 4.01 (a)
 - **"Delegate"** means the person or persons appointed by a Member Club in accordance with NSWGFA Constitution - sub-clause 4.01 (c), (d) or (e).
 - **"Club Members"** means any individual who is an ordinary, life or other member of a "Member Club". Categories include:
 - **Senior Club Members** - all Club Members that are **16 years and over**.
Note: A Junior Angler becomes a Senior Angler on his or her 16th birthday. The only exception to this rule is during a NSWGFA Sanctioned Tournament where the angler turns 16 years of age **during** the tournament, in this case the angler may compete as a junior angler for the entire tournament.
 - **Junior Member (if Club has small fry category)**- is a member between the age of 11 years and under 16 years of age.
 - **Small Fry Member** - is a member who is under the age of 11 years of age.
- OR**
- **Junior Member (if Club does not have small fry category)** - is a member under the age of 16 years.

Full Council Meeting

- **NSWGFA Full Council Meeting** will be held if required on the third Saturday of November in each year in Sydney.
- **Names of Delegates** to attend this meeting must be forwarded to NSWGFA Secretary no later than twenty-one (28) days prior to meeting (normally 1st November).
- **Delegates** that have booked to attend meeting and have not cancelled prior to meeting being held will be charged for cost of luncheon (Club will be invoiced for cost).
- **Special Resolutions** – must be in the hands of the NSWGFA Secretary no later than forty-two (42) days prior to meeting being held – date to be advised by NSWGFA. Any change to the NSWGFA Statement of Objects and Rules must be a special resolution and requires not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of those delegates present to be passed.
- **Notices of Motion & Items for Discussion** to be placed on the agenda must be in the hands of the NSWGFA Secretary no later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to meeting being held – date to be advised by NSWGFA. A notice of motion requires a simple majority of those delegates present to be passed.
- **Each Club** is entitled to appoint 1 delegate for every 50 financial members or part of 50 financial members of that Member Club up to a maximum of 4 delegates from a Member Club – this number does not include Junior Members.

Annual General Meeting

- **NSWGFA Annual General Meeting** is normally held on the third or fourth weekend of July in each year. Proposals are welcomed from Member Clubs who wish to “host” this meeting. The proposal should include details & cost of meeting venue, accommodation, and functions (AGM requirement document is available from NSWGFA Secretary).
Note: The venue for the NSWGFA AGM rotates between Northern, Central & Southern Zone each year.
- **Election of Executive Committee** – must be nominated in writing by at least two (2) Member Clubs pursuant to a resolution of those Member Clubs’ Committees and must be received by the NSWGFA Secretary by 1st June.
- **In the case of Northern, Central & Southern Zone Executives**, the nominations are to be in accordance with above, but forwarded to the respective Zone Chairman prior to the respective Zone Meeting or date to be determined by Chairman. If more than one nomination is received in the same Zone then a ballot will be held between the Clubs in that Zone. The result of that ballot will be forwarded to NSWGFA Secretary by 1st June.
- **Clubs must forward Delegate/Observers Registration forms** along with cheque via EFT to NSWGFA Secretary by the required date (normally 1st July). If a delegate cannot for a bona fide reason attend any Council meeting, then the Member Club for which he/she is a delegate shall be entitled to appoint another delegate as a substitute to attend in the place of the previously nominated delegate. The Member Club shall notify the Secretary in writing of the appointment of a substitute delegate before the time of the meeting in respect of which the substitute delegate is appointed. Such substitute delegate must be a financial member of the Member Club.
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Affiliation Fees

- **NSWGFA will notify all Clubs prior to 1st May** in each year as to the rate per member of the Member Club on which the annual subscription shall be struck.
A Membership Statistic form will be forwarded at this time for all Clubs to complete.
- **NSWGFA & GFAA Annual membership fees** shall be deemed due on the 1st June and shall be paid on or before the 30th June next. Note: NSWGFA collects GFAA fees on behalf of GFAA as of 30th June annually - NSWGFA Fees are: \$26.40 (INC GST) & GFAA fees are: \$12.10 (INC GST), total amount per adult angler is \$38.50 (incl. GST). NSWGFA does not charge Clubs affiliation fees for Junior/Small Fry Anglers however the GFAA Junior/Small Fry affiliation is \$4.40 (INC GST) per member. NSWGFA pays this amount on behalf of all NSWGFA Clubs i.e. NSWGFA Clubs **do not** pay Junior/Small Fry fees.
- **All Clubs are to notify NSWGFA Secretary in writing by the 14th of June** in each year of the number of and names and addresses of their enrolled game fishing members as at the preceding 31st May. This number shall be that upon which the annual membership fee of Member Clubs is determined by the Council for the ensuing year. Make sure to email through collated Member list in the correct format. Membership lists will be sent back if not in the correct format.

Record Claims

- **All claims must be made on the correct form.** COST OF RECORD CLAIMS & CAPTURE CLUBS Note: Disregard the filing fee amount that is listed on the Australian Record Claim form, this is incorrect for anglers in NSW waters claiming an Australian Record.) ***Make sure to check Time Limits for Australian and NSW Records. Information available in the Preparation of a Record Claim Booklet – located on the website under secretary downloads.***
- Australian & NSW Record claims (Includes GFAA Club & 1000lb Club) \$ 35.00 Inc GST
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- GFAA 10 to 1, 15 to 1 & 20 to 1 Clubs (Additional Fee) \$ 27.50 Inc GST
- 1000lb Club (Additional Fee) \$110.00 Inc GST
- 1000lb Assistance Certificate (per certificate) (Additional Fee) \$ 27.50 Inc GST
- 1000lb Boat Plaque (Additional Fee) \$ 50.00 Inc GST
- GFAA Late Payment Fee (Additional Fee) \$110.00 Inc GST
- NSWGFA Late Payment Fee (on Australian Records) (Additional Fee) \$ 50.00 Inc GST per month or part thereof.
- Record Application Forms are available from IGFA website (World Record) www.igfa.org GFAA website (Australian Record) www.gfaa.asn.au & NSW Record (NSWGFA website) www.nswgfa.com.au .
- All claims (including World) must be forwarded to NSWGFA Records Officer – please check current NSWGFA Executive Contact List.
- Please ensure that all claims are complete before forwarding to NSWGFA, claims will be returned if found to be incomplete.
- All claims must reach the NSWGFA Records Officer no later than 6 weeks following date of capture.
- Refer to the current “Official Australian Gamefishing Journal” for Australian Record Requirements. NSW Record Requirements are the same as for GFAA.
- With respect to World Claims – the IGFA Fee can be either US Bank Draft or Credit Card Details on World Claim Form – **DO NOT** include this fee with Aust/NSW record fee.
- For up to date details with regard to record claims and to check to see if an angler has a potential claim please log onto the IGFA website for World Records and GFAA – www.gfaa.asn.au for Australian & NSW Records.

Coastal Waters Trophies

- During the year **June 1 to May 31** (all days of the year), trophies are presented for captures or tag and releases effected in waters off the NSW Coast.
- Club trophies are available to clubs affiliated with NSWGFA.
- Boat trophies are available to boats registered with an affiliated club.
- Angler trophies are available to all registered members of clubs affiliated with NSWGFA.
- Any Charter Boat whilst under charter is not eligible for boat tag & release points and boat capture points for NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophies.
- All Clubs will be forwarded in May of each year:
 1. **Coastal Waters Nomination Form**
 2. **"Cock O'the Walk" Nomination Form**
 3. **"Chicken O'the Walk" Nomination Form**
 4. **Zonal Trophies Nomination Form**

Forms are to be forwarded to NSWGFA Secretary and must be received **no later than 14th June** to be eligible for trophies. Any nominations received after this date will not be considered.

Angler Trophies:

Note: (i) **A junior angler** shall be under sixteen (16) years of age when capture or tag is made.
 (ii) **A small fry angler** shall be under eleven (11) years of age when capture or tag is made.

1. **NSWGFA Southern Zone Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 4kg line.
2. **NSWGFA Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 6kg line.
3. **Les Downie Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 8kg line.
4. **Bob Dyer Cup** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 10kg line.
5. **Hayman Island Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 15kg line.
6. **Milton Kent Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 24kg line.
7. **Great Barrier Reef Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 37kg line.
8. **Bruce Downie Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on 60kg line.
9. **WD & HO Wills Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured on any line class up to and including 60kg line.
10. **NSWGFA Trophy** – for the heaviest shark captured on any line class up to and including 60kg line.
11. **Adrian & Margaret Crothers Trophy** – for the heaviest tuna captured on any line class up to and including 60kg.
12. **Rebel Trophy** – for the heaviest game fish (other than shark) captured by an ADULT lady angler.
13. **Newcastle Port Stephens GFC 60th Anniversary Trophy** – for the heaviest broadbill swordfish captured on any line class up to and including 60kg line.
14. **Spindrift Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by an ADULT male angler.
15. **Dolly and Eva Gray Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by an ADULT lady angler.
16. **Peter Goadby Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by a JUNIOR/Small Fry male angler.
17. **Sydney GFC Trophy** – for the highest point scoring capture by a JUNIOR/Small Fry lady angler.
18. **Shoalhaven GFC Trophy** – for the heaviest billfish captured by a JUNIOR/Small Fry angler.
19. **Tom Roche Trophy** – for the heaviest shark captured by a JUNIOR/Small Fry angler.
20. **NSWGFA Junior Trophy** – for the heaviest other game fish by a JUNIOR/Small Fry angler.
21. **Tom Roche Trophy** – for Champion SMALL FRY angler – Capture (total points)
22. **John O'Brien Tag and Release Trophy** – for the male angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release. (Adult & Junior/Small Fry Angler eligible).
23. **Wollongong GFC Tag and Release Trophy** – for the lady angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release. (Adult & Junior/Small Fry Angler eligible).
24. **Tom Roche Tag and Release Trophy** – for the JUNIOR angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release.
25. **Tom Roche Trophy** – for the SMALL FRY angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release.
26. **Peter Bennett Ambition Trophy** – for the angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release of tuna.
27. **Bermagui Big Game Anglers Club Tag and Release Trophy** – for the Junior/Small Fry angler scoring the highest total points for tag and release of Tuna.
28. **Grahame Williams Trophy** – for the angler tagging and releasing the first marlin of the year.
29. **Bob Lowe Trophy** – for the angler tagging and releasing the last marlin of the year.
30. **Geoffrey Woolley Memorial Trophy** – for the senior angler with the most meritorious achievement in either capture or tag & release for the season.

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31. **Tom Roche Memorial Trophy** – for the junior angler with the most meritorious achievement in either capture or tag & release for the season.
32. **George Creamer “Sea Devil” Memorial Trophy** – for the Small Fry angler with the most meritorious achievement in either capture or tag & release for the season.

Boat Trophies:

1. **Amatil Shield** – for the boat scoring the highest total points for tag and release.
2. **Don Goswell Tag and Release Trophy** – for the boat scoring the highest total points for tag and release of billfish.
3. **George Besoff Tag and Release Trophy** – for the boat scoring the highest total points for tag and release of shark.

Club Trophies:

1. **Peter Goadby Tag and Release Trophy** – for the club scoring the highest total points for tag and release.
2. **NSWGFA Yellowfin Tuna Tag and Release Trophy** – for the Club scoring the highest total points for tag and release of Yellowfin tuna

3. **Chicken O’the Walk Zone Challenge Trophy – Capture**

Note: This is a Zone Trophy all fish captured every day of the year in waters off the coast of NSW by a JUNIOR/SMALL FRY Angler (i.e. under 16 years of age at time of capture) are eligible.

- For the zone scoring the highest total of points as calculated on the best five in each of the following eight categories (points allocated on 5-4-3-2-1 basis for Junior Angler captures in NSW waters) – heaviest marlin, highest point scoring marlin (ignore maximum limit), heaviest shark, highest point scoring shark (ignore maximum limit), heaviest tuna, highest point scoring tuna (ignore maximum limit), heaviest other game fish, highest point scoring other game fish (includes sailfish, shortbill spearfish & broadbill, does not include any species of tuna – ignore maximum limit).

- **Chicken O’the Walk Zone Challenge Trophy – Tag & Release**

Note: This is a Zone Trophy all fish tagged and released on one boat in waters off the coast of NSW by JUNIOR/SMALL FRY Anglers for the year are eligible (i.e. all Junior anglers fishing on that boat under the age of 16 years at the time of tag & release)

- For the zone scoring the highest total points as calculated on the best five in each of the following eight categories (points allocated on 5-4-3-2-1 basis for Junior/small fry Angler tag & release in NSW waters) highest junior/small fry point scoring boat T&R billfish (includes Marlin, Sailfish, Shortbill Spearfish & Broadbill), highest junior/small fry point scoring boat T&R shark, highest junior/small fry point scoring boat T&R tuna, highest junior/small fry point scoring boat T&R other gamefish (does not include species of tuna), most T&R billfish - junior/small fry point scoring boat, most T&R sharks - junior/small fry point scoring boat, most T&R tuna - junior/small fry point scoring boat, most T&R other game fish - junior/small fry point scoring boat (does not include tuna) .

- **Cock O’the Walk Zone Challenge Trophy – Capture**

Note: This is a Zone Trophy all fish captured every day of the year off the coast of NSW by SENIOR, JUNIOR & SMALL FRY Anglers are eligible.

- For the zone scoring the highest total points as calculated on the best five in each of the following four categories (points allocated on 5-4-3-2-1 basis for captures in NSW waters) heaviest marlin, highest point scoring marlin (ignore maximum limit), heaviest shark, highest point scoring shark (ignore maximum limit), heaviest tuna, highest point scoring tuna (ignore maximum limit), heaviest other gamefish (includes sailfish, shortbill spearfish & broadbill, does not include any species of tuna), highest point scoring other game fish (includes sailfish, shortbill spearfish & broadbill, does not include any species of tuna – ignore maximum limit)

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- **Cock O'the Walk Zone Challenge Trophy – Tag & Release**

Note: This is a Zone Trophy all fish tagged and released every day of the year off the coast of NSW by an ADULT and JUNIOR Anglers are eligible.

- For the zone scoring the highest total tag & release points as calculated on the best five in each of the following eight categories (points allocated on 5-4-3-2-1 basis for tag and release in NSW waters) highest pointscoring boat T&R billfish (includes Marlin, Sailfish, Shortbill Spearfish & Broadbill), highest point scoring boat T&R shark, highest pointscoring boat T&R tuna, highest pointscoring T&R other gamefish (does not include any species of tuna, Sailfish, Shortbill Spearfish & Broadbill), most T&R billfish by boat, most T&R shark by boat, most T&R tuna by boat, most T&R other game fish by boat (does not include tuna).

- **NSWGFA ZONE TROPHIES**

Note: The nomination form for these trophies must be forwarded to NSWGFA **no later than 14th June**

NSWGFA Zone Trophies are awarded to each of the three zones (Northern, Central and Southern) for both captures and tag and releases **effected in waters off that particular zone and registered with a club in the zone.** (All days of the fishing year are eligible). For Central & Southern Zone Clubs - all fish captured or tagged & released at the NSWGFA Interclub are eligible for these trophies. ***Note: This exception is the only allowed tournament out of the zone waters.***

The angler with the highest point scoring gamefish (other than shark)

The angler with the highest point score tag and release.

- **The Neil Grieves Memorial Trophy**

Club Person of the Year

This award is to pay recognition to the people who make our clubs, the sport & the association the best they can be, for those people who tirelessly work hard to keep clubs running, or for those that go above and beyond their clubs using their position to improve their communities around the much in the way Neil led his life.

We are committed to making sure this award is held in high regard by the game fishing community therefore we ask that this be kept as a president's nomination, the criteria will be as follows.

1. The nominee must be a full member of the club.
2. And have been a member at least 12 months prior to nominating them.
3. The members must not have received remuneration for their efforts within the club.
4. The member must not have been suspended from any club within the association at any time in the past.

In your submission you should include as much detail about their club history as is relevant, making sure to mention their length of time as a member, what they do that makes them stand out from the rest or alternatively what does not. We have many awards that are based around skill and angling prowess but none that shine a light on those who just live to be a club member and may not even get the chance to fish, ne it for health reasons or lack of opportunity. The nomination will be treated like the Most Meritorious awards we currently have.

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The Executive of the Association must be consulted by Member Clubs wishing to conduct "Open" or Invitation" Tournaments to gain approval for such tournaments. **Please Note a minimum of 14 days initial processing time of application. Application process can take up to 1 month to complete so please make sure to have your tournament sanctioning application within a minimum of 3 month prior to the commencement of your tournament.**

EXAMPLE: If your tournament is on the 10th May, the application needs to be in the hands of the NSWGFA Secretary no later than 10th February.

- A Sanctioning Application fee of **\$220 Inc. GST** will be charged for every Tournament Sanctioning Application.
- The Executive shall also have the power to insist that any such tournaments hosted by Member Clubs be conducted in such fashion as is befitting the ethics of Gamefishing, and for the maximum enjoyment of all participants.
- The application for such tournaments **MUST** be in the hands of the NSWGFA Secretary **a minimum of three (3) months prior to the tournament date. Any application that is received less than 3 months will be charged a late administration fee of \$250.00 +GST.**
- Such applications shall include the proposed dates, angling rules, regulations, and details of trophy categories that will be awarded.
- All sanctioned gamefishing tournaments and point score competitions held from NSWGFA waters must be fished/conducted under the GFAA and NSWGFA rules as are in effect at the time.
- A Junior Angler is an angler who is under the age of 16 years. A Junior Angler becomes a Senior Angler on his/her 16th birthday. A Club **CANNOT** rule that a Junior Angler can enter a tournament as a Senior Angler and be bound by the Senior Rules – A Junior Angler is a Junior regardless of what entry fee is paid and **MUST** be allowed to fish by any applicable Junior rule eg. Minimum Weights – Yellowfin Tuna & Southern Bluefin Tuna.
- A Small Fry Angler (if there is a category for S/Fry) is an angler who is under the age of 11 years. A Small Fry Angler becomes a Junior Angler on his/her 11th birthday. A Club **CANNOT** rule that a Small Fry Angler can enter a tournament as a Junior (if there is a category for S/Fry) or Senior Angler and be bound (in the case of Senior) by Senior Rules - A small fry angler (if there is a category for S/Fry) is a Small Fry Angler regardless of what entry fee is paid and **MUST** be allowed to fish by any applicable Small Fry rule eg Minimum weights - Yellowfin & Southern Bluefin Tuna.
- If there are two divisions i.e. Junior & Small Fry – Junior Angler must be 11years to under 16 years, Small Fry Angler must be under 11 years.
- All sanctioned tournaments shall have two (2) separate categories when allocating points i.e. capture and tag & release, such categories are mandatory and non-combinable for trophies/competitions.
- NSWGFA Minimum Weights & Pointscore will apply as are in effect at the time. Note: A Club may, with the approval of the Association given, at the time of sanctioning, specify a higher minimum weight for Marlin, Shark or a Tuna to qualify for a trophy for the Heaviest Marlin, Shark or Tuna ONLY, provided that the weight specified is reasonable and obtainable in the circumstances. Clubs are to provide with application three (3) years of capture statistics that show that the minimum weight that is being applied for is achievable for that species.
- Clubs may choose for tournament purposes: line class, fish species for capture and tag & release from the NSWGFA designated line classes and fish species category list.

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- Tournament Radio Schedules are to be conducted in accordance with “NSWGFA Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournaments” as are in effect at the time as the minimum radio procedure to be followed – this must be stated in tournament rules.
- Clubs will be notified if there are any amendments required to tournament rules.
- Amended tournament rules and signed declaration stating that the Club agrees to abide by the conditions as set down by NSWGFA with respect to the tournament are to be forwarded to NSWGFA. The “Official Sanction Emblem” will then be forwarded to the Club which; must be shown on the front of the official entry form.
- Clubs can advertise the tournament prior to sanction but **MUST NOT** include in this advertising a sanctioned emblem.
- Clubs **CANNOT** send out the official entry form to other Clubs or Skippers until after the tournament has been officially sanctioned and the appropriate emblem has been received.
- Once a tournament has been sanctioned, rules and trophy category list cannot be altered without permission from the NSWGFA Executive. If permission to alter the rules or trophy list is given, then all participating anglers must be notified either by mail or at the tournament briefing.
- A complete list of tournament trophies and prizes **MUST BE** advised in writing to competitors prior to the start of the tournament– these trophies cannot be changed however additional trophies or prizes can be added after the tournament commences.
- All trophies/prizes being offered in the tournament must be considered “winnable”.
- A copy of the entry form as forwarded to other Clubs and Boat Skippers is to be forwarded to NSWGFA, this entry form must include the sanctioned tournament rules.

INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT

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- The NSWGFA Interclub is held each year on the last weekend of February at Port Stephens.
- All NSWGFA Member Clubs are invited to enter teams of three (3) boats in the capture and/or tag & release categories.
- If a Club cannot complete a team of three (3) boats, the boats will be placed in a composite team and if at all possible, all boats in that composite team will be from the same zone.
- ALL registered anglers **MUST BE** a financial member of a NSWGFA Member Club to be eligible to fish the tournament. If an angler is registered on a boat from your Club but is not a financial member it is the Club's responsibility to ensure that the angler is indeed a financial member of another NSWGFA Member Club, if not then that angler must join a NSWGFA Club prior to the tournament.
- All participating boats **MUST BE** registered with a NSWGFA Member Club and must comply with all Club and Waterways requirements with respect to required boat safety gear.
- Tournament Entry Rules are forwarded to NSWGFA Skippers and Clubs around the end of October in each year.
- Clubs are asked to advertise the tournament by way of the News Magazine in case a Skipper may not receive an entry direct from NSWGA.
- The Boat Captain **MUST** sign the entry form (no other person will be allowed).
- Clubs must receive the entry form from Boat Skippers NO LATER than 14th January.
- Clubs are to ensure that each entry form has been fully completed, incomplete entry forms will be sent back to Club and a **late fee** may be incurred.
- Entry forms in team and boat order along with full payment are to be forwarded to NSWGFA Secretary **NO LATER** than 21st January.
- Placement of Teams is based on the previous Interclub results i.e. Champion Club Capture or Champion Club Tag & Release (this is alternated each year) would be 1st Place, Champion Capture or Champion Tag & Release Club would be 2nd place, Runner-up Capture or T&R would be 3rd Place, Runner-up Capture or T&R would be 4th place and so on.
- If Club entry forms are not received by due date i.e. 21st January, the teams/boats will be placed at the end of the list i.e. places will not be kept for Clubs who cannot comply with this rule.
- Ladies Tournament Day is held following the 1st weekend of the Interclub (date to be advised). This day is open to all Ladies regardless of age; all boats that participate in Ladies Day must be a registered Interclub Boat. Ladies do not have to be a financial member of a Member Club to participate only game fishing club members are eligible to claim records and/or NSWGFA & GFAA Annual Trophies.

Note: No other Member Club Tournament will be sanctioned on weekend that the Interclub Tournament is held. Please note the Interclub to held in the last week of February. NSWGFA have the Last Week of February and the First Week March reserved.

MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

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- The following merchandise is available from NSWGFA Secretary
 - i) Capture Books Current cost \$20.00 (including GST)
 - ii) Record Application Book Current cost \$20 Including GST)

GFAA NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

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- Clubs are asked to promote this tournament by way of social media or print publication and to forward any correspondence that the Club may receive about this tournament to their Junior Members.
- The tournament has two categories i.e. (i) Junior & Small Fry.
- All days of the year are eligible fishing days.
- Junior Tournament Entry Forms are to be signed and dated by the Club Secretary and forwarded to National Tournament Coordinator Contact details are on the current tournament entry form.
- Anglers will then forward their monthly reports either by fax or post to the Tournament State Coordinator.
- Tournament Rules and updates are available for download on the GFAA Website – Junior Tournament Happenings page – www.gfaa.asn.au

Junior National Tournament Trophies

The “Tom Roche” Tag & Release Trophy for the Highest Point Scoring Junior Angler entered in the GFAA Junior Tournament. Awarded annually to the National and State Winners

The “Tom Roche” Capture Trophy for the Highest Point Scoring Junior Angler entered in the GFAA Junior Tournament. Awarded annually to the National and State Winners

The “Tom Roche” Tag & Release Trophy for the Highest Point Scoring Small Fry Angler entered in the GFAA Junior Tournament. Awarded annually to the National and State Winners

The “Tom Roche” Capture Trophy for the Highest Point Scoring Small Fry Angler entered in the GFAA Junior Tournament. Awarded annually to the National and State Winners.

Billfish Tags

- There will now be a maximum of 150 marlin tags to be posted at any one time.
- Plan ahead with your request for tag cards, e.g., longer postage times etc, also for the Months of December, January & February – there may be additional wait times.
- Once a Club has received an issue of these tags, they are required to forward at the end of each month details of tags that have been issued to Club Skippers, please email every month Tag report even if no tags have been issued, indicating how many tags you have in stock.
Note: If Clubs do not forward this information, three (3) reminders will be forwarded if this request is ignored, then the club will not receive any further issues until such time that this information is received
- Once a Club Skipper has received an issue of these tags, only reissue tags to that boat if they are actually returning tags.
- If you know that the boat that requested tags are a dedicated tag boat and will be tagging marlin for the season – ensure that they do have an adequate supply of tags.
- All anglers must use the “Billfish Tag” to tag billfish – it is not to be used in any other species.

GFAA Annual Trophies

- During the year **July 1 to June 30** (all days of the year), trophies are presented for captures or tag and releases effected in waters off the Australian Coast.
- A GFAA trophy nomination list is forwarded to Clubs around the end of June in each year, *Clubs are to complete the form and return to NSWGFA Secretary by the advertised return date. Any nominations received following this date will not be considered for any trophy.*

Trophies to be nominated by Clubs:

1. **The “Tom Bell” Trophy** – for the angler who captures the heaviest Gamefish (excluding Sharks) in Australian Waters.
2. **The “Peter Goadby” Trophy** – for the angler who captures the heaviest Shark in Australian Waters
3. **The “Bob Lowe” Trophy** – for the most meritorious Tag and Release achievement by a GFAA affiliated Club in Australian Waters (Clubs must give a brief description of the achievement).
4. **The “Peter Bennett” Trophy** – for the most meritorious Tag and Release achievement by a GFAA JUNIOR in Australian Waters (Clubs must give a brief description of the achievement).
5. **The “Geoffrey Woolley” Trophy** – for the most meritorious Tag and Release achievement by an Adult Angler in Australian Waters (Clubs must give a brief description of the achievement)

Trophies nominated by data collated at NSW Fisheries

1. **The “Tag & Release” Trophy** donated by John O’Brien – for the highest point scoring club affiliated with a State Branch of GFAA for each year.
2. **The “Sir Garrick Agnew” Trophy** for the Angler who tags and releases the most billfish in Australian Waters.
3. **“The Perpetual Trophy”** for the highest pointscoring boat tag & release in Australian Waters donated by Tailored Marine Accessories P/L. Awarded annually.
4. **The “Grahame Williams Tag & Release Trophy”** – for the angler who tags and releases the most Sharks in Australian Waters. Awarded annually.
5. **The “John Brooker Tag & Release Trophy”** for the angler who tags and releases the most Southern Bluefin Tuna in Australian Waters. Awarded annually.
6. **The “Neil Patrick Tag & Release Trophy”** for the angler who tags and releases the most Other Game Fish species in Australian Waters. Awarded annually,



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- All Clubs are to forward to NSWGFA Secretary the names and addresses of each financial member. Please ensure that you include Junior/Small Fry Members birthdate – this list is normally required by end November in each year. (State will be advised of due date) – The list must be in the correct format as per template when request is made.
- The GFAA Journal will be posted direct to all members on the Club list around February/March.
- As this mailing list does need to collated – it would be appreciated if Club Secretary could format the mailing list as requested (An excel template will be forwarded to you each club to use and email this direct to NSWGFA at secretary@nswgfa.com.au)

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