



Rules and Regulations 2025

1. Boat may only launch and depart from Cape Boat and Ski Boat Club (CBSC) at Rumbly Bay or from False Bay Marlin and Tuna Club (FBMT) in Simons Town. **Fish will ONLY be weighed at CBSC.** All boats launching from Simons Town must abide by the stipulated launch times and must be at the mass start at boat rock on day one by 06h55. Boats departing from FBMT to notify the registration team.
2. All boats, skippers and each individual angler, irrespective of which day they may fish on, must be registered and paid in full by close of the tournament cut off date (29-09-2025).
3. The entry fee is applicable to ALL entrants and is **R2000** per team member (skipper or angler).
4. Included in your entry fees are catering at the opening and closing ceremony, tournament attire, giveaway goodie bags per team member as well as breakfast each day and evening meals after each day fished.
5. **Registration will be held on Monday, 20 October 2025 from 14h00 until 17h00 at CBSC.** All entrants must attend.
6. **FINAL cut off for the tournament entry forms and payments is Monday 29th September. Late entries will be considered based on total entries received but will be excluded from tournament attire and goodie bags.**
7. The tournament will run from **Tuesday 21th October to Saturday 25th October. The first 3 days fishable will be selected based on the weather calls.**

General Information:

- a. The tournament weather committee will meet each morning at 05h00 at breakfast and will then give the weather call for the day.
- b. The tournament weather committee may send out a weather boat to check the weather prior to calling the comp on.
- c. Bait will be available each morning at 05h00. Bait tickets will be available for purchase at the BAR the night before. Teams are allowed to use bait caught at sea. It is the boats responsibility to look after their own bait.
- d. In the event of only ONE [1] day being fished [and FISH WEIGHED] due to the CONSECUTIVE days being blown out this will constitute a tournament.
- e. On completion of fishing days, the angler winning fish will be announced for the biggest daily tuna. Actual payment will be arranged at the closing function & prize giving.
- f. In the unlikely event of ALL days being blown out, participants will NOT BE REFUNDED but each registered boat will be entered into a lucky draw and stands a chance to win a SELECTION of the sponsored prizes EXCLUDING THE MAIN PRIZES.
- g. It is the responsibility of the anglers to assist their skippers with launching and retrieving as well as cleaning and re-fueling of boats during the tournament.

- h. All radio communications during the tournament must be on VHF Channel 71. No other forms of communications will be permitted. Committee may use VHF channel 69 for communications with the control boat.
 - i. Total Bag Limit per angler is 10 fish per day but a maximum of two fish can be weighed per day one longfin (LF) and one of either yellowfin(YF), bigeye (BE) or bluefin(BF) tuna.
 - j. All fish may be inspected, tested to verify their freshness and weight. The rod & reel used for any weighable fish may be requested by the organizers for inspection, line class testing & leader lengths measured.
 - k. Any fish not weighed by close of scales at 20h00 (18h00 25th Oct) will not be scored, nor will they be eligible for any prizes.
 - l. Each angler must assist to off-load his / her own fish and place it on the scale for weighing.
 - m. If moving fish through to the club for weigh-in, any delays must be notified to the organizers beforehand - no exception will be given for close of scales time as it will impact on the scoring and daily meal times. Boats must leave the fishing grounds earlier (before lines up call) if necessary.
8. The weather committee will consist of a safety officer, two appointed tournament committee members as well as two selected skippers who will make all weather decisions before and during the competition. Their decisions will be binding always. Notwithstanding this, it remains each individual skipper's responsibility to operate within his own craft's safety limits.
 9. All persons on board must be registered on the official registration form, each boat must have a minimum of a skipper and one crew member being over the age of eighteen (18). A few boats may be asked to take a camera person with on a specific day they will not be aloud to assist in any way and wont be counted as a team member.
 10. The skipper, on behalf of all crew and in the presence of a witness, must sign the official registration form including indemnity form and acknowledgement that all angler fishing licenses are valid.
 11. Skippers briefing is compulsory for all skippers, or their designated representative and the attendance register must be duly signed. All boats need to have a valid COF and be seaworthy.
 12. Maximum line class is 80 pound/37kg - rod and reel only (no short sticks, hand lines, bungees or poles allowed on board). For record purposes IGFA rules apply.
 13. The tournament will be fished to SADSAA and IGFA rules (except where over-ridden by these tournament rules). Anglers and skippers must ensure their knowledge of the rules.
 14. Minimum weight of any fish considered at the scales for any prize categories will be 20kg for Yellowfin/Bigeye/Bluefin Tuna & 10kg for Longfin Tuna. The onus is on the skipper/angler to ensure the correct weights are recorded on the official weigh sheet at the weigh station and signed off.

15. The official LAUNCH TIME each day is from 06h00. Mass departure On day One (1) is from boat rock after the blessing of the fleet @ 07h00.
16. Lines up will be at 16h00 each day, except for if the final day is on the Saturday then lines up will be 14h00. HOWEVER, THESE TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & EXTENSIONS MADE by the Tournament Committee by taking into consideration the number of fishing days and weather forecast predictions. No angling may take place outside of the APPROVED launch time and lines up times except if a fish is hooked and so reported before lines up to Ski-Boat Mobile or the control boat. A maximum of one (1) hour extension will then be granted, thereafter the line must be cut. If a boat decides to continue fishing after lines up or extension, they are entitled to disqualify themselves for that particular day.
In the event of an early weather call for safety reasons, no extension will be allowed and anglers fighting fish must cut off immediately.
17. All fish entered must be weighed at CBSC. Scales will be open from 15h00 to 20h00 except for if the final day is Saturday when it will be open from 14h00 until 17h00 with no extension allowed. Scales closing are subject to Tournament Committee considerations due to queuing for weigh-in. All boats must report into Ski-Boat Mobile or the control boat at lines up that they are Lines up and running and must advise that they have fish to weigh on board.
18. Teams are expected to supply their own boats for the duration of the competition. This will be the only boat the team will fish on for the duration of the tournament.
19. GPS "snail trails" for boats fishing each day may NOT be deleted and may be used to verify that all angling is within in the 40 nm radius of Cape Point limit.
20. All fish boated must also be logged on the skippers catch sheet.
21. SORTING OF FISH: Prior to entering the weigh station all teams are requested to sort their allowable weighable marked fish on their decks so as to speed up the weigh in. Each angler may ONLY bring 1 YF/BE/BF and 1 LF to the scales. NO additional fish will be accepted. All fish to be cleared from the weigh station before the next boat will weigh in.
22. Catch reports must be made to the control boat or Ski-boat Mobile at 11h00 and 14h00, stating species, quantity.
23. Any fish which may potentially be in contention for a bonanza prize must be reported to the control boat or Ski-boat Mobile with an estimate of weight immediately on being brought on board the boat.
24. **EACH ANGLER MAY ONLY WEIGH IN ONE (1) YF/BE/BF PER DAY and ONLY ONE (1) LONGFIN PER ANGLER PER DAY.**
25. Circle hooks are permitted, but may not be off set.
26. Junior, Ladies and Senior Entrants must identify as such during registration.
27. All fish weighed may be inspected and tested to verify their freshness. The rod & reel used for any weighable fish may be requested by the organizers for inspection of and testing of line & leader lengths. So they must be available at the scales.

28. **JUNIOR PRIZE OVERALL [UNDER 17 YEARS]**

All fish weighed in by a junior and will be totaled and count towards the top junior overall.

29. **LADIES PRIZE OVERALL**

All fish weighed in by a lady and will be totaled and count towards the top lady overall.

30. **MENS PRIZE OVERALL**

All fish weighed in by a man and will be totaled and count towards the top man overall.

31. **SENIOR PRIZE OVERALL [OVER 60]**

All fish weighed in by a senior and will be totaled and count towards the top senior overall.

32. **GENERAL TOURNAMENT CATEGORY RULES**

- a. Promote responsible ethical angling practices through integrity and sportsmanship.
- b. Terminal tackle IGFA and Tournament rules apply.
- c. Applies to Yellowfin/Bigeye/Bluefin / Longfin Tuna species only.
- d. EACH ANGLER MAY ONLY WEIGH IN ONE (1) YF/BE/BF_PER DAY and ONLY ONE (1) LONGFIN PER ANGLER PER DAY
- e. There will be no more than two (2) lines per angler in the water at any one time
- f. The swapping and passing (i.e.: if one team member has caught his quota and is fishing for the other members and the fish are released) of fish amongst the team members is strictly prohibited. Any team found guilty of this will have their catch disqualified for the day.
- g. The results of the Tournament will be decided over the actual number of days fished.
- h. Committee Adjudicators' decision is final.
- i. The Skipper remains the referee to ensure the adherence of these rules.

33. **RELEASE CATEGORY RULES**

All participants are requested to put a lot of emphasis on the release of fish & will be rewarded accordingly from the selection of prizes IN THIS CATEGORY.

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- a. Promote responsible ethical angling practices through integrity and sportsmanship.
- b. Applies to Yellowfin/Bigeye/Bluefin / Longfin Tuna species **only**.
- c. Only lures rigged with single hooks may be used **NO TREBBLES** .
- d. **Maximum of Five (5) released fish MAY BE ENTERED per angler per day.**
- e. All other terminal tackle IGFA and Tournament rules apply.
- f. Promote responsible ethical angling practices through integrity and sportsmanship.
- g. The Skipper remains the referee to ensure the adherence of these rules.
- h. All Anglers will be given wrist bands to wear with different colors for each fishing day.
- i. There will be no more than two (2) lines per angler in the water at any one time
- j. The swapping and passing (i.e.: if one team member has caught his quota and is fishing for the other members and the fish are released) of fish amongst the team members is strictly prohibited. Any team found guilty of this will have their catch disqualified for the day.

- k. Catch and release tuna may not be gaffed or brought onto the boat.
- l. Catch and Release tuna will be regarded as “caught” when the leader knot passes the rod tip eye and is visible on the rod.(IGFA leader line rules apply)
- m. Team member may then grab the leader and release the tuna by unhooking or cutting the line.
- n. Fish caught & released in this category [angler, species & time] must be logged on the official scorecard sheet provided.
- o. To qualify for prizes the official completed record scorecard sheet must be handed in to THE WEIGH MASTER during weigh in.
- p. Fish caught & released in this category do not qualify or count towards any other prize category.
- q. Video footage [time, angler & release] is required as proof of the catch and release – this must include the entire fish and tail on release.
- r. Any video footage supplied to the organizers may be used in the tournament reporting media, filming, and has NO copyrights attached.
- s. Prize winners will be selected from the **TOTAL FISH RELEASED SCORE** per angler and per TEAM for the duration of the tournament making it an overall TEAM effort.
- t. Each tuna released will be allocated points per fish per angler as follows:
 - (i) 20 points for each YF/BE/BF release
 - (ii) 5 points for each Longfin released
 - (iii) Total Team Score is the sum of each anglers catches and releases as above.
- u. In the event of a tie the winner the prize will be shared .
- v. The results of the Tournament will be decided over the actual number of days fished.
- w. Committee Adjudicators’ decision is final.

34. TUNA VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

All Tuna Catch & Release Entries require video confirmation. An **uninterrupted video** showing the following must be provided:

YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THESE 4 RULES TO QUALIFY AS CATCH AND RELEASE.

- A. **ANGLER**: Identify the Angler, the Day and Time during the final minutes of the capture.
- B. **BAND**: Coloured Band ID visible in video for that day to be displayed.
- C. **CATCH**: Confirmation of catch – wind-on leader or swivel touching the rod tip, and mate touching the leader; video of fish to allow for proper species identification;
- D. **DISPATCH**: HOOK removed OR LINE CUT. Release of fish. Head and tail visible .SWIMS AWAY...
...Entry in boat CATCH REPORT for the day.

35. AGREE & CONSENT

The participants agree and consent to the use of any photograph, motion picture, video or audio recording in which they appear or are heard, by the Tournament for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, TV broadcasts, Facebook, advertising, and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

36. **ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES:** the following will run in conjunction with the TOURNAMENT & will be available to all boats participating & is optional to enter & does not form part of the allocated prizes.

BOAT AUCTIONS – each participating boat will be auctioned at the Opening ceremony and all funds bid will be accumulated and split as follows according to the TOP 3 TEAM BOATS overall results based on combination of weighed and released fish.

1st 50% 2nd 30% 3rd 10% [tournament fundraising 10%]

37. PROTESTS

Protest must be presented to the Tournament Chairman in writing by a registered angler and accompanied with a R500 fee. If the protest is in favour of the angler the fee will be returned. If the protest is in favour of the tournament, the fee will be retained. All such disputes shall be decided by the Rules Committee appointed by the Tournament Committee and shall be final and binding upon all parties.

38. Non-compliance of rules will result in disqualification. All the rulings of the Tournament Committee will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

39. These Rules and Regulations are **subject to change or amendments before 20TH October 2025 and updates will be disseminated to all skippers at the skippers briefing.**

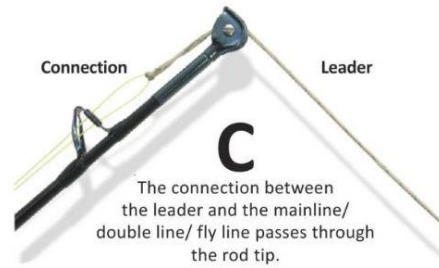
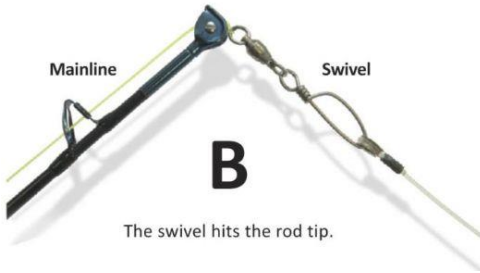
ANNEXURE:

IGFA tackle specs:

The double line on all classes of tackle over 10 kilograms (20 pounds) shall be limited to 9.14 meters (30 feet). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 12.19 meters (40 feet).

CATCH & RELEASE:

For the purposes of qualifying catches under IGFA , and determining releases in recreational fishing tournaments, IGFA considers a fish officially released when one of the following actions occurs:



LEGAL as hook is contained within the skirt.



ARTIFICIAL LURES:
Assist hooks can be used with any artificial lure, other than a skirted lure.