

CBSC 2026 TUNA INVITATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Boats 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 FBMT 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.

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 (21-09-2026).

The entry fee is applicable to ALL entrants is R2000 per team member (skipper or angler) for early entrance up to 31st August. There after entry is R2200.00 per team member (skipper or angler)

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.

Registration will be held on Monday, 19 October 2026 from 14h00 until 17h00 at CBSC. All entrants must attend.

FINAL cut off for the tournament entry forms and payments is Monday 21st September. Late entries will be considered based on total entries received but will be excluded from tournament attire and goodie bags.

The tournament will run from Tuesday 20th October to Saturday 24th October. The first three (3) days fishable will be selected based on the weather calls.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The tournament weather committee will meet each morning at 05h00 at breakfast and will then give the weather call for the day.

The tournament weather committee may send out a weather boat to check the weather prior to calling the competition.

BAIT:

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 own bait or bait caught at sea. It is the boats responsibility to look after their own bait.

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.

Daily at close of scales, the winning fish will be announced for the biggest daily tuna. Actual payment will be arranged at the closing function & prize giving.

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 CASH PRIZES.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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.

BAG LIMIT:

Total Bag Limit per angler is 10 fish per day but a maximum of two fish can be weighed per day per angler - one longfin (LF) and one of either yellowfin(YF), bigeye (BE)or bluefin(BF) tuna.

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 length measurements.

Any fish not weighed by close of scales at 20h00 (18h00 24th Oct) will not be scored, nor will they be eligible for any prizes.

Each angler must assist to off-load his / her own fish and place it on the scale for weighing.

If moving fish through to the club for weigh-in causes any delays it must be notified to the organizers immediately- 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.

WEATHER COMMITTEE:

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.

REGISTRATION:

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.

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.

SKIPPERS BIEFING:

Skippers briefing is compulsory for all skippers, or their designated representative

LINE CLASS:

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.

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.

MINIMUM WEIGHTS:

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.

LAUNCH TIMES:

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 at approximately 07h00.

LINES UP:

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.

WEIGH STATION:

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.

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.

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.

CATCH LOG SHEET:

All fish boated must also be logged on the skippers catch sheet.[angler, species & time, length] must be logged on the official scorecard sheet provided.

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 one (1) YF/BE/BF and one (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.

DAILY CATCH REPORTS:

Catch reports must be made to the control boat or Ski-boat Mobile at 11h00 and 14h00, stating species, quantity. 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 length measurement immediately after being brought on board the boat.

.EACH ANGLER MAY ONLY WEIGH IN ONE (1) YF/BE/BF PER DAY and ONLY ONE (1) LONGFIN PER ANGLER PER DAY.

Circle hooks are permitted, but may not be off set.

Junior, Ladies and Senior Entrants must identify as such during registration.

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.

JUNIOR PRIZE OVERALL

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

LADIES PRIZE OVERALL

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

MENS PRIZE OVERALL

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

GENERAL TOURNAMENT OPEN CATEGORY RULES

Promote responsible ethical angling practices through integrity and sportsmanship.

Terminal tackle IGFA and Tournament rules apply.

Applies to Yellowfin/Bigeye/Bluefin / Longfin Tuna species only.

ANGLER OPEN RULES:

EACH ANGLER MAY ONLY WEIGH IN ONE (1) YF/BE/BF PER DAY and ONLY ONE (1) LONGFIN PER ANGLER PER DAY.

PRIZE WINNING TOP DAILY FISH WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THAT ANGLERS TOTAL SCORE.

The swapping and of fish amongst the team members is strictly prohibited. Any team found guilty of this will have their catch disqualified for the day.

The results of the Tournament will be decided over the actual number of days fished.

Committee Adjudicators' decision is final.

The Skipper remains the referee to ensure the adherence of these rules.

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.

Rules & Regulations:

Promote responsible ethical angling practices through integrity and sportsmanship.

Applies to Yellowfin/Bigeye/Bluefin / Longfin Tuna species only.

Only lures rigged with single hooks may be used NO TREBBLES .

Maximum of Five (5) released fish MAY BE ENTERED per angler per day.

All other terminal tackle IGFA and Tournament rules apply.

The Skipper remains the referee to ensure the adherence of these rules.

WRIST BANDS:

All Skippers will be given wrist bands to be worn with different colors calls for each fishing day.

There will be no more than two (2) lines per angler in the water at any one time.

The swapping and passing of fish amongst the team members is strictly prohibited. Any team found guilty of this will have their catch disqualified for the day.

Catch and release tuna may NOT be gaffed or brought onto the boat.

Catch and Release tuna will be regarded as "caught" when the leader knot passes the rod tip eye and is visible on the rod or the swivel is at the tip.(IGFA leader line rules apply see annexure)

Team member may then grab the leader and release the tuna by unhooking or cutting the line.

Fish caught & released in this category [angler, species & time] must be logged on the official scorecard sheet provided.

CATCH REPORT SHEET:

To qualify for prizes the official completed record scorecard sheet must be handed in to THE WEIGH MASTER during weigh in and video given to score master.

Fish caught & released in this category do not qualify or count towards the open prize category.

Video footage [time, angler & release] is required as proof of the catch and release – this must include the entire

fish and tail on release.

Any video footage supplied to the organizers may be used in the tournament reporting media, filming, and has NO copyrights attached.

Prize winners will be selected from the overall TOTAL OF FISH RELEASED per boat for the duration of the tournament making it an overall TEAM effort.

RELEASE POINTS:

Each tuna released will be allocated points per fish per angler as follows:

20 points for each YF/BE/BF release

5 points for each Longfin released

Total Team Score is the sum of each anglers catches and releases as above.

In the event of a tie, the winner prize will be based on TIME released.

The results of the Tournament will be decided over the actual number of days fished.

Committee Adjudicators' decision is final.

VIDEO REQUIREMENTS -

TUNA VIDEO REQUIREMENTS---Catch & Release requires video confirmation. An uninterrupted video showing the following must be provided:

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

ANGLER: Identify the Angler, the Day and Time during the final minutes of the capture.

BAND: Colored Band ID visible in video for that day to be displayed (by any team member)

CATCH: Confirmation of catch –leader passes first eye or swivel touching the rod tip, and mate touching the leader; clear view of fish to allow for proper species identification.

DISPATCH: HOOK removed OR LINE CUT. Release of fish. Head and tail visible .SWIMS AWAY...
...Entry in boat CATCH REPORT for the day.

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.

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%]

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.

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.

These Rules and Regulations are subject to change or amendments before 19TH October 2026 and updates will be disseminated to all skippers at the skippers briefing.

ANNEXURE:

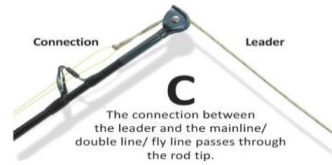
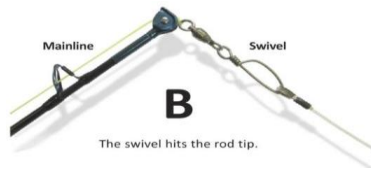
IGFA tackle specs:

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 SPECS:

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:



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



LEGAL as hook is contained within the skirt.