

## Club Fishing Rules –

The Tuna Club of Tasmania fishes under Rules laid down by the I.G.F.A. , G.F.A.A. and the T.G.F.A. Anglers should make themselves aware of these Rules. The Rules are laid out in the Annual G.F.A.A. Journal, mailed out to members each Year. Only fish captured under these Rules shall be eligible for prizes. In conjunction with these Rules, the following Club Rules shall apply :

### **For the Shark and all other Rallies :**

1. The maximum number of Southern Bluefin Tuna to be captured per day shall be **four** per boat.
  
2. All Tuna and Sharks may be weighed in whole for Point Score. Fish which are weighed Gilled and Gutted or cleaned Sashimi style are still eligible for weighing, however only the recorded weight shall be used for scoring purposes. No additional values will be added to the weight and score of a cleaned fish. Any fish which may qualify for a Record should be weighed whole, where possible. After weighing, all fish are to be cleaned at sea. Under no circumstances should fish be cleaned, or frames and offal be left lying around the Club complex, jetty or foreshore areas. We are located in a major Tourist area and within a National Park.
  
3. Fishing times for summer Rallies (which includes burley for Sharks etc) shall be 7:00am to 4:15pm .  
Fishing times for winter Rallies ( which includes burley for Sharks etc ) shall be 7:00am to 3:15pm .
  
4. All boats are required to make radio contact with Tuna Base when they commence fishing, and then at each radio sked conducted at 10 minutes past the hour, giving their location as a grid map reference, number and type of fish aboard, and number of fish Tagged and Released. Boats should make every endeavour to contact Base each sked, by relaying information through another boat. The Tuna Club operates on VHF73 and is assisted by Tas Maritime Radio .  
Any boat hooked up to a fish at the end of fishing must advice Base immediately.
  
5. The weight ticket shall be completed with all details and signed by a member of the fishing team and the Weigh Master. The ticket should be then deposited in the box provided in the Weigh Station. Incomplete tickets may not be considered for scoring . Tag cards must be completed and returned to the Weigh Master or Tag and Release Coordinators , incomplete Tag cards will not be considered for scoring .
  
6. There will be awards for the following captures in the Shark Rally :
  - \* Heaviest Shark by an Adult Male Angler
  - \* Heaviest Shark by an Adult Female Angler
  - \* Heaviest Shark by a Junior Angler
  - \* Heaviest Shark by a Small Fry Angler
  - \* Highest Point Score Shark (Tuna will not accumulate points)
  - \* Highest Individual Tag and Release Point Score Adult Male Angler
  - \* Highest Individual Tag and Release Point Score Adult Female Angler
  - \* Highest Individual Tag and Release Point Score Junior Angler
  - \* Highest Individual Tag and Release Point Score Small Fry Angler
  - \* Heaviest Tuna

7. There will be awards for the following captures in all other Rallies :

- \* Heaviest Tuna by an Adult Male Angler
- \* Heaviest Tuna by an Adult Female Angler
- \* Heaviest Tuna by a Junior Angler
- \* Heaviest Tuna by a Small Fry Angler
- \* Highest Point Score Tuna (Sharks will not accumulate points)
- \* Highest Individual Tag and Release Point Score Adult Male Angler
- \* Highest Individual Tag and Release Point Score Adult Female Angler
- \* Highest Individual Tag and Release Point Score Junior Angler
- \* Highest Individual Tag and Release Point Score Small Fry Angler
- \* Heaviest Shark

8. The Club has imposed a minimum weight for Shark captures during all Club Rallies and Contests. For Mako Sharks and Blue Sharks etc the minimum weight shall be 60kg regardless of line class used for the capture.

The Club has imposed a minimum weight of 60kg for Marlin captures during all Club Rallies and Contests . The Weigh Master will check and enforce these requirements. **No disputes will be entered into.**

9. The minimum line class allowable for Prizes in Rallies is 1kg. Any line class from the approved G.F.A.A line class categories from 1kg to 60kg are eligible for Records. (1,2,3,4,6,8,10,15,24,37 and 60kg) . Line classes for Saltwater Fly Fishing are 1,2,3,4,6,8,10kg and for Sharks and Marlin only, 15kg Tippet .

10. Only fish Tagged and Released during Club Rallies , Contests and Sanctioned Tournaments shall count toward the following Perpetual Trophies , Ross Heddle , Small Fry Tag and Release Shield , Shane Banks , Junior Tag and Release Trophy , Tuna Club of Tasmania , Highest Individual Point Score Trophy , Tuna Club of Tasmania , Highest Point Score Boat .

11. The following acts will disqualify a tag and release : Failure to comply with GFAA angling rules and equipment regulations or tournament tag and release rules , Failure to comply with all other regulations that disqualify a capture : Use of a gaff is not permitted .

12. All fished weighed throughout the Season's that meet weight requirements for Rallies & Contest's or are weighed for Record claims also count toward the Club's Perpetual Trophies , that are presented at the Annual Dinner and Trophy night .