



Whakatane Sportfishing Club Month Long Tournament Rules 2025

Rules:

- 1. Eligibility:** There is No Entry Fee – Angler Categories – Junior/ Open (Men/Ladies) must be current full club members to enter.
- 2. Time & Date:** The month-long tournament starts at 06:00 on the first day of the month and ends at 17:00 on the last day of that month. There is no briefing for these tournaments.
- 3. Species:**
July 2025 – Gurnard
August 2025 – Kahawai
September 2025 – Tarakihi
- 4. Classes:** **This is a Measure only Tournament** -Longest and average length of target species for Juniors, Open. One (1) mystery length Snapper per month (predetermined length across all classes).
- 5. Tackle:** Fish may only be caught on a rod and reel. Electric reels cannot be used for any club tournaments.
- 6. Measuring of Fish:** **The Whakatane Sportfishing Club actively supports sustainable fishing practices. The club encourages measure and release fishing where possible.**

The below procedure applies to that month's target species **AND** mystery length Snapper.

- The length of the fish must be measured on the official club measuring board ONLY. Boards can be purchased from the club office for \$25. Official club measuring tapes that have been used in previous club tournaments may be used for this tournament.
- The nose of the fish must be hard up against the board end of the tape.
- One side of the tape must be clearly visible at all times as illustrated below. No part of the fish may be obscured.
- d) Photographs must be received BEFORE 17:00 on the last day of the month. The anglers name and membership number must be in the subject field.**
- Each angler may only send in **TWO (2)** photos per week of target species and **TWO (2)** per week of mystery Snapper.
- f) Photographs can only be emailed to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz.**



All photos and videos become the property of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc.

All photos must meet the requirements of rule 6. If they do not meet these requirements the fish and photograph will not be eligible.



- 7. Prize Giving:** Prize giving will be held at the club on the first Friday of the following month at 7pm. The club will endeavour to contact prize winners prior to prize giving.

"Tight Lines!"

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL TEAMS:

SAFETY RULES FOR THE WHAKATANE SPORTSFISHING CLUB.

- (1) There is no briefing for this tournament.
- (2) It shall be the responsibility of the skipper or the nominated "fishing" team member to advise his/her other team members of any relevant information.
- (3) In the interest of safety, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter all times for the duration of the Tournament depending on the weather or sea conditions.
- (4) In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify the Whakatane Coastguard on VHF channel 16.
- (6) All boats must carry correct size Life Jackets for all passengers. It is compulsory for all crew members on recreational vessels to wear Lifejackets while crossing the Whakatane River Bar.
- (7) All participants agree and accept -
 - (a) To enter this Tournament at their own risk,
 - (b) That boating and fishing involves a risk
 - (c) 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,
 - (d) 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.
 - (e) All participants agree to have read and understood the Tournament Rules.

SKIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITY

I have the necessary skill, knowledge, and qualifications to safeguard all on board. My vessel and all equipment are properly maintained.

My vessel carries all the necessary safety equipment.

We have a minimum of two means of communications, i.e. VHF marine radio, cell phone, flares. 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.

