



Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.)

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Code of Ethics

Use of Vehicles

Vehicles using beaches or accessing beaches shall be encouraged to use a pole carrying a flag or bunting which shall be a minimum of three (3) metres from ground level on all field trips whilst off road.

The maximum speed on beach or tracks shall not exceed 50 km per hour. Members must always drive with caution when there are other people sighted in any location. All vehicles entering or leaving the beach should preserve vegetation at all times and keep to made tracks where ever possible.

Offer aid and assistance to any fisherman or motor vehicle in trouble on the beach.

Camping and Environment

Respect local, state and national statutes and the rights of property owners, particularly in regard to camping.

Do not litter the beach or campsites. Use rubbish bins when available, or take your rubbish with you to prevent pollution and to protect wildlife.

Leave the campsite clean and tidy.

Our Fishery

A competitor shall comply with all the requirements of the State Fisheries Legislation (Fish Resources Management Act and the Fish Resources Management Regulations) in relation to fishing.

Take no more than your immediate needs.

Support and encourage activities that restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitats.

Observe the rules of common courtesy on the beach. Try not to overcrowd and leave room for fellow anglers.

Quickly and correctly return unwanted or illegal catch to the water.

Use only legal tackle, attend your gear and value your catch.

Respect the rights of others and treat fish humanely.

Inform and encourage other people to adopt a code of ethics.

The philosophy of "Catch and Release" should be encouraged at all times.

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1. General

1.1.1 Club Ethics

All members and visitors must comply with the Club's Code of Ethics at all times when they may be identified with the Club, and are encouraged to follow these ethics at all other times.

1.1.2 Visitors

Any member has the right to bring a visitor or visitors to any club event. The said visitor may enter the competition providing they comply with the Club and Competition rules.

1.1.3 Visitors Points

No visitor may attend more than any four (4) Club events, unless a motion is passed at a General or Committee Meeting either:-

- (1) exempting an individual from the rule, or
- (2) inviting an individual to attend an event, or
- (3) deeming that attendance at a specific club event or class of club event will not to be

counted for the purposes of this rule. Where a visitor pays the nomination fee to become a member, points earned while a visitor will be awarded towards Field Day and Dry Casting Competitions, Top Ten, Sections and Sportsperson of the Year.

1.1.4 Disclaimer

This Club accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any injury or damage caused to, or by, members or visitors whilst attending any club event. The safety of Members and visitors is the responsibility of the individuals concerned and no liability is accepted by the Club or any individual member of the Club.

1.1.5 Co-Operation

All members and visitors are to cooperate with the Club's Officers at all times at all Club events.

1.1.6 Discipline

The Management Committee shall have the full power to suspend, expel or impose any other penalty, which it may deem fit, upon any member of the Club who shall have in the opinion of the Committee, been guilty of any conduct, act, matter, practice or thing, conducive to, or tending to cause ill feeling, friction or dissension amongst the members, or reflect discredit on the reputation of the Club.

1.1.7 Selection of Club Teams

For the selection of club teams (AAA events etc.) the Top Ten for the relevant section may be used as a guide to assist the Officer concerned in selecting the best team to represent the club. If a member feels they have been unfairly overlooked in the team selection they shall have the right to protest in terms of Rule 1.1.8, Protests.

1.1.8 Protests

Members should discuss any problems with the Officer of the Day for Dry Casting, or for a particular Field Day venue, or with the Recorder for the Open Competition and all other awards. When the member considers, in his opinion, that there is not a satisfactory resolution, the member has the right to lodge a protest in writing with the Officer of the Day.

Any such protest shall be brought to the notice of the Committee by way of a written communication handed or posted to the President within fourteen (14) days of the event. The Committee shall, if deemed necessary, appoint a Disputes Committee of not less than three (3) senior members, not including the Officer of the Day. The member lodging the protest shall present their case to this Committee, and all relevant parties are to be present. The Disputes Committee's decision shall be final.

1.1.9 Amendment to These Competition Rules.

The Club's "Competition Rules" are different from the "Rules of the Association" as set out in the Constitution

All proposed amendments to the Competition Rules must be notified to members in writing before the meeting at which voting takes place.

All amendments made to the Competition Rules must be notified to all members prior to the commencement of the first affected event in any competition year.

The Competition Rules may be amended and applied part way through a competition year providing this is notified to and is endorsed by members of the Club, by a majority vote from eligible financial members present and voting at the meeting.

The Competition Rules must be confirmed or may be amended at a General Meeting held prior to the commencement of each competition year, voting as above.

2 Field Days.

2.1 Field Day Rules

2.1.1 Sign On

All participating members and visitors must Sign on and advise the Field Day officer if they plan to compete before the lines down time.

2.1.2 Late Sign On

Should a member arrive late for a Field Day due to unforeseen circumstances the Field Day Officer will sign the member on and weigh in the catch. Points will be awarded by ruling of the Committee if needed.

2.1.3 Weigh In Times

Weigh in times shall be advised by the Field Day Officer at the Sign on or General Meeting. Should a member arrive at the weigh in after the designated weigh in time the Field Day Officer can decide if the bag will be accepted and arrange for the results to be added to the field day weigh in sheet. See also Rule 1.1.8 - Protests.

2.1.4 Leaving a Field Day Venue

If a member requires to leave a venue before the stated weigh in time they shall notify the Field Day Officer or another member who agrees to notify the Field Day Officer, they may leave their bag with another member to be presented and weighed at the weigh in, and points will be awarded at the discretion of the Field Day Officer or Committee.

2.1.5 Fishing Times

Fishing times for each Field Day will be published in Reel Talk. Fish hooked prior to commencement of the Field Day and landed during the competition times are not eligible for the weigh-in. Fish hooked during the Field Day Competition and landed after its conclusion may be included in the weigh-in.

2.1.6 Field Day Boundaries

The boundaries for the Field Day will be published in Reel Talk. Boundaries may be changed at the sign on at the discretion of the Field Day Officer and by consensus of the majority of the participating members. Any competitor fishing outside the boundaries during the fishing times shall be disqualified.

2.1.7 Open Field Days

Open Field Days shall include all tidal waters. No non-tidal waters shall be allowed e.g. private dams, lakes, etc. All areas shall be accessible to all SCAC members on the days of the field day. Safety forms shall be filled out at the General Meeting prior to all Open Field Days. The Field Day Officer shall check off all names at the Weigh in at the designated time.

2.1.8 Cancellation of Field Day

Any Field Day may be cancelled due to inclement weather or otherwise at the discretion of the Field Day Officer. In the event of a cancellation the Field Day will be held at the same venue, at the Field Day Officer's discretion, one week later. In the event of a second cancellation, the field day for that month will be abandoned.

2.1.9 Confirmation of Field Day

If any member is in doubt about any Field Day details and did not attend the previous General Meeting then contact the Field Day Officer.

2.1.10 Local Field Days

Local Field days will be on the same dates and use the same fishing times as the Trip Field Day. Results should be given to the Field Day Officer ASAP.

2.1.11 Field Days during Safaris

Any Club Safari will include a Field Day if the safari falls on or near a normal club Field Day and makes attending the normal club Field Day difficult and/or impossible.

2.1.12 Use Of Vehicles

Vehicles using beaches or accessing beaches shall be encouraged to use a pole carrying a flag or bunting which shall be a minimum of three (3) metres from ground level on all field trips whilst off road.

The maximum speed on beach or tracks shall not exceed 50 km per hour. Members must always drive with caution when there are other people sighted on any beach. All vehicles entering or leaving the beach should preserve vegetation at all times and keep to made tracks where ever possible.

2.1.13 Local By-Laws

All members shall observe local City or Shire By-Laws at all times.

2.1.14 Safety Of Members And Visitors:

The safety of Members and visitors is the responsibility of the individuals concerned and no liability is accepted by the Club or any individual member of the Club. Neither the Club nor a member or members of the Club can dictate to an individual or individuals whether Club members or visitors. The Club Competition Rules have safety in mind, but cannot be enforced over the rights or decisions of any individuals, irrespective of circumstances or age groups. The only way the Club or a member of the Club can apply pressure to a member or visitor to use prudent safety measures is by loss of competition points or prizes. The following paragraph addresses such possible action. The Field Day Officer can consider the safety of members and visitors, and as such is empowered to strike out a person's field day competition points if such member or visitor refuses to comply with a reasonable request from the Field Day Officer concerning safety. e.g. an instruction not to wear waders on a reef which is considered dangerous. The member has the right to protest and appeal to the Committee against this decision. This appeal must be in writing and submitted within 14 days of the incident. See also Rule 1.1.8 - Protests.

2.1.15 Juniors And Mini Juniors

Juniors (under 16 years of age) and Mini Juniors (under 12 years of age) must be accompanied by either their parent or guardian, or person in loco parentis with written consent from either their parent or legal guardian.

2.1.16 Fishing Space

All members are required to leave sufficient room for other anglers (clubs and otherwise) whilst fishing in a club event.

2.1.17 Playing A Fish

When a member or visitor has hooked a large fish, all others fishing in the vicinity shall retrieve their lines to give that person every opportunity of landing it.

2.1.18 Fishing Alone

Where ever possible do not fish alone.

2.1.19 Notifying Others

Notify someone of your intended fishing locality, so you may be located promptly in an emergency or break down.

All members are to annually complete an Application for Membership Form with their next of Kin details included. This is to ensure that the club has accurate details of the members name, current address, and current email and telephone numbers as required by the Act.

2.2 Fishing Equipment

2.2.1 Gaffs

All gaff hooks must be covered, for safety.

2.2.2 Exclusive Use Of Gear

For club records and all other competitions, including Field Days, the member must either cast the bait, balloon the bait, utilize a drift or live bait, hook and play the fish unaided, from shore, jetty, groin or wharf. No artificial methods of placing baits, such as taking out by a boat, etc. are permitted. Gaffing of fish by another person is permitted.

Drone fishing is allowed but all fish captured will only be eligible for the Drone fishing section of the Field day and Open competition, The fish caught by Drone during a field day will not be included in the normal field day bag of fish, all use of drones by members must be within the applicable Australian rules for the safe use of drones.

2.2.3 Type of Gear

All fish must be caught on a line and hook and incorporate the use of rod and reel or handline. All angling gear, including flight of hooks and trebles, must comply with Department of Fisheries WA Regulations. The use of treble hooks on rigs is not permitted for Club competitions.

2.2.4 Number Of Rods Or Lines

A competitor shall comply with all the requirements of the State Fisheries Legislation (Fish Resources Management Act and the Fish Resources Management Regulations) in relation to fishing, e.g. number of rods in use, number of hooks and rigs.

2.2.5 Line Breaking Strain

A competitor may use any gauge or breaking strain of line, except on Single Handed gear where it shall not exceed 4.0 kg to be eligible for a Section Application.

2.2.6 Single Handed Equipment.

Single handed equipment shall be defined as a rod that is cast with only one hand on the rod during the cast and the reel shall be loaded with line of no more than 4 kg breaking strain.

Fly fishing equipment shall be classed as single handed equipment, and to be eligible for Field Day Category 13 and Open Category 8 the leader section shall include a length of line that is no more than 4 kg breaking strain.

2.3 Eligible Fish

2.3.1 Eligible Species

Only fish listed on the **Recfishwest app** may be weighed in for Field Day points scoring. Mutilated Fish and all fish nominated as “Protected” by the Department of Fisheries are not eligible for weigh-in. All fish weighed in must be the minimum legal size or weight as listed in the Fish Resources Management Regulations. See also rule 2.3.2.

2.3.2 Numbers Of Fish And Field Day Bag Limit

All Anglers must comply with the State fishing rules as per the Fish Resources Management Regulations or Recfishwest fishing app in relation to possession limits and species limits (e.g. maximum 2 days for any species)

An angler may weigh-in or claim a release for a maximum of the equivalent of a two days bag limit in at any Field Day as long as these fish have been caught during the lines down times and on 2 different days (including Long Weekends), see also 2.3.1 Eligible Species List.

Any competitor presenting more than a two day bag limit of fish at a weigh-in will have a bag of fish chosen by the Field Day Officer weighed in and will be subject to a ten point penalty.

2.3.3 Undersized Fish

Any competitor presenting any undersized fish will have that bag rejected in total by the Field Day Officer

2.3.4 Mutilated Fish

Mutilated fish are not eligible for weigh-in. A mutilated fish is defined as any fish rendered incapable of swimming e.g. bitten by a shark, or which has been beheaded or had a fillet removed. Damaged fish that would still have been capable of swimming will still be eligible for weigh-in.

2.3.5 Presentation Of Fish For Weigh In

All fish presented at the weigh in must be gutted and gilled, and in a washed, clean and edible condition. All fish to be weighed must be presented in a natural fibre bag such as hessian or cloth based bag. The use of plastic, woven plastic or woven fiberglass bags is prohibited. Fish may be brought to the weigh in area in eskies or damp natural fibre bags. All fish and species must be counted prior to weigh-in and gently emptied into the scale weighing container by the Field Day Officer or assistant for verification and weighing.

2.3.6 Catch And Release

A member may catch and release any eligible species per Rule 2.3.1 Eligible Species List. The following weight will be allocated whereby any fish released, including nominated bag fish numbers, must comply with all obligations incorporated in Rule 2.3.1 Eligible Species.

A released fish will be allocated a weight based on the average of the weight of “all” fish of that species weighed in for that field day.

If the number of fish of that species weighed in for that field day is less than three, then the previous month(s) total bag for that species per field day will be included in the calculation.

The objective of ensuring fish survival is for the fish release to be undertaken immediately upon capture with minimal handling, preferably with wet hands or a wet rag and in the “shortest” time possible. A witness to the capture/release is to be nominated at the weigh-in, however for some venues or fishing activity this may not be possible. An honour system shall apply where a witness to the capture is not immediately available.

If a photo of the fish (see rule 4.2 Photographs) or you have a reliable witness to verify the fish length the field day officer can use the estimated weight as worked out by the club recorder less 10%(to allow for Gill and Gutting) for larger fish and less commonly caught fish.

Rules & Guidelines for Local Weigh-in and Open Section fish captures

For fish released by a Competitor fishing at a “Local” venue then the honour system shall apply. If a photo of the fish (see rule 4.2 Photographs) or you have a reliable witness to verify the fish length the field day officer can use the estimated weight as worked out by the club recorder less 10%(to allow for Gill and Gutting) for larger fish and less commonly caught fish.

This approach and guidelines shall be utilized by persons submitting an Open Section fish capture.

2.3.7 Estimated Weights Of Sharks

A shark may be released without being weighed but the species of shark should be identified, the length and if possible the girth recorded and a clear photograph taken wherever these are possible, and preferably a witness to confirm these details. The estimated weight of the shark will have to be ratified by the Committee, who will consider the details provided and the circumstances of the identification, measurement, and photograph.

If the heaviest shark had its weight estimated, then any other capture where the shark was actually weighed and which comes within 20% of the other shark’s estimated weight will be classified as the leading entry.

2.3.8 Field Day Categories

Section	For	Minimum Weight
Section 1a	Best Scale Fish (1st 6 Months)	
Section 1b	Best Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)	
Section 2	Most Meritorious Fish	
Section 3	Best Shark	4.5 Kg Minimum
Section 4	Best Mulloway	4.0 Kg Minimum
Section 5	Best Tailor	1.0 Kg Min
Section 6	Best Salmon	3.0 Kg Min.
Section 7	Best Skipjack Trevally	0.5 Kg Min
Section 8	Best Mackerel	2.0 kg Min
Section 9	Best Yellowtail Kingfish Samson or Amberjack	4.0 kg Min
Section 10	Best Scale Fish (Other Than Above)	
Section 11	Best Bag of Scale Fish	
Section 12	Best Bag of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	
Section 13	Best Bag of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	
Section 14	Best Fish on Single Handed Rod (4 Kg Line Max)	
Section 15	Best Fish Caught On Fly Rod	
Section 16	Best Fish on Single Handed Rod using a soft plastic lure (4 Kg line max)	
Section 17	Best Fish on Single Handed Rod using a hard body lure (4 Kg line max)	
Section 18	Best fish caught using a drone	

The minimum weights and species listed in the section categories can only be changed at the beginning of the competition year. The minimum weights and species as recommended by the committee shall be ratified at the April General Meeting each year and published in Reel Talk. Of the eligible fish weighed in, only that equal to or in excess of the minimum weights listed in Reel Talk shall be eligible for Section Points towards the Sportsman of the Year award.

2.3.9 Weight To Exceed Existing Entries

A fish must exceed the weight of the fish which is currently leading in its section, except if two (2) or more fish of equal weight are caught on the same day, both fish will be accepted for that section on an equal basis.

2.4 Field Day Point Scoring

2.4.1 Trip Field Day Attendance Points

All members who sign on for a Field Day shall receive ten (10) points for attendance. These will count towards the Field day top ten points and thus for Sportsman of the year points

2.4.2 General Meeting Attendance Points

All members who sign on for the Trip Field Day or Local Field Day shall be credited with a further ten (10) points if they have also attended that month's General Meeting.

2.4.3 Weigh In Points For Field Days

Points are awarded for the following:-

1. 10 points per eligible species.
2. 10 points per kilogram weighed in.
3. 1 point for each fish weighed in

2.4.4 Multiple Hook-Up

Should one fish be hooked and landed by more than one angler, then each angler will receive his proportion (i.e.: half or one third) of the weight points, and if applicable to his bag, the species points calculated per Rule 2.4.3.

2.4.5 Field Day Top Ten

To determine the Top Ten for each competition year, the monthly scores of each angler shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's top eleven (11) field day totals. This addition shall show each members progressive score for the competition year.

2.4.6 Field Day Prizes

Prizes may be awarded by the Field Day Officer for one or more of the following categories. A visitor can win any of these prizes.

1. Best Scale Fish
2. Best Bag Scale Fish
3. Best Shark
4. Best Bag of Fish (includes shark)
5. Mini Junior prizes may be awarded
6. Junior prizes may be awarded.

On a Field Day an individual member can only receive only one (1) award or prize. If the member is successful in winning more than one section, he will be allocated all points for those sections towards the Sportsperson of the Year award.

3 Dry Casting Rules

3.1 Attendance

3.1.1 Competition Start Times

Competition start time shall normally be 8:30 am.

3.1.2 Supervision For The Day

Casting shall be under the direct supervision of the Dry Casting Officer of the Day. For another court in operation the assistant Dry Casting Officer, or a person nominated by the Dry Casting Officer is to act as the Casting Officer for that court.

3.2 Etiquette At Dry Casting Day

3.2.1 Practice Casting

Practice casting will not be permitted on the official courts on the day of competition prior to or during any event.

3.2.2 Casting Order

Casting shall be as per "List of Competitors". Each competitor shall cast within one minute of being called to the casting mark. "No-cast" will be declared if the caster fails to comply with this rule, and no points will be awarded for the cast. The Dry Casting Officer has the right to waive this rule in respect to competitors also acting as officials or upon request by a member having gear problems etc.

3.2.3 Casting Arena

The casting arena is the area behind the base line required for a caster to complete the cast safely and without interference or obstruction.

3.2.4 Presence At Casting Arena

Members are to enter the casting arena in their correct order when called by the Call Up Marshall. Only the member actually casting is allowed into the casting arena.

3.2.5 Permission To Cast

No cast shall be made until permission is given by the 'Call Up Marshall' who shall wait until the all clear is signalled by the markers and has replied with the same signal before giving the permission to markers. Any defaulter of this rule shall not be credited with a score for that cast.

3.2.6 Completing A Cast

Upon completing a cast, the caster is to immediately vacate the casting arena and move clear to rewind the line. Any caster needing to retrieve his weight or unsnag his line must first obtain permission from the marker before entering the casting arena or the area in front of the base line.

3.2.7 Consideration Of A Caster

Competitors shall consider the member about to cast and shall not cheer, whistle, yell or otherwise infringe upon the concentration of a caster. The Dry Casting Officer may allow another cast, if in his opinion the Caster has been unduly disturbed. See also Rule 1.1.8 - Protests.

3.2.8 Markers To Signal All Clear

Markers are to move clear of the accuracy target area or out of the "V" court and when ready, signal the "All Clear" to the Call Up Marshall. The markers may stop casting in an emergency.

3.2.9 Safety Of Markers And Others

By the nature of the sport, care must be exercised when casting. The caster SHALL ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into an area where they may be in danger from his cast. This includes the area behind and adjoining to the caster performing pendulum type casts.

Markers shall pay special attention when casts are about to be made. Markers must stand to the side of the target area in accuracy events, not behind, and shall stand still while the cast is being made. There shall be two (2) markers for each event.

3.2.10 Juniors And Mini Juniors

Juniors (under 16 years of age) and Mini Juniors (under 12 years of age) must be accompanied by either their parent or elected guardian. Juniors and Mini Juniors are not permitted to mark.

3.2.11 Veterans

A Veteran must be 55 years of age or over at the commencement of the competition year. A veteran may choose to compete with the senior members, but may only do so at the beginning of a competition year or at the first attendance at Dry Casting during a competition year.

3.3 Dry Casting Equipment

3.3.1 Double Handed Equipment

All level line distance and double handed accuracy events will be contested with standard double handed fishing equipment using level line throughout.

3.3.2 Single Handed Equipment

The single handed events shall use a standard single handed fishing rod. A single handed rod shall be defined as a rod that is used in only one hand and must not be braced in any manner during the cast. Fly fishing equipment shall not be used for Single Handed Accuracy.

3.3.3 Weights

Weights using lead alloys shall be manufactured from the "standard" mould available from the Surf Casting and Angling Club. Weights are available in sizes 56 grams, 84 grams and 112 grams. The weight nominated in the event is the maximum weight allowed. For 112 gram events, casters may use the 56, 84 or 112 gram weight. Weights up to 112 grams may be used for Double Handed Accuracy events, and up to 56 grams for single handed events. For accuracy events, any weight and not necessarily made from standard mould, up to the nominated maximum weight may be used.

3.3.4 Leaders

A heavy leader is compulsory for all events. The breaking strain of all leaders shall be a minimum of 20 kg and a maximum of 50 kg, must be monofilament line with one clip, one loop and/or one swivel to be used. For 56 gram, 112 gram and accuracy events the leader must not be more than 380 mm in length. In Artificial Bait rigs, the length of the leader from the terminal knot to the weight shall not exceed 1,000 mm.

3.3.5 Line And Terminal Knots

The breaking strain of main line used is at the discretion of the caster. The gauge of the line shall be consistent diameter throughout. There shall be no knots splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line. Any leader must comply with rule 3.3.4 The style or type of knot used to attach any weight, dowel or swivel shall be at the discretion of the caster.. Terminal knots shall not exceed 100 mm in length, The knot length shall be measured from the end edge adjacent any weight, dowel or swivel affixed to the line.

3.3.6 Artificial Bait Rigs

The Artificial Bait shall be made of wooden doweling 90 mm long and nominal 13 mm in diameter. It shall be attached to a swivel, ring or dropper loop by a line of minimum length of 230 mm. The weight shall be on a separate leader of maximum length 1000 mm and must hang completely under the dowel. Weights may be up to 112 grams. The line between the swivel and the dowel or the

weight may be of any gauge. No modifications are allowed to the dowel other than painting or identification.

3.3.7 Plastic Tube And Pompoms

Plastic tubing must be used for all level line distance events. The plastic tubing shall be of a soft flexible material, of minimum length of 200 mm and maximum length of 250 mm. The diameter shall be nominally 2.5 mm inside diameter to 4.5 mm maximum inside diameter. Colour must be fluorescent pink.

A visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used for double handed accuracy events. Pompoms shall be dark in colour with a maximum overall length of 100 mms and a minimum overall length of 50 mm and consist of a minimum of thirty (30) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent. Pompoms may be securely attached to the casting weight with any method of fastening such as a clip or swivel clip combination or a solid or a split ring, monofilament line, thread or wire. Any such item used for fastening which does not form an inline or weight bearing part of the leader shall not count for the application of rule 3.3.4. For Single Handed Accuracy a pompom with a minimum overall length of 50 mm and a minimum of twenty (20) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent shall be used.

3.3.8 Safety Gear

All markers shall wear protective head gear at all times when marking.

3.3.9 Accuracy Targets

The Double Handed Accuracy target shall consist of a cone with a base a 500 mm diameter and a height of 300 mm. The cone shall be made of tin plate and must be a distinctive colour (fluorescent pink). The target shall be mounted on a steel locating peg and supported at the cone apex. The locating peg shall be driven into the ground until the cone base lightly touches the ground to allow the measuring tape (stretched from a ring at the locating peg) to slide under the cone. For Single Handed Accuracy, the same target cones shall be used as for Double Handed Accuracy.

3.3.10 Measuring Tapes

a) Measuring Tapes – Distance

Standard commercial measuring tapes in metres shall be used to lay out the court. Laser measuring equipment shall be used to measure the distance of level line casting . Alternatively standard commercial measuring tapes in metres may be used.

b) Measuring Tapes - Double Handed Accuracy

Standard tape material shall be used with a length in excess of 6.25 metres. At one end shall be a metal ring. The tape shall be marked in increments of 250 mm from the centre of the ring. The first increment from the ring centre to the first mark shall read 25, the second increment from first mark to the second mark shall read 24, and so on.

c) Measuring Tapes - Single Handed Accuracy

Standard tape material shall be used with a length in excess of 3.0 metres. At one end shall be a metal ring. The tape shall be marked in increments of 300 mm from the centre of the ring. The first increment from the ring centre to the first mark shall read 10, the second increment from first mark to the second mark shall read 9, and so on.

3.4 Dry Casting Events

3.4.1 Level Line Distance Casting

Each member taking part is allowed two (2) casts in the following events:

- a) Up to 112 grams
- b) Up to 112 grams Artificial Bait
- c) Up to 56 grams.

The sequence of casting the distance events shall be 56 gram, then Artificial Bait, then 112 gram as for State and National dry casting events.

3.4.2 Double Handed Accuracy

Two (2) casts will be made at a target at four different distances, a total of 8 casts.

3.4.3 Single Handed Accuracy

Two (2) casts will be made at a target at two different distances, a total of 4 casts.

3.5 Lane Sizes / Target Distances

3.5.1 Distance Lane

The lane utilised for level line distance casting shall be a "V" court. Ropes shall be used to form and mark the "V". The point of cast shall be behind a base board or base line at the "V" apex. All casts must be released from behind the base board or line.

The "V" court shall be based on the following measurements. From the apex of the "V", measure out 100 metres. From this point, measure out twenty (20) metres each side of this point, at right angles. The "V" court shall intersect these points, (i.e. at a distance out of 100 metres, the "V" court is 40 metres wide).

3.5.2 Double Handed Accuracy Target Distances

In the Double Handed accuracy event, the target distances from the base line shall be decided by drawing one of the following groups:-

- a) For the open section

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	30	33	36	39	42
Metres	46	49	52	55	58
Metres	61	64	67	70	73
Metres	76	79	82	85	88
- (b) For Ladies, Juniors and Veterans sections,

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	30	35	30	36	38
Metres	40	42	37	43	46
Metres	50	49	45	52	54
Metres	60	56	53	59	61
- (c) For Mini Junior Section

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	20	25	20	26	28
Metres	30	35	30	36	38

3.5.3 Single Handed Accuracy Target Distances

In the single handed accuracy event, targets shall be set between 20 and 40 metres.

For the open section, the target distances from the base line shall be decided by drawing one of the following groups:-

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	20	22	24	23	21
Metres	40	38	37	35	36

For Ladies, Juniors and Veterans casting at the furthest target, the caster shall move forward by 10 metres (i.e. 30 metre maximum cast). For Mini Juniors the caster shall cast at the closest target only, two casts from the base line (i.e. 25 metres) then move forward by 10 metres (i.e. 15 metre cast.)

3.6 Scoring System

3.6.1 Marking Of Casts

Accuracy points are to be allocated from where the weight first strikes the ground, not to where it bounces. Distance events are measured from where the weight comes to rest. Competitors must not touch or move the weight until the marker has completed the task of identifying and/or measuring distances. Should the weight be moved by either the wind or retrieved by the competitor before the measurement can be completed, the marker will use this final position of rest as the position for measurement for level line distance events.

3.6.2 Scoring Of Level Line Distance Casts

To score full points, the weight cast must come to rest in the "V" court marked by ropes and flags. For 56 gram and 112 gram level line the weight must remain attached to the line, and for 112 gram Artificial Bait, the weight and dowel must both remain attached to the line. Any cast which comes to rest outside the "V" court receives zero score, however for Juniors and Mini Juniors a penalty loss of ten (10) metres is imposed.

3.6.3 Scoring Of Double Handed Accuracy Casts

The point score shall be the mark on the tape from where the point of impact of the weight is in relation to the target. The tape marks are:

1st increment (i.e. a bull) - 25 points
2nd increment - 24 points
3rd increment - 23 points
and so on

25th increment - 1 point
Outside of tape marking - No Score

Two (2) casts will be made at each target in the order of 3...1...4....2.. repeated i.e. a total of 8 casts for a maximum of 200 points.

3.6.4 Scoring Of Single Handed Accuracy Casts

The point score shall be the mark on the tape from where the point of impact of the weight is in relation to the target.

The tape marks are:

1st increment (i.e. a bull) - 10 points
2nd increment - 9 points
3rd increment - 8 points
and so on

10th increment - 1 point
Outside of tape markings - No Score

Two (2) casts will be made at each target alternately, i.e. total of four (4) casts for a maximum of 40 points.

3.6.5 Overall Score For The Day

The overall score for the day shall be calculated from the declared events for the day.

Double handed accuracy event	8 Casts
(except Mini Juniors will have	4 casts)
Single handed accuracy event	4 Casts
Level line 112 gram (max)	2 Casts
Level line Artificial bait	2 Casts
Level line 56 gram (max)	2 Casts

For accuracy events the points scored shall be added.

For level line distance events, the length of the two casts in metres will be added.

Scores are calculated on a % basis for each event.

This is based on the longest cast being 100% and then all other scores are calculated as a % of that score. The same process is used for accuracy scores when all 8 casts are summed and the highest score is 100% and all other scores are calculated as a % of that score

3.7 Miscasts And Disqualification

3.7.1 Foot Fault

Only casts made from behind the official casting plate or line shall be accepted. Stepping on or over the official casting plate or line shall be called a foot fault and all the score from such a cast shall be forfeited.

3.7.2 Break Off

The object being cast , weight, and / or artificial bait, must leave the rod tip and stay attached to the main line to count as a scoring cast, i.e. a break off does not qualify for a score in that event. In the event of a break off it is the responsibility of the caster concerned to retrieve the weight etc., immediately after the event.

3.7.3 Miscast

A miscast, such as a backlash, break off, or failure to put the reel into spool or trip the bail wire, shall count as a cast only if the weight or dowel touches the ground in front of the casting plate or line.

3.7.4 Casters Not Complying With The Rules

Casters not complying with the rules shall be disqualified or have those points disqualified for cast(s) completed in violation of the rule. Other casts made are to be allowed. See also Rule 0 - Protests. Note: Measurements or score and the reason for disqualification shall be recorded in case these are needed for a successful protest.

3.7.5 Dry Casting Officers Discretion

A competitor may be allowed to have another cast, should there be in the opinion of the Dry Casting Officer of the day or his Appointed Assistant, any doubts about the cast in question. This decision shall be at the sole discretion of the Dry Casting Officer.

3.8 General

3.8.1 Top Ten Casters

To determine the Champion Caster for each competition year, the monthly scores of each caster shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's best eight (8) monthly casting day totals. This addition shall show each member's progressive score for the competition year.

3.8.2 Club record cast at a State Event

If a member of the Club betters an existing Club Record while casting at a State or National event, the cast shall be deemed a Club Record provided the member has nominated as a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club on the Nomination form for the event."

4. Line Ratio, Game Fish, Club Record And Open Competitions.

4.1 Entries

Entries must be lodged with the Recorder within thirty (30) days of capture on the appropriate form available from the Club. Entries not fully completed will be rejected.

4.2 Photographs

Any application for a club record must be accompanied with several clear full frame photographs of the fish. Photographs of fish need to be taken as soon as possible after capture. Try to get good light on the subject (the fish). Fill the frame. For identification purposes the recorder needs to have clear focused pictures of just the fish. The more fish in the frame, the less distractions. Photograph the capture against a neutral background that is in contrast to the fish.

After capture keep the fish moist and cool and flat. Lay the fish out straight with the dorsal pectoral and tail fins spread out as when the fish is swimming. In some species and fin colour and shape is important.

Other points to consider include;

- Place the tape measure or ruler you use to measure the fish dimensions close to the fish
- Place the fish in a position so that there are no shadows falling on the fish when you photograph it.
- Photograph the fish from directly above..
- Use a shutter speed 1/125th of a second or faster. This will help eliminate camera shake
- If fish is very thick through the body then focus half way through the fish. Use the tail as the focus point.

4.3 Other Details Required

Length and girth of fish must be supplied plus place and date of capture and breaking strain of the line and description of the type of bait/lure used. For sharks include a top and bottom tooth.

4.4 Weighing

All fish entered should be weighed on Government Tested and Certified Scales (where possible) with proof of weight supplied with the application. If tested scales are not available, the actual scales used must be supplied for subsequent testing within thirty (30) days of capture.

4.5 Witness

Witness to the capture and weight must be over the age of sixteen (16) years. If captured alone, a statutory declaration must be provided.

4.6 Estimated Weights Of Sharks

A shark may be released without being weighed but the species of shark should be identified, the length and if possible the girth recorded and a clear photograph taken wherever these are possible and preferably a witness to confirm these details. The estimated weight of the shark will have to be ratified by the Committee, who will consider the details provided and the circumstances of the identification, measurement, and photograph.

If the heaviest shark had its weight estimated, then any other capture where the shark was actually weighed and which comes within 20% of the other shark's estimated weight will be classified as the leading entry.

4.7 Line Breaking Strain Tests

A 5 metre sample of the line used for the capture must be supplied with the application for breaking strain tests.

Electronic line testing may be used for breaking strain tests.

Whether natural or synthetic material, the line class shall be determined by the 'wet strength' of the line and shall be tested on a Certified Line Testing Machine. Line testing for claims shall be conducted in accordance with the Australian Standard - Fishing Line - Determination of breaking load AS4470 -1997, with the exception of paragraph 9 – Number of tests. In relation to paragraph 9 – Number of tests, conducted, at least three (3) single valid tests on each sample provided.

Note: A Certified Machine shall mean: 'A testing machine that conforms to the requirements as laid down by the Standards Association of Australia, Code SAA 2193- 1978 'Methods for the Calibration and Grading of Force Measuring Systems of Testing Machines " ' and has a current Certificate of Accuracy.

Line testing shall be carried out by the Club Recorder or a person nominated by the Committee and one other senior member.

4.8 Leader

A nylon or wire leader of any breaking strain is allowed, providing it does not exceed twice the length of the rod (measured from the tip to the bottom of the butt) on which it is being used.

4.9 Assistance To Angler

For club records and all other competitions, the member must either cast the bait, balloon the bait, utilize a drift or live bait, hook and play the fish unaided, from shore, jetty, groin or wharf. No artificial methods of placing baits, such as taking out by a boat, etc. are permitted. Gaffing of fish by another person is permitted.

4.10 Eligibility Of Species

Only fish actually caught in any waters under natural Western Australian jurisdiction including still or flowing freshwater streams, rivers or lakes or the open ocean, bay or inlet, but excluding closed or artificial impoundments, are eligible for Club competitions. All species must be taken from a shore based location. This includes all islands under Western Australia jurisdiction.

See also rules - **2.3.1 Eligible Species List.**

4.11 Game Fish Badge

Any of the following fish, with a minimum weight of 4.5 kg may be entered for a Game Fish Badge

Albacore	Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)	Saratoga
Amberjack	Mako Shark	Spearfish
Australian Salmon	Marlin	Trevally (all species)
Barracuda	Mulloway	Tuna (all species)
Barramundi	Pink Snapper	Wahoo
Bonefish (min 2 kg)	Queen Fish (all species)	Yellowtail Kingfish
Cobia	Sail Fish	
Mackerel (all species)	Samson Fish	

4.12 Open Competition Minimum Weights

Fish may be weighed whole without gutting and gilling

Section	For	Minimum weight
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None
Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.		
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg
Section 3	Best Mulloway	4.0 kg
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg
Section 5	Best Dhufish	4.0 kg
Section 6	Best Tailor	1 kg
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4 kg line class	Legal size
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	0.5 kg
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg
Section 15	Best Black Bream	0.5 kg
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 15	2.0 kg
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod	Legal size
Section 18	Best Fish caught using a lure (soft plastic or hard body) on a single handed rod	-Legal size
Section 19	Best Fish caught by Drone	Legal size

The minimum weights and species listed in the section categories shall only be changed at the beginning of the competition year. The minimum weights and species as recommended by the committee shall be ratified at the April General Meeting each year and published in Reel Talk. Of the eligible fish weighed in, only that equal to or in excess of the minimum weights listed in Reel Talk shall be eligible for Section Points towards the Sportsman of the Year award.

4.13 Number Of Badges

Any fish entered will be eligible for (1) line ratio badge only.
A member can qualify to win only one (1) of each ratio badge.
A member can qualify to win only one (1) Game Fish Badge.

4.14 Alternative Line Ratio

If as a result of line testing, the entry fails to qualify for the particular line ratio badge nominated, that entry will automatically be considered for any other appropriate line ratio badge for which the necessary conditions are fulfilled.

4.15 Presentation Of Badges

Line ratio badges shall be awarded for both Field Days and the Open Competition. Badges will be presented for 2, 3, 4, 5 and over line ratios only. All line ratio and Game Fish badges shall normally be presented at the first General Meeting after verification.

4.16 Sportsman Of The Year Points

Any line ratio badge awarded for the capture on a club field day will automatically receive sportsman of the year percentage points, on a one (1) for one (1) basis (i.e. 4 to 1 ratio = 4 points).

4.17 Open Competition Eligibility

The Open Competition is for fish caught other than on Club Gazetted Field Days, but not in any other A.A.A. affiliated club event on the same dates.

Members entering fish in the Open competition shall qualify entries by attending at least three (3) Club meetings, Field or Casting Days within the current May to April Club season. This requirement may be relaxed at the discretion of the Committee for members such as country members.

4.18 Weight To Exceed Existing Open/Record Entries

For the Open competition or Club Record categories, a fish must exceed the weight of the fish which is currently leading in its section, except if two (2) or more fish of equal weight are caught on the same day, both fish will be accepted for that section on an equal basis.

5 Species And Masters Competition

5.1 Species Competition.

The Club Species competition will be run under the appropriate Competition Rules.

1. Entries to be submitted to the Recorder on the appropriate form, unless caught on a Field Day.
2. Fish may be caught at any time including Club Field Days.
3. Must capture ten of the listed species to qualify.
4. Fish must be a minimum of 20 cm or comply with Department of Fisheries WA minimum length if these are greater.
5. Weighing of fish, photographs and witnesses to weight are optional.

1	Whiting (all species)	12	Salmon
2	Herring	13	Black Bream
3	Skipjack Trevally	14	Pink Snapper
4	Tarwhine	15	Samson Fish
5	Pilch	16	Mackerel (All)
6	Tailor	17	Wrasse
7	Flathead	18	Amberjack
8	Garfish	19	Dart (All)
9	Flounder	20	Yellowtail Kingfish
10	Snook or Pike	21	Banded Sweep
11	Mulloway	22	Western Rock Blackfish

5.2 Junior Master Angler Competition

The Club Junior Master Angler competition will be run under the appropriate Competition Rules. Fish must be caught on a Club Field Day. A Junior must capture five of the listed species to qualify. Free choice is any other eligible fish as listed in Rule 2.3.1 **Eligible Species List**. A junior may choose to enter an eligible fish into the Masters or Grand Masters if the fish complies with the rules for the appropriate section.

	Species	Minimum Weight		Species	Minimum Weight
1	Skipjack	0.3 kg	7	Trevally (other)	Legal size
2	Flathead	0.3 kg	8	Mackerel	Legal size
3	Whiting (all species)	0.15 kg	9	Snapper	Legal size
4	Pilch	0.15 kg	10	Bream (all)	0.3 kg
5	Herring	0.15 kg	11	Free Choice 1	0.5 kg
6	Tarwhine	0.25 kg	12	Free Choice 2	0.5 kg

5.3 Master Angler Competition

The Club Master Angler competition will be run under the appropriate Competition Rules. Fish must be caught on a Club Field Day. A member must capture eight of the listed species to qualify. Free choice is any other eligible fish as listed in Rule 2.3.1 **Eligible Species List**

	Species	Minimum Weight.		Species	Minimum Weight.
1.	Salmon	3.5 kg	9.	Shark	7.0 kg
2.	Mulloway	5.0 kg	10	Snook	1.0 kg
3	Skipjack	0.6 kg	11.	Trevally (other)	3.6 kg
4	Flathead	0.5 kg	12.	Mackerel	7.0 kg
5.	Tailor	1.0 kg	13.	Snapper Pink or N/W	2.6 kg
6.	Whiting (all species)	0.3 kg	14	Bream (all)	0.5 kg
7.	Tarwhine,	0.5 kg	15.	Free Choice	3.0 kg
8	Pilch(yellow eyed mullet)	0.3 kg			

5.4 Grand Master Angler Competition

The Club Grand Master Angler competition will be run under the appropriate Competition Rules. A member must capture eight of the listed species to qualify. Free choice is any other eligible fish as listed in Rule 23.1 – Eligible Species List. Entries must be submitted to the Recorder on the appropriate form.

	Species	Minimum Weight.		Species	Minimum Weight.
1.	Salmon	4.5 kg	10.	Snook	1.4 kg
2.	Mulloway	8.0 kg	11.	Blackfish	1.0 kg
3.	Skipjack	1.0 kg	12.	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.0 kg
4.	Flathead	1.0 kg	13.	Bonito	1.5 kg
5.	Tailor	2.5 kg	14.	Trevally (other)	4.0 kg
6.	Whiting(all species)	0.6 kg	15.	Mackerel	8.0 kg
7.	Tarwhine, or Bream	1.0 kg	16.	Snapper Pink or N/W	3.0 kg
8.	Samson Fish	10.0 kg	17.	Bream (all)	1.0 kg
9.	Shark	15.0 kg	18.	Free Choice	5.0 kg

6 Sportsperson Of The Year Points

The member who gains the greatest number of percentage points in any one competition year shall be known as the Club's "Sportsperson of the Year"

6.1 Points For Field Days

Attendance on each Field Day Rule 2.4.1	2 points.
Top Ten as determined by Rule 2.4.5	10 - 1 points.
Field Day Categories as listed in Rule 2.4.2 or as decided for that competition year.	3 points each
To each award winner on the Field Day:	
Best Scale Fish.....	2 points.
Best Bag of Scale Fish.....	2 points.
Best Shark.....	2 points.
Best Bag of Fish including sharks	2 points.
Line Ratio captures on Field Days:	
2 to 1..... 2 points	3 to 1... 3 points
5 to 1..... 5 points	4 to 1... 4 points
	5 to 1..... 5 points
	And so on

6.2 Points For Dry Casting Days

Attendance each Casting Day	2 points.
Top Ten as determined by rule 3.8.1.....	10 - 1 points.
Most Points Level Line Distance (up to 112 grams).....	2 points.
Second Level Line Distance	1 point.
Most Points double handed Accuracy	2 points.
Second double handed Accuracy	1 point.
Most Points single handed Accuracy.....	2 points.
Second single handed Accuracy	1 point.
Most Points 56 gram Level Line Distance	2 points.
Second 56 gram Level Line Distance.....	1 point.
Most Points Artificial Bait	2 points.
Second Artificial Bait.....	1 point.
Open Distance Winner.....	2 points.
Single Handed Open Distance	2 points.
Double handed Accuracy competition year record broken.....	1 point.
Single handed Accuracy competition year record broken	1 point.
Each section winner on casting day	1 point.
Overall winner on the day	1 point.
On the first day's casting, every cast over 120 metres, or 100 metres for Ladies, Juniors and Veterans, receives	1 point
For casting days after this, each competition year record broken in the 112 gram or 56 gram level line distance, or 112 gram Artificial Bait receives.....	1 point.