

Sunshine Coast Game Fishing Club Inc. By Laws and Club Rules

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1. G.F.A.A. rules apply.
2. Financial members only can score Club points. The exception to this rule is Club By-Law and Club Rules 7 and 8.
3. Members automatically become non-financial as of midnight on 30 June yearly, unless renewal of membership has been received prior to this date.
4. The full club membership rate (as applies to nominated membership) applies to all renewing club members regardless of the month the member renews their membership in a club year.
5. A Family Membership fee shall consist of a maximum of Two Adults and Two Junior Memberships.
6. If a new member applies for membership in May or June, the full club membership fee may be tendered + the corresponding QGFA fee, at the applying member's discretion, for full club membership until 30 June of the ensuing year.
7. QGFA, GFAA, or IGFA affiliated Club members, fishing on SCGFC Club boats, shall be eligible to contribute to SCGFC Club Boat points for Champion Boat Trophies.
8. An angler, who is not a QGFA, GFAA, or IGFA affiliated Club member, is eligible to contribute to SCGFC Club Boat points for Champion Boat Trophies on their first point-scoring day of fishing only, after which, to contribute to SCGFC Club Boat points, the angler must join a QGFA, GFAA or IGFA affiliated club. This rule excludes SCGFC Club boats fishing on Charter.
9. Club points are only awarded on the submission of completed tag cards and activity sheets.
10. Tag cards and activity sheets must be submitted to the Club Captain within 14 days (two weeks) of the tag or capture to be eligible to score Club points.
11. Club fishing boundaries - Bustard Head (24°05') to Tweed Heads (28°10').
12. All fish captured and tagged within the club boundaries contribute to end-of-year boat and angler club points, provided the criteria in points 2, 9, and 10 are satisfied.
13. Fish tagged outside of the club fishing boundaries (including overseas) are classified as Outside Zone. Points for these fish apply only to the Outside Zone category in the club championship and do not contribute to overall angler or boat points. QGFA and GFAA recognise tag records for all outside zone fish, except for fish tagged overseas.
14. Fish may be captured and weighed on any I.G.F.A. line class. To score points, the fish must weigh the same or exceed the line class used (points = fish weight x 100/line class)
15. Fish can be tagged on any IGFA line class regardless of whether the estimated fish weight exceeds the line class.
16. Each member is limited to tagging five fish (except billfish) of any species per day and capturing two of any one species per day for weighing.
17. Edible fish (except in the case of record claim fish) may be gilled and gutted, and 10% of the body weight will be added to attain live weight.
18. Zone 1 is less than 80m in depth.
19. Zone 2 is from 80m to 150m in depth.
20. Zone 3 is a depth greater than 150m.

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21. Points are scored for the various eligible tagged fish species, zones, and allocated line classes as per the SCGFC Points Table. Zones are determined at the point of hook-up.
22. Heavy tackle (15-60kg) trophies will be judged from Zone 3 only. Light tackle (1-10kg) trophies will be judged from Zones 1 and 2 only. Fish tagged in Zone 1 and Zone 2 on 15kg, 24kg, 37kg, and 60kg line classes will go to overall points only.
23. Fish caught on live bait will only attract points if a non-offset circle hook is used. The use of any other hook will result in nil points.
24. Fly-fishing is awarded 4 times the lure/dead bait points for billfish and 2 times for other species for the relevant line class.
25. Junior Club members are eligible to win the SCGFC Junior Champion Trophy for their respective gender. Junior Club members are also eligible to win the SCGFC Overall Club Champion Trophy. Junior Club members are not eligible to win either the SCGFC Champion Senior Male Angler or the SCGFC Senior Champion Female Angler Trophies.
26. All boats nominated to fish a SCGFC Tournament are required to have current boat insurance. Details of such insurance must be completed on tournament entry forms. Should a boat not have insurance, nor be able to supply evidence of insurance prior to the commencement of the tournament, that boat shall be excluded from participating in the tournament. All onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner/skipper.
27. All members of the SCGFC have a requirement to follow our Social Media Policy. This policy is available to all members and requires your acknowledgment when taking out or renewing your membership each year. This policy can also be found on GameBase and our website for all members to view and follow. If members are found to be in breach of any of these rules, SCGFC may take disciplinary action in accordance with the constitution.
27. The Privacy Statement on the Membership form shall advise the member of the purpose for which their private information is collected and used, and where their private information may be distributed. The Member has the right, under the Privacy Statement, to decline his or her name and contact details being distributed to like societies, bodies, members, or clubs having similar objects, for the purposes of being contacted by like societies, bodies, members, or clubs having similar objectives.
28. The Club Indemnity Clause on the Membership Form advises the prospective member that they are joining the Club of their own volition and at their own risk. It further advises that the Sunshine Coast Game Fishing Club Inc. will not be held responsible at law for any loss or damage, including personal injuries sustained or any damages arising out of their death. This Clause requires acknowledgement and acceptance when applying for membership.
29. Membership refunds are only available to a resigning member where required under the Australia Customer Law (ACL), including failure to provide services as promised, misrepresentation, or a major service failure. No refund is payable for resignation, change of mind, non-participation, or personal inability to use membership benefits. Unless required by the ACL, all membership fees are non-refundable upon resignation. All refund requests must be made in writing and decided by the Committee.

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