

## GERRINGONG HOTEL FISHING CLUB RULES & BY-LAWS as at 04/01/2011

- RULE 1: Name of Club:  
This club shall be called "The Gerringong Hotel Fishing Club".
- RULE 2: Objects of the club:  
a) To further the interests of anglers in the district.  
b) To arrange and control competitions among the members of the club.  
c) Any other activity as approved by the majority of members.
- RULE 3: A minimum of 5 club members shall affiliate with the New South Wales Fishing Clubs Association.
- RULE 4: Membership shall be open to all male and female persons, subject to approval by 75% of members present at the next meeting, following the application of the prospective member.
- RULE 5: A junior member is a person under eighteen years old at the beginning of the fishing year. A sub-junior member is a person under twelve years old at the beginning of the fishing year
- RULE 6: Membership fees for senior members of the GHFC shall be \$20.00 per annum, juniors and sub-juniors \$7.00 per annum and family \$50.00 per annum. This membership fee entitles the member to fish in all GHFC competitions. Fees for NSWFCA affiliation will be an additional \$5.00 per adult and all junior and sub-junior members will have their fees paid by the club.
- RULE 7: Members who infringe the ordinary rules of good conduct, either by unsportsmanlike behaviour, cheating or foul language, introducing secretarian or political controversies likely to cause a severance of friendly relations between members or who default in payment of liabilities to the club or members, will, if complained of, be called upon for an explanation of their conduct to the committee. If they refuse an explanation or if in the opinion of the committee their explanations are unsatisfactory, the committee may fine them any sum not exceeding \$10.00 and or direct that their names be removed from the members roll and that they cease to be members, or otherwise penalise them.
- RULE 8: Visitors and members of affiliated clubs shall be made honorary members for the competition.
- RULE 9: Honorary members shall be entitled to compete for prizes available on the day. Honorary members who become appoved as club members at the meeting following the competition, shall have their points included for the corresponding yearly competitions.
- RULE 10: Fish caught after midnight, the 31<sup>st</sup> of December will not be recognised by the GHFC unless the member is financial for the New Year before the fish is caught.
- RULE 11: GHFC members have until midnight the 31<sup>st</sup> of January to renew their membership after which they will have to go through normal new membership acceptance procedure.
- RULE 12: The official committee of the club shall be the: President, Senior Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Recorder and Weigh masters.
- RULE 13: Any member of the committee absenting himself from three consecutive meetings without apology will cease to be a member of the committee.
- RULE 14: The committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy on the committee.
- RULE 15: a) The annual general meeting of members shall be held in December of each year.

- b) Special general meetings of members may be called, provided that the reason for the meeting be presented in writing to the honorary secretary, signed by six members of the GHFC. Notice of such meetings shall be exhibited at least seven days beforehand.

RULE 16: The club will meet monthly.

RULE 17: Election of officers will take place at the Annual General Meeting.

RULE 18: Any alterations and or additions to the Rules and By-Laws are to be made at a monthly meeting or annual general meeting or special general meeting with a motion supported by the majority of members present, only after being discussed and minuted at a monthly meeting or annual general meeting or special general meeting held on a day prior to the current meeting.

RULE 19: At each monthly meeting, reports will be given by the Treasurer, Publicity Officer and Recorder.

RULE 20: A banking account shall be opened in the ANZ bank, Gerringong branch, to be operated by the treasurer.

RULE 21: Special fishing trophies – in respect of all special fishing trophies, no report of any catch will be considered unless recorded in the books or papers of the club by appearing in the minutes of the meeting or competition records.

RULE 22: Prizes to be awarded yearly for the largest fish of different types as designated at each December monthly meeting.

RULE 23: a) The following championship prizes shall be awarded annually;

- i) Club Champion for beach, rock and estuary.
- ii) Club Champion for deep sea.
- iii) Lady Club Champion for beach, rock and estuary.
- iv) Lady Club Champion for deep sea
- v) Junior Club Champion for beach, rock and estuary.
- vi) Junior Club Champion for deep sea.
- vii) Sub-Junior Club Champion for beach, rock and estuary.
- viii) Sub-Junior Club Champion for deep sea.
- ix) Runner Up Club Champion for beach, rock and estuary.
- x) Runner Up Club Champion for deep sea.
- xi) Highest Point Club Champion.
- xii) Runner Up Highest Point Club Champion.
- xiii) Species Champion for beach, rock and estuary.
- xiv) Species Champion for deep sea.
- xv) Runner Up Species Champion for beach, rock and estuary.
- xvi) Runner Up Species Champion for deep sea.

- b) For sections (iii) through to (viii) in a) points are to be those scored in the best twelve monthly club competitions and any competitions within the SCFCA and NSWFCFA. Percentage points are to be based on points scored by GHFC members only. Where any scoring systems are different to the GHFC scoring system, score will be converted to the GHFC scoring system.

- c) For sections (i) and (ix) in a) points are to be percentage points scored in the best eight GHFC monthly competitions in the B, R & E section plus the SCFCA beach, rock, estuary and freshwater competitions that fall during the GHFC fishing year. Percentage points are to be based on points scored by GHFC members only. Where any scoring

systems are different to the GHFC scoring system, score will be converted to the GHFC scoring system.

- d) For section (xi) and (xii) in a) all points scored in all AAA, NSWFCA, SFCA and GHFC competitions while representing the GHFC for the GHFC year are to be considered. Where any scoring systems are different to the GHFC scoring system, score will be converted to the GHFC scoring system.
- e) For sections (ii) and (x) in a) points are to be percentage points scored in the best seven of the following competitions. GHFC monthly competitions (deep sea section) and SCFCA deep sea competitions that fall in the GHFC fishing year. Percentage points are to be based on points scored by GHFC members only. Where any scoring systems are different to the GHFC scoring system, score will be converted to the GHFC scoring system.
- f) For sections (xiii) through to (xvi) in a) points are to be percentage points based off the largest of each species and then totalled for each category.

RULE 24: a) Eligible fish for competition and their minimum lengths to be those which appear as "List of fish for NSWFCA competitions" and eligible fish for record claims be those which are eligible for NSWFCA record claims.

- b) Fish being weighed for largest species section shall be weighed as they come from the water and fish being weighed for competition, shall be weighed gilled, gutted and roe removed.

RULE 25: Point score to be on the basis of one point per fish and ten points per kilogram, to the nearest ten grams.

RULE 26: a) Weigh in of seasonal record catches are to be made on accurate scales with a member of a club affiliated with the NSWFCA as a witness. Signature of the witness and his club name to be supplied. Angler, common name, weight and date caught particulars are to be stated. Applications are to be received by the official recorder within twenty eight days of capture.

- b) Weigh in of perpetuating record catches to be made on accurate scales. All claims must be lodged on a GHFC claim form with all details complete accompanied by a photo of the fish.
  - i) The applicant must be a current financial member of the GHFC at the time of capture.
  - ii) All applications are to be in the hands of the GHFC recorder within forty days of capture.
  - iii) The AAARA are to be the official reference for recognition of species.
  - iv) Records will be determined at GHFC monthly meetings.
  - v) All fish accepted by the AAARA and conform to the regulations and requirements of the NSW Fisheries Department are eligible for record claims.
  - vi) Weights are accepted to the nearest ten grams and must exclude all foreign matter (sand etc). Fish to be weighed whole. No allowance shall be made for loss of weight for fish cleaned or headed prior to weighing.
  - vii) Mutilated fish will not be recognised.
  - viii) Claimant must hook and land, boat or beach his own fish, but may receive such assistance as gaffing, gilling or use of a landing net and does not include handling his rod, reel or line prior to the fish being landed boated or beached.
  - ix) Fish caught by any legal means except netting, trapping, spearing or deliberate jugging are eligible for record claims.

- RULE 27: If any club points are equal, the member having the greatest weight of point scoring fish shall be deemed the winner.
- RULE 28: For fish of the month, yearly largest of the species (except freshwater) and GHFC competitions, SCFCA competition boundaries to apply. For overall club records and freshwater fish, boundaries to be NSW waters including adjoining ACT waters and including Lord Howe Island.
- RULE 29: A maximum of one NSW Fisheries bag limit of fish can be weighed in by an individual at any GHFC competition. Any fish that does not have a legal length under NSW fisheries regulations, will have a minimum size limit of 300mm within the club.
- RULE 30: In the case of equal weights for yearly "Largest of the Species" section, the first fish caught will gain the trophy.
- RULE 31: Fish of equal weight to existing GHFC perpetual "Largest of the Species" records will also be recognised as records.
- RULE 32: GHFC perpetuating records are to be recognised in two sections  
1) Fish caught while fishing Beach, Rock, Estuary or Freshwater  
2) Fish caught while fishing Deep Sea.
- RULE 33: Members of the GHFC weighing fish for the GHFC, cannot weigh them in for any other club except in categories not available through the GHFC.
- RULE 34: Each competitor may fish from a boat, wharf, shore or other supports as set down by the club.
- RULE 35: The fishing year shall be from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December each year.
- RULE 36: i) There will be at least one GHFC competition each month. This will be called the GHFC Monthly Competition.  
ii) GHFC monthly competitions are to have an honour start at 6pm Friday with all fish to be in a predetermined weigh in area before 2pm the following Sunday unless otherwise stipulated at the GHFC monthly meeting immediately prior to the competition.  
iii) GHFC monthly competitions are to be the weekend immediately following the GHFC monthly meeting unless otherwise predetermined at the monthly meeting.
- RULE 37: GHFC members fishing in SCFCA competitions shall have their team fees paid.
- RULE 38: a) The GHFC Shield Pool shall be the twelve highest scoring members for an aggregate of percentage points scored in the following five competitions. The previous SCFCA beach, rock, estuary, freshwater and deep sea competitions. Points are to be totalled immediately prior to the first SCFCA event which counts for the SCFCA shield, considering points scored in the last one of each of the five events defined above.  
  
b) i) The GHFC shield team for the SCFCA freshwater competition will be the six highest scoring available members based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA freshwater competition who are also in the shield pool. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA freshwater competition.  
  
ii) The GHFC A and B teams for the SCFCA freshwater competition will be the eight highest scoring, available members based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA freshwater competition. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA freshwater competition.  
  
c) i) The GHFC shield team for the SCFCA estuary competition will be the six highest

scoring available members based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA estuary competition who are also in the shield pool. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA estuary competition.

- ii) The GHFC A and B teams for the SCFCA estuary competition will be the eight highest scoring, available members based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA estuary competitions. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA estuary competition.
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  - i) The GHFC shield team for the SCFCA beach competition will be the six highest scoring available members based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA beach competition who are also in the shield pool. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA beach competition.
  - ii) The GHFC A and B team for the SCFCA beach competition will be the eight highest scoring, available members based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA beach competition. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA beach competition.
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  - i) The GHFC shield team for the SCFCA deep sea competition will be the six highest scoring available members based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA deep sea competition who are also in the shield pool. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA deep sea competition.
  - ii) The GHFC A and B team for the SCFCA deep sea competition will be the eight highest scoring, available members based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA deep sea competition. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA deep sea competition.
- f)
  - i) The GHFC shield team for the SCFA rock competition will be the six highest scoring available members based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA rock competition who are also in the shield pool. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA rock competition.
  - ii) The GHFC A and B team for the SCFCA rock competition will be the eight highest scoring, available member based on percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA rock competition. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA rock competition.
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  - i) The GHFC A and B team for the SCFCA casting competition will be the eight highest scoring, available members based on an aggregate of percentage points scored in the previous SCFCA and GHFC casting competitions. Points to be calculated immediately prior to the SCFCA casting competition.

**RULE 39:** To be eligible for GHFC competitions, fish must be caught while the angler is fishing with no more than 2 lines with no more than a total of 4 hooks, flights of hooks or lures attached.