

Coffs Coast Game and Sport Fishing Club  
Incorporated  
NSW INC 1800959

**BY LAWS**

In affect as of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of July 2018  
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## **6. CAPTURE CERTIFICATES**

Capture Certificates will be awarded for the following:

- 6a. Captures exceeding 5 (five) to 1 (one) line class ratio.
- 6 b. Club Records
- 6 c. First Marlin Tagged or Captured.

## **7. RECORD CLAIMS**

The CCGSFC will reimburse a Member the cost of submitting their first State or Australian or International record claim if successful.

## **8. RECORDS & BOOKS OF THE CCGSFC**

The records, books and other documents of the CCGSFC shall be open to inspection, free of charge to any Member of the CCGSFC at any reasonable hour.

## **9. NSWGFA**

The CCGSFC shall retain Membership of the NSW Game Fishing Association (NSWGFA).

## **10. NON-SANCTIONED CLUB GAME FISHING EVENTS**

10a. Any Member involved in fishing in a non-sanctioned game fishing club event, their captures will not be eligible to be weighed and recorded by the CCGSFC.

## **11. FISHING RULES**

### **G.F.A.A & N.S.W.G.F.A BY-LAWS & FISHING RULES**

**The CCGSFC agrees to abide by the constitution, by-laws and fishing rules of the above governing bodies.**

**REFER TO THE OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN GAME FISHING JOURNAL AND NSWGFA BY-LAWS & REGULATIONS BOOKLET**

### **RULE 1**

The Coffs Coast Game and Sport Fishing Club fishing season runs from the 1st JUNE to 31st MAY the following year.

### **RULE 2**

CCGSFC monthly in hour's competition runs from September to May each year and is to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. The out of hours point score runs for the full 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> May each

year. Anytime a NSWGFA sanctioned tournament is run out of the port of Coffs Harbour those tournament days will form part of the clubs "IN HOURS" COMPETITION

### **RULE 3**

CCGSFC monthly competitions in May and November are held on the designated weekend for Northern Zone overnight competitions. On the May and November "Northern Zone overnight competitions", the monthly "in hours" competition will start 7am Saturday and finish 5pm Sunday. Overnight fishing is permissible but not mandatory. Sched boats will commence 7am each day and sign off at 4pm (5pm daylight saving). Outside these hours, all vessels should log on with Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour.

### **RULE 4**

Northern Zone Overnight Competitions dates to be announced by the Northern Zone Chairman.

### **RULE 5**

UNDER NSWGFA RULES, which includes all club point score events: The decision to put to sea is entirely the responsibility of the skipper of the boat. The committee accepts NO responsibility for decisions made by individual boat crews, who must decide whether or not to put to sea. The competition / tournament will be called off under the following circumstances:

- A)** If there is a gale warning forecast, no boats are to proceed to sea. if any boats ignore the warning and proceed to sea, their tags or captures will not be recognized,
- B)** In the event of a gale warning declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing IMMEDIATELY and return to the nearest safest port.

UNDER CCGSFC RULES, which includes all club point score events:

- A)** In the event of a gale warning declaration for the day, whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing IMMEDIATELY and return to the nearest safest port.  
, All fish caught or hooked up prior to this time will be eligible for the "IN HOURS " competition.
- B)** The ultimate decision to return to port remains with competitors.
- C)** The committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individual oat crews, who must decide whether or not to put to sea.

**RULE 6**

A sked boat must be declared no later than 9AM.

**RULE 7**

All boats fishing in the CCGSFC in hours or out of hours competitors must leave from and return to the port of Coffs Harbour. Entering other ports during competitions causes disqualification of any fish caught (health and safety reasons exempt).

**RULE 8**

Boats must sign on with the sked boat of the day, before starting fishing. All fish hooked up or caught before this will not count for "IN HOURS" competition.

**RULE 9**

For CCGSFC in hours competitions, fishing commences at 7am and lines up at 4pm. Lines up during eastern day light savings time is 5pm. Lines up for Northern Zone competition is 5pm. All boats must sign off with the sked boat when they return to port.

**RULE 10**

Tag cards must be submitted to the nominated point scorer. Photos of the tag card or capture certificate are acceptable. Any anglers who have nominated to fish out of port or participate in a sanctioned tournament, should have their tag cards or capture sheets (photo or actual) submitted within 14 days of capture or tagging.

**RULE 11**

Tag cards are to be filled out correctly to be eligible.

**RULE 12**

Captures must be noted on the official capture sheet and filled out correctly to be eligible.

**RULE 13**

To be eligible for capture points, fish are to be weighed by the weigh master or a person conversant with the scales using the certified scales only.

**RULE 14**

There must be at least two CCGSFC members per boat to be eligible to fish in hour's competitions, one of which can be a nominated prospective member.

**RULE 15**

CCGSFC only require one member to be on the boat to qualify for out of hours point score.

**RULE 16**

**A)** It is mandatory for all CCGSFC boats to have a VHF marine Radio.

**B)** The sked boat will run the sked on VHF (Channel 81) frequencies.

**CD)** Mobile phones cannot be used for skeds except for an emergency or where radio contact is not possible.

**RULE 17**

Annual safety inspections of vessels are the responsibility of the skipper & safety forms are required to be provided to the club's secretary prior to the new season commencing 1st June or prior to competing in any given season. Safety inspection forms are available from the club web site. Vessels which have not provided a safety inspection form will not be eligible for competition points.

**REMINDER - SEAWORTHINESS OF BOATS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL SKIPPERS TO ENSURE THAT ALL CRAFT ARE SEAWORTHY AND CARRY ALL SAFETY EQUIPMENT AS LAID DOWN BY THE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES**

**RULE 18**

If a vessel has been away representing the CCGSFC at a sanctioned tournament, it may leave a said port to return and fish the first fishable monthly competition on the date following. Fishing must be within the CCGSFC grid sheet and comply with all other monthly competition day regulations to be eligible for monthly competition in hour's points. Trailer boats can also put in elsewhere on the way home from a sanctioned tournament but must continue to Coffs Harbour region and all vessels must return to Coffs Harbour port that day.

**RULE 19**

The CCGSFC shall run a RIVER TO REEF competition which will run for the duration of the season been 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> may each year.

The competition shall comprise of fish to be measured including the following species.

Pearl perch

Kingfish

Teraglin

Spotted mackerel

Spanish mackerel

Cobia  
Sampson fish  
Flathead  
Whiting  
Bream  
Bass  
Murray cod  
Mangrove jack  
Jewfish  
Luderick  
Tailor  
Blue Groper  
Amberjack  
Venus Tusk Fish  
Brown Trout  
Rainbow Trout

Fish can only be caught in any NSW waterway

Submissions shall be made with accompanying photos on any brag mat or ruler clearly showing fish length.

Submissions shall be made within 14 days of capture to be eligible.

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