

BOROKO SPORTSFISHING CLUB RULES

Definition: Sportsfishing is defined as principal of thought where the skills of the Angler are matched against fish taking into consideration the tackle used, the characteristics of the fish being sought and the environment. In Sportsfishing the emphasis is on fishing skill rather than the killing of fish.

Objectives: The objecture of the club is to promote Sportsfishing and encourage the continued development of fishing skills for individual anglers. It is not the clubs intention to promote unsafe or unrealistic fishing practices or to encourage excessive fish kills. The following rules are designed to encourage diversity and fairness between competing anglers as well as encouraging the individual angler to engage in the tremendous variety of fishing tastes Sportsfishing has to offer, it is considered that the greatest rewards go to those who no longer need any reward greater than their own self respect.

Affiliation with Associations

The Club is Affiliated with the International Game Fishing Association(IGFA) and the Game Fishing Association of Papua New Guinea.(GFA PNG). It Is also recognised that some members may be privately affiliated with the Australian National Sports Fishing Association (ANSA).The Boroko Sports Fishing Club (BSFC) rules have been compiled with reference to the rules of these associations and there may be some Incompatibility between some rules of the said associations. It Is not the intention of the BSFC to have an angler fishing by Club rules be disqualified from claiming potential fish capture records from the fore mentioned associations. Where there is incompatibility between a club rule and that of any of the above associations, this may be mentioned under the relevant rule. However it is recommended that those members fishing for either ANSA or IGFA record captures be fully aware of the relevant rules and procedures as the bonus for record claims rests with the member.

BSFC ANGLING REGULATIONS

The angler must hook fiant and bring the fish to gaff or net unaided by any other person. If a rod holder is used, the angler alone must remove the rod from the rod holder as quickly as possible. No part of the rod or reel may be rested whilst the fish is being played except when using a rod belt, harness, gimbals or chair. Changing of rod or reel, splicing the line, or removal or addition thereto during the playing of a fish is prohibited. In the event of a multiple strike or separate lines bang fished with by a single angler, only the first fish fought by the angler will be considered a capture.

Minimum Fish Lengths.

(Subject to the Laws of Papua New Guinea)

Barramundi	-65cms
Papuan Black Bass	-45cms
All other Species	-35cms

Weighing and Recording of Fish.

All captures must be weighed on land by one of the following. An official Weighmaster, or independent witness on Government Certified Scales or scales certified by an affiliated club. Frozen fish will not be eligible for weighing in for BSFC Club Competitions and only fish meeting me minimum length requirement will be eligible, all Committee Members may act as Weighmaster, club members and their guests may witness and verify Capture and Release Records. The Club Recorder will maintain Club Capture Records and Competition Results.

BSFC GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

Line: Non-metallic lines in natural or synthetic material only are permitted, with the only exception to this rule being lines containing a core of metal lead.

Line Class: Minimum 2kg - Maximum 15Kg

Metric Classes Imperial Class Equivalent.

2KG	4LB
4KG	8LB
6KG	12LB
8KG	16LB
10KG	20LB
15KG	30LB

Fish caught on intermediate line classes will convert up to the next line class.

*Note: ANSA and IGFA Line Classes referred to in the respective rule books.

Leader: A non-metallic leader including Double line) of greater breaking strain than the line but not exceeding one and one half (1.5) times the length of the rod tip may be used. The Length of the rod tip is measured from the centre of the reel seat to the top of the rod.

Trace: A trace of any material is permitted provided that the leader end trace together do not exceed one and one half (1.5)times the length of the rod.

Line backing: Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restriction as to size or material. However if the fishing line is attached to the backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the two lines. The Backing may not exceed the 15Kg (30LB) line class and must be of a type of line approved for use in these angling rules.

Hooks: Hooks shall be of standard patterns. A double or treble hook shall be classed as a single hook. Automatic hooks are prohibited. Double or treble hooks are prohibited for bait fishing. Ganged hooks are permitted provided that all hooks are embedded in the bait.

Lures: Artificial lures are permitted provided that not more than three hooks are attached thereto.

Bait: Bait may be any vegetable matter, or the whole or part of an fish, insect or animal except MARINE MAMMAL which is strictly prohibited.

Bait and Lure Placement Devices: Bait and lure placement devices such as outriggers, down riggers and kites. etc are permitted to be used provided that the actual fishing line is attached to the snap or other release device, either directly or with some other material. The leader or double line must not be connected to the release mechanism either directly or with the use of a connecting device.

Gaffs or Nets: Gaffs and nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 2.43 meters (8 feet) in overall length.

Entangling Devices: Entangling devices (including 'Tackle Backs') either with or without a hook are PROHIBITED and may not be used for any purpose including baiting, hooking, fighting or landing the fish.

Reels: Reels must be manually operated and not mechanically or power operated. Ratchet handles and reels designed to be cranked with both hands at the same time are prohibited.

Rod: The rod tip must be a minimum of 40 inches (101.6cm) in length. The rod butt cannot exceed 27 inches (68.58 cm) in length. These measurements must be made from a point directly beneath the centre of the reel. A curved butt is measured in a straight line. (The above measurements do not apply to surf casting rods).

NOTE: ANSA RULE - Rods shall not be less than 1.5 meters in length.

Safety Line: A safety line may be attached to the rod provided that it does not in any way assist the angler in fighting the fish.

Floats: Floats are prohibited with the exception of any small flotation device attached to the line or leader for the sole purpose of regulating the depth of the bait. The flotation device must not in any way hamper the fighting ability of the fish.

Chairs: Fighting chair must not have any mechanically propelled device which aids the angler in fighting a fish.

Gimbals: Gimbals must be free swinging, which include gimbals that swing in a vertical plane only. Any gimbals that allows the angler to reduce strain or rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.

Harness: A harness may be attached to the reel or rod, but not to the fighting chair.

Disqualifications.

CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AND PERSONS PROVED OF CHEATING WILL BE DISBARRED FROM ANY CLUB ACTIVITIES.

The Following acts, situations or omissions will disqualify a catch:

- (a) Failure to comply with the rules or tackle specifications.
- (b) A broken rod including the butt.
- (c) Acts of persons other than the angler In adjusting reel drag or touching any part of the tackle either by hand or other device during the playing of the fish, or giving aid other than taking the leader (or trace) for gaffing purposes, or in the replacing or adjusting the harness.
- (d) Handlining a fish at any stage during capture except when the leader or trace is to hand.
- (e) Shooting, harpooning or lancing any fish, including sharks, at any stage of the catch.
- (f) Mutilations caused by sharks, other fish or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. Injuries caused by the leader or line, old healed scars and regeneration deformities shall not be considered disqualifying injuries.
- (g) Gilled and gutted fish WILL NOT BE DISQUALIFIED but no allowance in weight will be made.
- (h) Berleying (Chumming) with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin or guts of any MARINE MAMMAL is prohibited.
- (i) Using the boat or any device to beach or drive into shallow water any fish in order to deprive said fish of its normal ability to swim.
- (j) Intentionally foul-hooking a fish.
- (k) When a fish is hooked on more than one line.
- (l) Catching a fish in the manner that the double or leader never leave the rod tip.
- (m) Attaching the anglers line or leader to pan of the boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
- (n) Using sizes or kinds of bait that are illegal to possess.
- (o) The use of flotation devices designed to hamper the fighting ability of the fish.
- (p) Fish taken from artificially enclosed fish farms or commercial impoundments.
- (q) The use of any device or action which is in breach of the ethics of Sports Fishing.

DISPENSATION FOR DISABLED PERSONS

The committee may grant special dispensation to one or some of the above rules or conditions.

Monthly Club Competitions

In the absence of a major competition the club may hold monthly competitions by offering prizes in an even way to encourage fairness among competing anglers. Typically prizes may be awarded for the number of species caught, the highest point score on a particular line class and so on. Specific restrictions to the general rules may imposed for monthly competitions.

Monthly competition's will be scored using a seven point system, The points will be allocated to anglers according to their competition place:

First place scores	SEVEN Competition Points
Second place scores	FIVE Competition Points
Third place scores	FOUR Competition Points
Fourth place scores	THREE Competition Points
Fifth place scores	TWO Competition Points

ONE Competition Point will be awarded to all other competitors who weigh in or record any eligible fish in accordance with the requirements of the given competition. The Male, Female and Junior angler with the highest annual accumulation of Club Competition Points will be awarded Club Champion Trophy's.

Major Sponsored Competitions

The club may from time to time hold major sponsored competitions in lieu of Monthly Club Competitions. Specific rules and or restrictions may be imposed which can include specific requests from the sponsor. Such rules must encourage fairness among competing anglers and encompass the principals of sportsfishing. Such rules are intended as an addition to the club's general competition rules and not as a contradiction to them. Points will be awarded on a calculated points basis. Taking into consideration only those captures eligible under the given Competition's restrictions.

B.S.F.C. Points Scoring (For Weighing in on Certified Scales)

The formula for the calculation of points is as follows:

$$(\text{Mass (kg)} \times 100 \text{ :- Line Class (kg)} \times \text{Species Factor}$$

Capture and Release Points

For fish to be eligible for points the following conditions will be met:

- Fish should be released as soon as practicable after capture,
- Fish should be released with a minimum of stress (i.e. handling),
- Mandatory records are to be kept and witnessed at time of capture.

Points on Release. (Under Minimum Club Size for Species)

Barramundi	<65cms	50 points
Niugini Bass	<45c ms	50 points
All Others	<35c ms	5 points

Points on Release. (Over Minimum Club Size for Species)

Fish released over minimum size will score points as per Line Class, Species and Factor based on an adjusted average weight for species. A list of adjusted weights for species is available from the Club Recorder.

SPECIES FACTORS FOR CALCULATION OF BSFC POINTS

SPECIES	FACTOR	NOTES
ARCHER FISH	1.0	
BARRACUDA	0.9	
BARRAMUNDI	1.5	
BASS - PAPUAN BLACK	2.0	
BONEFISH	2.0	
BREAM- PIKEY	1.2	
BREAM- FINGERMARK	1.8	
BREAM- BLACK	1.2	
CATFISH	1.2	
COD- ESTUARY	1.5	
COD- BLACK	0.8	
FLATHEAD	1.0	
GROPER	1.5	
GRUNTER	1.6	
HAIRTAIL	0.8	
JAVELIN FISH	1.2	
JEWFISH- BLACK	1.0	
LONG TOM	1.2	
MACKEREL	1.0	
MANGROVE JACK	2.0	
MULLET	1.0	
QUEENFISH	1.5	
RAYS	1.0	
SICKLE FISH	1.3	
SWORDFISH	2.2	
TARPON	2.0	
TREVALLY	1.5	
WHITING	1.3	
SHARK	1.0	
UNLISTED SPECIES	0.8	

FOR INFORMATION ONLY # IGFA LEADER RULES 1993

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH BSFC LEADER SPECIFICATIONS GENERALLY FALL WITHIN THE IGFA LEADER SPECIFICATIONS - THE REVERSE WILL SELDOM BE TRUE.

- (1) The leader (including any lure, hook arrangement or other device) must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device.
Holding devices are prohibited.
- (2) For **SALT WATER SPECIES**, the leader is limited to 4.57 metres (15 feet).
The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 12.19 metres (20 feet). The leader on all classes of tackle over 10 kg (20 lb) shall be limited to 9.14 metres (30 feet). The combined length of the double line and leader shall

be limited to 12.19 metres (40 feet).

- (3) For **FRESH WATER SPECIES**, the leader on all classes of tackle shall be limited to 1.82 metres (6 feet). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 3.04 metres (10 feet).