



## **2019**

### **WPDSAA SOUTH & WEST INSHORE LEAGUE RULES** **CONCEPT & PARTICIPATION**

#### **AIMS**

- A.1 To promote light tackle boat sport fishing amongst all the anglers affiliated to WPDSAA.
- A.2 To ensure all league competitions are fished fairly and all anglers participate on an equal a basis.
- A.3 To ensure the safety of all anglers and boats participating.
- A.4 To identify the top performers in each category, namely top angler, top boat and top club.
- A.5 To reward any angler or club for their performance as the WPDSAA may deem fit.
- A.6 To assist Selectors in identifying top performing anglers when selecting Provincial Teams.
- A.7 To record data generated in competitions and to use data for research purposes.

#### **TOURNAMENT & DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

##### Tournament committee

Shall consist of:

The WPDSAA Tournament Officer OR his / her nominee if unavailable, the Tournament Officers of each participating club OR his / her nominee if unavailable must be available at the leg venue to make decisions relating to the league competition and are responsible for all weather calls prior to a league competition.

##### Disciplinary committee

Shall consist of:

The WPDSAA Tournament Officer as well as the Chairperson of each club participating in the league competition. This committee will deal with any objections and/or transgression of the rules.

#### **BRIEFINGS**

There will be a Tournament Officers briefing hosted by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer prior to the commencement of the new season, to discuss and agree any proposed rule changes put forward by the Clubs and to set the league calendar dates for the next season.

It is the duty of each club's Tournament Officer to advise their league Skippers and Anglers of the new rules and approved dates for the new season prior to the start of the new league season.

A league brief is to be compiled by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer and distributed to all club Tournament Officers by WPDSAA secretary by no later than Wednesday 17h00 prior to the commencement of the league weekend.

At all SOUTH league competitions, there will be a briefing on the evening before the launch day at 19h30 at the host club and attendance by at least **ONE** representative of each participating WPDSAA club is **COMPULSORY**.

All decisions made at the briefing needs to be conveyed to the WPDSAA TO via whatsapp by his nominated representative if not in attendance, and this needs to be passed on to the other club TO'S via the TO whatsapp group.

## ENTRY FEES

An entry fee for all **South & West League events** will be payable by all anglers. These entry fees will be deducted by each participating club from monies owing to a skipper for towing fees for a specific leg. The collected entry fees to be deposited into the WPDSAA banking account no later than the Wednesday after the League day. The host club TO to give a breakdown of how the funds are made up, to the WPDSAA secretary by no later than the Wednesday after the League and will be responsible to make sure that the funds are paid over by their specific club to WPDSAA.

The cost of entry fee is as follows:

- R50.00 per senior angler
- R20.00 per junior angler

Rules governing the prize money and the awarding of prizes are as follows:

1. Entry fees utilization:
  - 50% of the registration fees will be donated to WPDSAA and will be used, exclusively for the WPDSAA tournament fund.
  - The balance of 50% of the monies collected will be awarded as prizes **at the year-end prize giving.**
2. Only the biggest fish of each species caught **during the League Year in both West and South Leagues respectively,** will receive a prize.

## A. LEGS & VENUES

### WEST League

There will be 5 legs fished with one spare leg at the following designated **COMPULSARY** launch sites:

- Overberg Boat Club
- Gordons Bay Boat Angling Club
- Cape Boat & Ski Boat Club
- False Bay Marlin & Tuna Club
- ABC/Oceana Power Boat Club

The WPDSAA TO, together with the TO's of participating clubs, will decide at which of the above venues the league will be fished, by no later than 17h00 on the Wednesday prior to the league day. The final decision will rest with the WPDSAA TO.

### SOUTH League

2 Legs at Kleinbaai

4 Legs at Struisbaai

1 Spare Leg for the South League

ONLY an anglers 5 top league scores will count without effecting total boat scores.

There will be a **SPLIT** launch when hosted by Overberg Boat Club. All vessels have a choice to **launch & retrieve** from either Kleinbaai or Gansbaai harbour. You may not launch from one and retrieve from another nor will boats be allowed to launch and retrieve at one harbour and re-launch at another on the same day. The day's fishing will be seen as completed as soon as a boat is retrieved. Retrieval will only be allowed in the case of an emergency and both the control boat and club safety officer must be informed prior to retrieval of the boat. Registration & Weigh in will be at Overberg Boat Club.

## B. WEATHER

- B.1. The Tournament Committee, with the aid of the Weather Stations, can decide if the event is or is **NOT** to take place, due to weather conditions and will notify all via the respective club whatsapp groups. The WPDSAA Tournament Officer will have the final vote to fish or not to fish. Only participating and active WPDSAA affiliated clubs will be allowed to comment and vote on weather calls (at least one boat to participate in the leg).

WPDSAA TO to be solely responsible for the weather call in the event of a "easy" call and to only enter into dialog with Club TO's if weather is 50/50.

Club Chairmen to be added to WPDSAA TO whatsapp group, for distribution of weather info only (no role in weather call)

### **WEST League**

The WPDSAA Tournament Officer, in consultation with the respective club Tournament Officers where applicable, must make a decision by no later than **16h00** on the Friday before the WEST league Leg (or earlier if possible) and notify all club TO's via the WPDSAA TO whatsapp group.

If the leg is cancelled for the Saturday the call for Sunday will be made by no later than 16h00 on the Saturday.

**The weather call will be determined via Windguru for the area to be fished.**

### **SOUTH League**

The WPDSAA Tournament Officer, in consultation with the host club Tournament Officer and weather committee where applicable, must make a weather call by no later than 16h00 on the Thursday before the SOUTH league and notify all via the WPDSAA TO whatsapp group.

A weather call for Sunday to be made by 16h00 on Friday.

- B2.** Weather calls will be made on the basis of the first fishable day in terms of wind and swell conditions and not the best fishable day. Weather call based on Windguru Struisbaai, Cape Agulhas **or Franskraal**

### **C. WEATHER DECISION**

For **reasons of safety**, lines-up may be called early by **MAJORITY VOTE** of the elected Weather Committee or their nominee.

Notice will be given to the fleet that a weather call has been made and that all anglers have 15 minutes to lines up. All fish being fought at the 15 minute lines up call **MUST BE CUT OFF IMMEDIATELY**.

If by 10h00 on the Saturday no fish have been boated and the event is called off due to bad weather, it shall be considered cancelled and fished on the Sunday if possible.

**The Weather Committee ONLY will use channel 69** in the case of making these weather decisions at sea and may not be interrupted by any other persons when making their decision.

### **D. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

Failure to comply with conditions of participation may result in the individual angler's scores, boat score and club score not being scored and/or disqualified.

- D.1 Participating boats will carry a current **SADSAA safety survey certificate on board and the certificate number** must be entered on the registration form by close of scales.
- D.2 All anglers must be registered members, in their own right, of this Association.
- D.3 All anglers must fill in their Western Province angling numbers on the registration forms. The onus will rest with each angler to remember his / her angling number.
- D.4 New anglers must affiliate to Western Province through their respective clubs within 30 days of fishing a leg. **The onus will rest with the skipper to ensure that the new angler gets affiliated. If the angler does not affiliate within 30 days, the new boat and/or new angler will not be scored.**
- D.5 All vessels participating in the league do so as amateur sports anglers, under the auspices of the WPDSAA. As such, the laws pertaining to recreational bag limits, minimum sizes and protected species are binding on all participants. Boats carrying a commercial type license **MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE provided it is** in accordance with their regulations and that they abide by the rules as set out.
- D.6 The registration form must be signed, clearly stating name of boat, boat registration number (this registration number must be accurate as the WP scorer will be using

it in the future to identify your vessel), SADSAA survey certificate number, names of each team member, name of club they represent and the line class and brand they are using prior to the official launch time.

- D.7 In the event of mechanical failure of vessels, contact is to be made with the Control Boat to notify them of the problem and an extension of the scales closing time may be allowed.
- D.8 The onus will rest with the Skipper of each boat, regarding the safety of his/her crew, on whether to go to sea or not. Should the Skipper decide to go to sea, he/she does so at his/her own risk and indemnifies WPDSAA of all risk and legal implications.
- D.9 Provincial or SADSAA representation on a league day, the anglers concerned will NOT score but will be adjudged as FISHED in the league for the provincial selection criteria process only.

## RULES

### A. ANGLING RULES

- **NEW IGFA RULES FOR LEADER AND DOUBLE LINE:** *In all line classes up to and including 20 lb (10kg), the double line shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20feet (6.1 meters).*
- *The weak link line rule as per SADSAA's (IGFA) specification may be adopted, the weak link may be a minimum of 5m, and this excludes any knots or double lines! Please ensure you understand the rules. For record purposes the weak link needs to be 30m or more!*

### B. BOATS

All boats must have a qualified skipper on board and **may only carry participating anglers**. A day angler / non-member may be allowed to fish 1 leg per year. His catch will not count towards the boat or club score unless he/she registers within the allowed 30 day time period. With the express permission of the skipper, a recognized reporter of recognized media / newspapers may be allowed on board but may only be on board as an observer. It is envisaged that the promotion of angling as a sport be encouraged.

Should a vessel break down prior to a Leg, and such vessel had been fished from in the current season in the **South League**, a request for a replacement vessel may be lodged through a club TO to the WPDSAA TO. It is solely at the discretion of the WPDSAA TO to allow the use of a replacement vessel.

**Boat changes with the same crew will be allowed for West Leagues. However, WPDSAA TO must be notified of such a change. Weigh sheets must always reflect the name of the 1<sup>st</sup> nominated vessel with the substitute vessels name in brackets behind it, for scoring purposes.**

### C. SKIPPERS

- C.1 It is the duty of each Skipper to act as a referee and see that the rules are strictly adhered to.
- C.2 In the interests of safety and sportsmanship, each Skipper is expected to give an accurate as possible details regarding position and catch when asked to do **so by other boats at sea in the competition.**
- C.3 Any person talking on the radio of a boat will be considered as representing his / her Skipper.
- C.4 Cellphones, Kavi Comms and Satellite phones may NOT be used for inter-boat communication till lines up except by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer or his elected nominee on the day in the case of a boat not responding to a radio call test.
- C.5 All skipper to ensure their boats have a fish release tool to prevent fish been released and then found floating.

### D. ANGLERS

Any Angler, who is an affiliated member of more than one (1) club, must nominate the club

he / she wishes to fish for, before the start of the League Season and may not change his / her nomination during the course of that League Season.

#### D.1 JUNIOR ANGLER

A junior angler will be under the age of sixteen (16) years (on 1 January of each year). Juniors will be scored as seniors. Juniors will not affect boat scores unless as defined later in this document.

A rod may be removed from a rod holder for a junior angler, but only from the trolling board; no other hooked fish may be passed over to a junior. The rod may be touched by another angler for the sole purpose of handing it to the junior angler, but the reel may not be touched by anyone other than the junior angler fighting the fish.

A junior angler may nominate to fish as a senior angler but may then NOT receive any help or assistance whatsoever.

#### E. RODS

An angler may have a maximum of 4 rods and 4 reels on board with the exception of one "heavy" rod & reel which may be used as a release rig **ONLY**. No angler may have more than two lines in the water at any one time.

In the event of both lines going off simultaneously the angler may elect another angler, who is fishing the same line class only, to take one rod, subject to that angler retrieving 1 rod of his own in the event he / she has 2 rods in the water at that time.

#### F. LINE CLASS

**COMPULSORY line class is 6kg** (IGFA rated) all scores will be calculated with a factor. No heavier line, unless as defined in rule A (Angling Rules), may be taken on board except as required for traces.

##### F.1 LINE BRANDS

Only IGFA rated lines will be allowed.

All line used should be pre-tested before use.

Braid allowed in the prescribed "weak link line" manner only.

Any angler found not conforming will be penalised.

##### F.2 LINE TESTING METHOD

###### **All lines WILL be subject to testing**

Tests are to be done through the assistance of the club Tournament Officers.

DRY testing only qualifies.

If samples fail the first dry test a minimum of three (3) more DRY tests will be done and the average will determine the class.

In the case of a line breaking over, using the above methods, the angler will be penalized as per the decision of the disciplinary committee as defined in this document.

#### G. MINIMUM WEIGHT/SIZE

The minimum weight for species to count will be 1 kg subject to the minimum legislated size & weight requirement per species as specified in the regulations with the exception of:

1. Yellowfin Tuna which will have a minimum fork length of 58cm to be eligible for scoring.

NO BARBEL, SHARK, SKATE OR RAY SPECIES TO COUNT

#### I. BAG LIMITS

All vessels participating in the league do so as amateur sports anglers under the auspices of the WPDSAA. As such, the laws pertaining to sport and recreation regarding bag limits, minimum sizes and protected species are binding on ALL participants.

**H1.** All fish presented at the scales will be and recorded on the WPDSAA weigh sheet by the nominated weigh master.

**H2.** COMPULSORY BOAT INSPECTIONS CAN BE CARRIED OUT BY ANY AVAILABLE Tournament Officers or their nominee FOR ILLEGAL BAG LIMITS.

H3. No more than 10 fish may be weighed by any angler per leg.

## I. SPECIES

The inshore league is a species driven format. There is an overall cumulative daily bag limit of ten per angler, irrespective of the species caught, subject to a maximum of the daily bag limit allowed per species.

Only baitfish may be kept alive in live bait / bait wells – THE FIRST FISH RETAINED/KILLED IS TO COUNT except for MR purposes as stated in No3 section J (Measure and Release)

## J. MEASURE & RELEASE

1. Measure & Release will be compulsory on the following species only:
  - Red Roman
  - Stumpnose
  - Daggeraad
  - Black Musselcracker
  - Red Steenbras
  - Garrick
  - Rockcod
2. Clear photographs of all MR fish showing entire fish and clearly showing fork lengths to be available for inspection on request by WPDSAA TO.
3. M&R cards with the anglers' name and date of the competition MUST be clearly visible on the picture of the fish that is reflected and documented on the M&R Sheet.
4. All relevant pictures must be Whatsapped to the anglers' club TO by 17h00 on the Monday following the league.
5. The WPDSAA scorer and TO will request random spot checks from the relevant club TO's to verify catches relating to the anglers' M&R sheets.
6. Measured "killed" fish to be replaced with measure release fish. For example: if an angler has killed his first stump because he wants to eat it and he then catches a larger stump, he is able to measure and release the larger stump and replace the smaller stump with the larger stump on his weigh sheet.
7. NO fish will be allowed before and after the scales have closed UNLESS there is a possible record to be claimed or to record a specific fish for an anglers CV. Permission must be granted by at least two Tournaments Officers of the participating clubs present.
8. It is the responsibility of each skipper to make sure that they are in the possession of the relevant MR forms for recording their fish and for subsequent submission.
9. Both fork and total length of fish measured and released MUST be recorded.
10. An anglers biggest fish recorded, within the legal recreational bag limit, will count towards their scores.
11. It is the responsibility of each skipper to hand his/her angler MR sheet to the club weighmaster.
12. The website Fishweights.net, <http://fishweights.net/southafrica.aspx>, will be the official website used for the 2019 Measure and release program implemented by WPDSAA. It is the responsibility of each skipper to make sure that they are in possession of the relevant conversion sheet.
13. NB!!! The website data we use is based on Fork length!!! PLEASE document both fork and total length.
14. Measurement will be documented in CM rounded up e.g. 55.2cm becomes 56 cm.
15. Modus Operandi
  - Each angler document his released fish on the format supplied to all clubs
  - Prior to the weigh-in process each skipper will neatly, document all the M&R fish on a sheet.
  - Each skipper will do the conversion from length to weight using the 2019 conversation table and present this to the weigh master at the scales with the fish weighed from his/her boat.
  - Should the length of any fish exceed the conversation table please use the above website to obtain correct data.
  - Weigh-master will document this in the weigh sheet book after which skipper will sign off the boat's data.
  - White copies will be given to the club TO's by the weighmaster to be forwarded to the scorer by club TO's by 17h00 on the Monday after a Leg.
16. All boats must go to scale. Random checks to take place by WPDSAA TO and

**nominated host club inspectors** to include boats, hatches, wells, cooler bags, bait boxes as well as line tests leader lengths etc.

**Any transgression in terms of angler will result in the angler being disqualified. Any transgression in terms of fish will result in the boat being disqualified (i.e. all crew / anglers)**

## K. FISHING AREAS

### WEST LEAGUE & SOUTH LEAGUE

The Tournament Committee at their discretion may limit or extend area boundaries.

#### West Leagues:

10NM from land with the inclusion of a 3NM radius around the following structures: Dassen Island, Robben Island and Rocky Bank (measured from the pinnacle). The whole of False Bay. **Kleinbaai West Legs will be fished 10NM from land.**

**NB:** No fishing may be allowed in any restricted area as demarcated as new reserves as stipulated in the Table Mountain National Park Marine Protected Areas.

#### South Leagues:

10NM from land.

**Struisbaai – The participating Tournament Officers on the day may decide to include the 12 Mile bank in the case of:**

- The wind average on Windguru for Cape Agulhas shows 6 knots or less.
- All participating club Tournament Officers are in full agreement.
- A 3 Mile radius from the middle of the 12 mile bank will be the restriction in such an event...

In the interest of fishing the weather committee may restrict the area bearing in mind that the weather conditions is fishable in the nominated/restricted area.

## L. FISHING TIMES – West & South Leagues

L.1 Departure from all launch sites will be:

1 April to 31 August **07h00** and 1 September to 31 March **06h00**

L.2 Boats may launch earlier but to wait at the Borrel gat to launch time in Struis, to wait outside Black Sophie in Kleinbaai, **to wait just outside dedicated launch site in the West League.**

## M. LINES UP – West & South Leagues

Lines- up on a SATURDAY will be 16h00. IF FISHED ON ANY SUNDAY lines up will be at 15h00

#### **The exceptions are as follows:**

- a. For reasons of safety lines-up may be called early by majority vote of the elected weather committee.
- b. An angler may continue fighting a fish for 1 (one) hour after lines-up only provided it was hooked prior to the call and is immediately reported to the control boat. Fish hooked after the lines-up call, will be disqualified.

## N. SCORING

1. All points scored will be awarded in accordance with the WPDSAA scoring system together with a GRAND PRIX 1000 - point system
2. All fish species to the scale will be capped at 10kg.
3. The total score of the anglers on board will determine boat scores divided by a minimum of three (3) participants. In the case of only two senior anglers a junior will make up the third angler and his / her score will count to determine the boat score. In the case of only juniors catching fish, their fish will count towards the boat score.
4. The total score of that angler / boat will determine the top angler / boat over the whole season.
5. The boat points for a boat carrying 1 or more junior anglers will receive a 10% additional points added to the boat score on the day.

6. The club score will be the total score of the top ten anglers of that club for that particular day and the total of all the events will be the overall score of that participating club.
7. For the Species scoring system, individual scoring will be calculated as the total points of an angler for the day multiplied by the number of legal species he / she has caught.
8. The grand prix system based on the species scoring will apply to individuals, boats and clubs scores.
9. Western Province floating trophies may be won by any WPDSAA affiliated angler but **may not be taken away from the prize giving event.**
10. It is the responsibility of the scorer to forward a first draft of the results, weigh sheets and MR sheets to the participating club TO's as well as the WPDSAA TO for ratification. This should be received by 17h00 on the Monday, 1 week after the scorer received the weigh sheets. **This draft may not be distributed to any anglers and is solely for checking purposes.**
11. If a problem on the weigh sheet occurs regarding the boats' information, the boat score is to be disqualified. For example: errors or omissions concerning disc numbers, WP numbers etc.
12. Individual anglers are responsible for their own information on weigh sheet. If there is an issue the angler will be disqualified and not the boat.
13. If no measure and release (MR) forms are presented with the weigh sheet, the affected boat and anglers will be disqualified.
14. Any correction to weigh sheets to be signed by both the weigh master and the skipper.
15. All weigh sheets and MR sheets to be delivered to the scorer by the club TO's by no later than 17h00 on the Monday after the Leg.
16. Club TO's to check weigh sheets

#### **O. WEIGH-IN – West & South Leagues**

1. All fish must be weighed on the official scales so designated.
2. All fish are to be clearly marked and sorted for individual identification prior to the weigh-in.
3. All fish must be individually presented to the scale and recorded against the angler's name on the official weigh sheet, which must be signed as correct by the skipper, or his nominee. All weighed fish to be marked by the weigh master.
4. Scales will close two hours after lines up.
5. If no fish are caught, Weigh Sheets must be signed by the skipper, or in the absence thereof, be reported to the weigh master.

#### **P. PRIZES – West & South Leagues**

1. Prizes will be awarded according to the available trophies and as determined by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer.
2. If any trophies are incorrectly awarded the Club's Tournament Officer at the first opportunity must bring it to the attention of the WPDSAA Tournament Officer.
3. Trophies for separate South and West leagues to be awarded.

#### **Q. OBJECTIONS**

All objections together with R 50.00 (Fifty Rands) must be reported in writing to the host tournament officer or the WPDSAA Tournament Officer no later than 48 hours after scores for a particular Leg are made public.

#### **R. INFRINGEMENTS**

**Each host club will supply an anonymous inspector/moderator who will inspect boats at retrieval and/or any other point before and/or after weigh-in has taken place. Line samples will also be collected randomly.**

**Any suspected foul play must be reported to the WPDSAA TO. This can be done at any time and will be dealt with confidentially.**

Although the intent of these rules is to rely on the integrity and sportsmanship of all participants, the Disciplinary Committee will make a finding at their discretion, by no later than 10 days after receiving the written complaint. Each case will be evaluated on merit by the Disciplinary Committee and judged accordingly.

#### **S. APPEALS**

The decision of the Disciplinary Committee WILL BE FINAL. No appeals will be heard.



**T. DATES – As per circulated calendar**

**TOURNAMENT OFFICERS' DUTIES**

**A. WPDSAA TOURNAMENT OFFICER**

1. *Inshore League Rules*
2. *Call meeting of Disciplinary Committee within 10 days of receiving the objection.*
3. *Act as chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.*
4. *Ensure that the Tournament Committee complies with all the rules as set out.*
5. *Circulate the league brief as stipulated.*
6. *Update the WPDSAA TO whatsapp group as per the decision made by the Tournament Officers.*

**B. HOST CLUB'S TOURNAMENT OFFICER**

1. *Be available for weather decisions.*
2. *All decisions will then be placed on the WPDSAA TO whatsapp group or advised at registration for the information of league participants.*
3. *Ensure that the registration book is readily available to anglers at the specified venues, from half-an-hour before launching and/or the previous day.*
4. *Name of control boat.*
5. *Make arrangements for alternate launching when required doing so.*
6. *Ensure that weigh masters/mistresses are appointed to the scales and that the scale is calibrated for the year and that the scale certificate is available at all times.*
7. *Fax, email or deliver weigh sheets (WHITE PG's) to the official scorer no later than 17:00 on the Monday following the league.*
8. *Must be available at the venue until close of scale.*
9. *Hosting TO's must ensure that an updated list of all WP, All Africa and SADSAA records are available at the scales.*
10. *Hosting TO's must make spare copies of MR sheets & MR Conversion Sheets available at the scales.*

**TOURNAMENT OFFICERS SHOULD AT ALL TIMES REFRAIN FROM BEING INVOLVED IN CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSIONS REGARDING RULES OVER THE AIR AND SHOULD ACTIVELY DISCOURAGE THEIR ANGLERS FROM IT. ANY ANGLER WITH A COMPLAINT SHOULD CONTACT HIS/HER CLUB TOURNAMENT OFFICER OR THE HOST TOURNAMENT OFFICER WHO CAN IN TURN CONFERS WITH THE WPDSAA TOURNAMENT OFFICER ON ANOTHER CHANNEL IF NECESSARY OR PREFERABLY BACK ON LAND.**

**7. WEIGHMASTERS/MISTRESS**

1. *Be available at the scales from lines-up.*
2. *Ensure that ALL names of anglers are noted on the boat weigh sheet – nil catch included.*
3. *Enter ALL fish presented to the scales, irrespective of weight I nil catch included*
4. *At close of scale hand over to the host tournament officer all completed white weigh sheets and MR sheets.*