

RULES

These rules pertain to our 2022 event and may be subject to change.

Warkworth Returned Service Association Fishing Club (WW RSA FC) do not accept any liability whatsoever for any damage to property injury or loss incurred during, prior, or after the event.

Safety and Responsibility

Each boat is required to carry at least the minimum safety equipment and it is essential that all boats carry either VHF radio or cell phone. It is the responsibility of each angler/skipper and crew to address safety issues. All entrants, boat owners and spectators participate at their own risk. The organisers, promoters, sponsors or any other party connect with the event accept no responsibility in any respect for personal injury loss or damage, regardless of the cause.

Eligible Anglers

All anglers must be registered, and the entry fee paid prior to commencement time.

Fishing Method

The catch being entered must have been caught on a rod and reel or land line. No longlines or nets permitted. Ministry for Primary Industry (MPI) New Zealand Recreational fishing rules and regulations apply. <https://www.fisheries.govt.nz/travel-and-recreation/fishing/>

Nets, longlines or droppers prohibited. Commercial boats must have proof of deregistration.

Fishing Area

The Fishing area is open EXCEPT for Marine Reserves and area restrictions such as cable areas (as chartered) must be observed.

Fishing Times

Fishing commences no earlier than 3.00 am on the day of the competition.

Eligible species

Snapper

Kingfish

Kahawai

Trevally

STINGRAYS, SHARKS, SCALLOPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Entries Per Day

Maximum of three fish (except Kingfish, One Only) of each species can be weighed per angler. Each angler will be restricted to one prize per weighted division. In the case of a tie for any prize category, a draw will be held. Each individual fish can only be entered once – i.e. multiple entries of the same fish not permitted by either the same or multiple individuals.

Minimum size Fish

Snapper 30cm

Kingfish 90cm

Trevally 30 cm

Gurnard 25cm

Weigh In

The weigh in is at the Warkworth RSA carpark between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 6th February. It is the angler's responsibility to arrive prior to the cut off time (no exceptions). Each angler must weigh in their own fish and present their ticket. All fish presented must comply with all regulations, be fresh (not frozen). The Weigh Master will have the final decision on accepting entries.

No BYO Drinks.

Vaccine Pass will be required for entry to weigh in

No handles downstairs please.

Drinks and EFTPOS will be available downstairs in the carpark.

It would be appreciated if you could respect the clubrooms ie no smelly fishy clothing/footwear upstairs.

All fish weight on the day will become the property of the organisers Proceeds from the contest will go towards veterans affairs etc

Postponement or Cancellation

The event will not be postponed or cancelled in the advent of adverse weather conditions. Prizes will be allocated by lucky ticket draw. It is the skippers & crews responsibility to stay safe. No refunds will be given.

Infractions

All boating rules and speed limits must be complied with. Any person in breach of the rules will be disqualified and prize(s) won will be forfeited. Further, they may be prohibited from entering any future tournaments. The WW RSA FC Committee has the right to refuse any entry and the right to inspect any fish or boats. The competition is held in the spirit of amateur fishing and fair competition. If, in the opinion of the organising committee, competitors have breached the spirit of the competition then the committee reserves the right to exclude the competitor(s). Protest and disputes must be lodged with the Committee within 10 minutes of prize giving. The decision of the Committee on all protests and disputes will be final and no correspondence will be entered.

Prize Giving

Senior Prize giving will commence about 5.00pm followed by the junior category which applies to anglers 16 years of age and under. All prize-winning anglers must attend prize giving to receive their prize. Any prize-winning anglers not in attendance will forfeit their prize and it will become a lucky draw. Lucky draw prizes not collected quickly will be redrawn.

AVERAGE SNAPPER PRIZE ELIGIBLE ONLY TO SENIOR ANGLERS

Prize Categories

Senior Category

Snapper = 1st average weight and 1st heaviest

Kingfish = heaviest weight

Kahawai = heaviest weight

Trevally = heaviest weight

John Dory = heaviest

Junior Category

Snapper = heaviest weight

Kahawai = heaviest weight

Trevally = heaviest weight

Sprat = heaviest

By participating you agree that in the event of you winning a major prize you will allow your phototo be taken and published and an interview to be undertaken

Club Members are encouraged to fill in a weigh sheet for end of season prize giving.