



GFAV HANDBOOK

“The underlying spirit of angling is that the skill of the angler is pitted against the instinct and strength of the fish and that the latter is entitled to an even chance for its life.”

- From the rules of the Tuna Club of Avalon, Santa Catalina, USA

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THE HISTORY OF G.F.A.V.

After discussions between the then presidents of the three game fishing clubs in Victoria; Ian Cutler of the Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia, Roy Fisher of the South Gippsland Game Fishing Club and Dick Stumbles of the Victorian Game Fishing Club, it was decided that a Victorian Game Fishing Association be established.

The inaugural meeting of GFAV was held at Ian Cutler's residence on 16 November 1976.

Representatives from each club were:

Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia

Messrs Ian Cutler, Peter McNamara and Leo Tyquin who was an observer and minute secretary

South Gippsland Game Fishing Club

Messrs Roy Fisher and Graham Mayberry

Victorian Game Fishing Club

Messrs Dick Stumbles, Keith (Dolly) Gray, Charles Gibling and Bob Ellis

It was recorded that the following number of club members were declared to GFAV at 30 June 1976.

Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia - 66

South Gippsland Game Fishing Club - 30

Victorian Game Fishing Club - 187

It was unanimously agreed that C I Cutler (Ian) act as chairman for the first meeting.

Representation was based on GFAA affiliation.

Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia - 2

South Gippsland Game Fishing Club - 1

Victorian Game Fishing Club - 4

Each member (being a club) shall be entitled to one (1) delegate to the association for each fifty (50) financial members or part of fifty (50) financial members to a maximum of four (4) delegates per club. A meeting of such delegates shall constitute the council of the association.

The constitution for the association was prepared by Ian Cutler and Dolly Gray.

The signatories to the constitution were Messrs Ian Cutler, Peter McNamara, Charles Gibling, Keith Gray, Roy Fisher.

OBJECTIVES OF G.F.A.V.

- A. To govern and coordinate the sport of game fishing in the State of Victoria.
- B. To affiliate with the Game Fishing Association of Australia and with the International Game Fishing Association.
- C. To conserve the game fish and food fish resources of Victorian waters for the recreational and economic use of present and future generations.
- D. To encourage and further the study of game fish angling, the related species and the habitat requirements of such species and to assist in the maintenance of the ecological balance of waters.
- E. To formulate and support fair, uniform and ethical angling rules.
- F. To compile and maintain State records for the heaviest angling catches for men, women and juniors in all line divisions approved by the Association for each species recognised by the Association as a game fish and game shark and fished for by a substantial number of anglers or distributed over a wide area of waters; and to adjudicate such record claims.
- G. To represent the interests of recreational game fishermen within the Association's capacity for the time being at any meeting at which the future of the game fish population is being discussed or otherwise determined.
- H. To assist and participate in domestic and international game fish seminars and symposiums where the expertise, data and purposes of this Association may be helpful in assisting other organisations with similar objectives.
- I. To analyse the pressure of recreational fishing and commercial fishing for the various game fish species.
- J. To act as a data accumulation centre for fishing results and make such information available to governments and others for the furtherance of education in the wise use of conservation of species.
- K. To accumulate and maintain a history of game fishing for the use and benefit of present and future generations.
- L. To develop and support fish tagging programs and other specific data collection evidence.
- M. To disseminate information and knowledge of scientific studies of commercial and game fish to member Associations and clubs and other parties in Australia or elsewhere.

GFAV - EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL DELEGATES CRITERIA

Each member (being a club) is entitled to one delegate for each fifty, or part of fifty, financial members to a maximum of four delegates per club. A meeting of such delegates shall constitute the Council of the Association and each delegate is entitled to one vote where a majority determines all matters.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and from three to nine Executive Officers are elected by a simple majority at each Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. The Executive has the power to deal with all matters affecting the Association except those specifically reserved by the constitution to the Council. The management of the Association is through the elected Council, but between Council meetings, management authority is vested in the Executive Committee.

CRITERIA OF G.F.A.V. MEMBERSHIP

1. Every man, woman and child of a game fishing section of a club must be affiliated to claim records, points and trophies.
2. For a club to be eligible to affiliate the club must annually provide details to GFAV of a senior club official who has been nominated as the person in charge of the game fishing section of their club. This person must be financially affiliated with GFAV and shall administer the game fishing section of the club in accordance with the rules, aims and objectives of GFAV and GFAA.

Every man, woman and child of that game fishing section shall pay affiliation fees

3. A current member club whose annual membership does not reach 5 members will be required to pay the minimum of 5 affiliation fees for the current year to remain affiliated. Due and payable on the 1st July each year.
4. GFAV fees are due and payable on 1st July as per annual fees determined from time to time.
5. Any Club wishing to become affiliated with GFAV must comply with all the Rules and regulations of GFAV and be a legitimate angling club. Clubs must have a working committee and be able to provide a copy of their Constitution and/or formation minutes of the Club whichever is applicable.
6. For member clubs the minimum payment of 5 senior memberships, including the club nominated person in charge of Game Fishing, shall be due and payable on the 1st of July each year. The affiliation payment must include the details of said nominated person for the current financial season.
7. Geographic Zoning.
8. Clubs applying for GFAV/GFAA affiliation are required to send a non refundable application fee of \$30 to administer their application.
9. New clubs wanting to affiliate with GFAV must make their intent known to the GFAV Executive Committee in writing for consideration. Clubs applying for membership after July 1 will be at the discretion of the GFAV Executive Committee.

GFAV YEARLY PLANNER

- April** Affiliation fees are struck by Council prior to 1st May each year and clubs notified so that clubs can plan their fee structure for the next financial year. [Constitution 3.05(e)].
- June** GFAV affiliation cards are printed ready for distribution to all affiliated clubs, so that the new card can be issued to each angler as they become financial for the current financial year.
- July** All club secretaries to forward to GFAV their complete list of eligible fish captures for the year. [By-Law 15]
- Applications for GFAV Annual Trophies and GFAA Annual Trophies must be lodged with the Secretary of GFAV by 1st August.
- Agenda items for the State Conference must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of GFAV no later than 1st August.
- Affiliation fees are deemed due on 1st July. Subscriptions must be paid on or before 31st July, together with names and addresses of affiliated members. Quarterly updates are then required. [Constitution 3.05(b)]
- August** A copy of all affiliated club fishing calendars is to be forwarded to GFAV by the 31st August.
- October** GFAV Annual General Meeting will be held no later than 31st October. [Constitution 5.01(a)].
- Each member club shall in writing advise the Secretary of the Association on or before the Annual General Meeting each year as to the name(s) and address(es) of its delegate(s) for the ensuing year. [Constitution 4.01 (d)]
- November** Club Presidents and Secretaries names should be forwarded immediately after the club's annual general meeting, and no later than 1st November.
- Clubs to forward list of affiliated members in the prescribed Excel Spreadsheet format to GFAV Secretary by 25th November each year.
- NOTE:** All applications for sanctioned tournaments must be applied for 3 months prior to the tournament date, on the correct form, with all necessary information.
- All club secretaries are reminded that proxies for Council meetings must be in writing and submitted to the Secretary of the Association before the commencement of the meeting. [Constitution 4.01 (e)]

APPLICATION for PERMISSION to CONDUCT a TOURNAMENT or COMPETITION

To: Game Fishing Association of Victoria
PO Box 884
Wonthaggi 3995

Club Name:

Club Secretary's Name:

Address:
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Phone: Fax: Email:

Type of Event: Open/Closed Date/s/...../..... -/...../.....

Name of Event:

Venue: Line Classes : 2 3 4 6 8 10 15 24 37 60

Species:

We,, seek permission to conduct a Tournament/ Competition at the Venue specified above on the date/s nominated and hereby agree that all GFAA regulations and fishing rules shall apply. We agree to the Victorian point score system for Capture and Tag & Release and respect any embargoes or minimum weight requirements as necessary.

Please find attached: 1. Entry Form 2. Fishing Rules 3. Trophy List 4. Other Relevant Details

Signed: Secretary Signed: President

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Approved by GFAV – Date/...../..... Signed: President

Forwarded to GFAA – Date/...../..... Signed: Secretary

G.F.A.V. Billfish Tag Procedures

“for Clubs”

- Upon request the GFAV Recorder will issue Billfish Tags to member clubs. The State Recorder will keep a record of the serial numbers of the tags issued to each club.

- Clubs must record the following information for all Tags issued to Club Members:
 - Tag serial number
 - Club Member
 - Date Issued
 - Boat Name (if applicable)
 - Comments (if applicable).

- Clubs (that have been allocated Billfish Tags) **must** submit a report to the GFAV Recorder by the 7th day of each month for Tags issued in the prior month. (IE – The report for March must be submitted by 7th April).

Reporting every month is mandatory, even if no tags have been issued for the month.

NOTE - An MS Excel spreadsheet in the correct format is available from GFAV or it can be downloaded from the www.gfav.com.au - “Documents – Clubs – Forms/Applications section”.

- Upon submitting the Tag report, Clubs can request replacements for the Tags issued. Requests for replacements are to be sent to the GFAV State Recorder.

- GFAA will keep the central records of the names of Club Members and the number of Tags issued to each member. The Objective is to make sure that anglers are not stock-piling tags. If, for example, we have a member that has been allocated at 3 different times tags and not sent any cards in he may be refused additional tags until he uses what he has.

G.F.A.V. ANNUAL TROPHIES (By-Law 12)

1. HEAVIEST SHARK - “Kel Taylor Trophy” (1994 -)

This trophy is available annually to affiliated members for recognised species captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian waters. *Each affiliated club must notify GFAV of their heaviest Victorian shark capture within the allotted time.*

2. TAG & RELEASE - “Ian Cutler Trophy”

This trophy is available annually to the angler who tags and releases the highest point scoring number and species of GFAA recognised species in a given year, in Australian waters.

The calculation of the point scoring is by means of the current GFAV point scoring system for Tag & Release. *Each affiliated club must notify GFAV of their most likely recipient, detailing the species, number and dates of each Tag & Release, within the allotted time.*

3. CHAMPION JUNIOR TAG & RELEASE - “Neville Dance Trophy”

This trophy is available annually to the junior angler who tags and releases the highest point scoring number and species of GFAA recognised species in a given year, in Australian waters.

The calculation of the point scoring is by means of the current GFAV point scoring system for Tag & Release. *Each affiliated club must notify GFAV of their most likely recipient, detailing the species, number and dates of each Tag & Release, within the allotted time.*

4. HEAVIEST GAMEFISH - “John Bryant Trophy”

This trophy is available annually to affiliated members for recognised gamefish species (excluding sharks) captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian Waters. *Each affiliated club must notify GFAV of their heaviest gamefish capture within the allotted time.*

5. TAG & RELEASE - VICTORIAN WATERS

This trophy is available annually to the angler who tags and releases the highest point scoring number and species of GFAA recognised species in a given year, within Victorian waters.

The calculation of the point scoring is by means of the current GFAV point scoring system for tag and release. *Each affiliated club must notify GFAV of their most likely recipient, detailing the species, number and dates of each Tag & Release, within the allotted time.*

6. CHAMPION JUNIOR TAG & RELEASE – VICTORIA - “Bruce Harrison Trophy”

This trophy is available annually to the junior angler who tags and releases the highest point scoring number and species of GFAA recognised species in a given year, within Victorian waters.

The calculation of the point scoring is by means of the current GFAV point scoring system for tag and release. *Each affiliated club must notify GFAV of their most likely recipient, detailing the species, number and dates of each Tag & Release, within the allotted time.*

7. HEAVIEST GAMEFISH/SHARK (JUNIOR) – VICTORIA - “Corrie Banks Trophy”

This trophy is available annually to affiliated Junior members for recognised gamefish species (including sharks) captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian Waters. *Each affiliated club must notify GFAV of their heaviest gamefish/shark capture by Junior members within the allotted time.*

The GFAV Executive will decide who the winning recipients will be for all Trophies.

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THE RULES

1.0 INTERPRETATION

In these rules, except in so far as the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires:-

- (a) "Association" means the Game Fishing Association of Victoria Incorporated.
- (b) "Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act, 1981.
- (c) "By-Laws" means the by-laws of the Association.
- (d) "Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Association as defined by sub-clause 4.02b.
- (e) "Council" means the Council of the Association as defined by sub-clause 4.01a.
- (f) "Delegate" means the person or persons appointed by a Member Club in accordance with sub-clause 4.01(c), (d) or (e).
- (g) "Member" or "Members" means an ordinary member or members of the Association as defined by clause 3 unless the context requires a different interpretation.
- (h) "Member Club" means an ordinary member of the Association elected in accordance with sub-clause 3.01(c).
- (i) "Office Bearer" means the members of the Committee and any other persons appointed to positions in pursuance of sub-clause 4.04(b) and clause 4.06.
- (j) "Open forum" means the discussion of any matter or matters held during a General Meeting (at a time during which the General Meeting has been validly suspended) which matter or matters a majority of members present and entitled to vote resolve to bring before the meeting notwithstanding the lack of prior written consent as provided in clause 5.04.
- (k) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Association.
- (l) "Treasurer" means the treasurer of the Association.

Expressions used have the same meanings as those ascribed to them by the Act.

2.0 THE ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERS

- 2.01 In accordance with section 14 of the Act, the Rules of the Association shall bind the Association and all members thereof to the same extent as if the rules had been signed and sealed by each member and contained

covenants on the part of each member of the Association to observe all the provisions of the Rules.

- 2.02 In accordance with section 15 of the Act, a member of the Association, or an office bearer, shall not by reason only of being such a member or office bearer be liable towards the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association.
- 2.03 The Statement of Objectives and these Rules may be altered, rescinded or added to only by a special resolution (5.08) of the persons entitled, in accordance with clause 4.01, to vote at a General Meeting.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

3.01 MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

The members of the Association shall consist of:-

- (a) Honorary Life Members:-

Any person who in the opinion of the Council has rendered outstanding service to the Association and/or the sport of game fishing shall be eligible to be elected an Honorary Life Member. Such persons so elected shall not be required to pay any membership fees, nor shall they be permitted to vote at any meeting of the Committee or at General Meetings except as duly elected delegates to these meetings. Such individuals may only be elected pursuant to nomination by a member of the Association or the Committee and unless waived by the Council a period of three (3) months shall expire between the notification in writing to all members of the Association and the date of the election. No individual shall be elected an Honorary Life Member unless two-thirds (2/3) of the Council for the time being at a General Meeting shall vote in favour of the nomination.

- (b) Honorary Members:-

The Council may by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at a General Meeting grant Honorary Membership of the Association to an individual or a corporation or association. The term of such Honorary Membership shall be determined by the Council. Corporations or associations granted Honorary Membership shall nominate a person to represent them in all matters dealing with the Association. Honorary Members shall be welcome to attend meeting of the Council and the Committee but shall not have the right to vote at such meetings except as duly elected delegates to such meetings.

- (c) Member Clubs:-

A bona fide game fishing club in Victoria whose principal activity is substantially in accordance with the objectives of the Association shall be eligible for membership as an ordinary membership (in this

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Constitution described as a Member Club). The club shall be eligible for ordinary membership to represent any reasonable sized district or area at the discretion of the Council. Election to membership will be pursuant to a majority of votes of the Council at the first convenient meeting of the Council following receipt by the Secretary of the application for admission as a Member Club. Applications shall be made in such form as may for the time being be decreed by the Council but should inter-alia include:-

- (i) A copy of the Constitution and/or formation minutes of the applicant Club whichever is applicable.
- (ii) The names of the officers for the time being of the applicant club.
- (iii) The names and addresses of the financial game fishing members of the applicant club for the time being, together with particulars of all relevant fees.
- (iv) Evidence of possession or the right to use properly equipped and tested weighing facilities.
- (v) Evidence of the adequacy of the administration of the applicant club, and
- (vi) Written agreement to fish in accordance with the objectives and policies, constitution and angling rules and equipment regulations of the Game Fishing Association of Australia as promulgated from time to time.

3.02 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The Council may withdraw the membership privileges of the Association from any Member Club whose fees and/or subscriptions and/or levies as declared in clause 3.05 are in arrears for more than sixty (60) days from the due date.
- (b) Any Member Club wishing to resign from the Association may do so by giving notice in writing to the Secretary.
- (c) Where a Member Club of the Association ceases to be a Member pursuant to this clause, and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the Secretary shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

3.03 MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENTS NOT TRANSFERRABLE

A right, privilege or obligation which a person or organization or club has by reason of being a member of the Association:-

- (a) is not capable of being transmitted to another person or organization or club: and

- (b) terminates upon cessation of the person's or organisation's or club's membership as provided for under clause 3.02.

3.04 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- (a) The Secretary of the Association shall establish and maintain a register of members of the Association specifying the name and address of each member together with the date on which that member became a member of the Association.
- (b) The register of members shall be kept at the principal place of administration of the Association and shall be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

3.05 FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC

- (a) A member (other than an Honorary Member or Life Member) of the Association shall, upon admission to membership, pay to the Association a joining fee of \$1.00 or, where some other amount is determined by the Council.
- (b) Member Clubs shall in each year pay an annual membership fee. Member Clubs shall notify the Association in writing by the 31st July in each year of the number and names and addresses of their enrolled game fishing members with quarterly updates.
- (c) The annual membership fee referred to in sub-clause 3.05(b) shall be \$6.00 per enrolled game fishing member of each Member Club or, where some other amount is determined by the Council for that class of membership.
- (d) In addition to the fees payable pursuant to sub-clause 3.05(b), each Member Club shall pay to the Association, the amount advised the Member Club by the Secretary as the affiliation fee per enrolled member of the Member Club by the Game Fishing Association of Australia.
- (e) The Association shall notify in writing Members Clubs prior to 1st May in each year of the rate per member of the Member Club on which the annual subscription shall be struck.
- (f) Annual membership fees shall be deemed due on 1st July and shall be paid on or before 31st July, with quarterly updates.

3.06 MEMBERS' LIABILITIES

The liability of a member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the cost charges and expenses of the winding-up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Association as required by clause 3.05.

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3.07 DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS

- (a) The Committee may, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, suspend, fine or expel any member of the Association who in the opinion of the Committee commits any breach of any of these rules or a By-law of the Association, or willfully disregards a written direction of the Committee, or acts in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association or brings discredit on the Association or its members.
- (b) Any member who has been suspended, fined or expelled, shall have the right to instruct the President to summon a General Meeting of the Association, in accordance with the provisions of these rules, to hear his appeal against the action of the Committee. The opinion of such General Meeting shall be ascertained by secret ballot and unless at such meeting a majority of members present and entitled to vote, shall vote for the cancellation of the Committee's action, the action of the Committee shall be deemed to have been upheld.
- (c) Until the hearing of any such appeal the action of the Committee shall have full force and effect.
- (d) During any period of suspension a member shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership, but shall remain liable to pay his debts, dues and levies to the Association.

3.08 DISPUTES AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING GAME FISHING

Any Member Club shall be entitled to refer all questions in dispute affecting game fishing for determination by the Committee of the Association. The decision shall be subject to appeal to the Council of the Association whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties to the dispute.

3.09 DISPUTES AND MEDIATION

- (a) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these Rules between—
 - (i) a member and another member; or
 - (ii) a member and the Association.
- (b) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
- (c) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- (d) The mediator must be—
 - (i) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
 - (ii) in the absence of agreement—
 - a. in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the committee of the Association; or

- b. in the case of a dispute between a member and the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
- (e) A member of the Association can be a mediator.
- (f) The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
- (g) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- (h) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must—
 - (i) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
 - (ii) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - (iii) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- (i) The mediator must not determine the dispute.
- (j) If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

4.0 MANAGEMENT

4.01 COUNCIL

- (a) The Council shall from time to time consist of the Committee and the delegates of the Member Clubs for the time being.
- (b) Meetings of the Council shall be deemed to be meetings of the Association and such meetings shall be convened and conducted in the manner provided in these rules for the convening and conducting of General Meetings of the Association.
- (c) Each Member Club shall be entitled to appoint 1 delegate for every 50 or part thereof financial members of GFAV of that Member Club.
- (d) Each Member Club shall in writing advise the Secretary of the Association on or before the Annual General Meeting each year as to the name(s) and address(es) of its delegate(s) for the ensuing year. If any such delegate is elected President of the Association then that Member Club may appoint one further delegate.
- (e) If a delegate cannot for a bona fide reason attend any Council meeting then the Member Club for which he is a delegate shall be entitled to appoint another delegate as a substitute to attend in the place of the previously nominated delegate. The Member Club shall notify the Secretary in writing of the appointment of a substitute delegate before the time of the meeting in respect of which the substitute is appointed. Such substitute delegate must be a financial member of the Member Club.

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- (f) No delegate or substitute delegate may vote at Council meetings on behalf of more than one Member Club.
- (g) If any delegate to the Council should die, resign or for any other reason render his seat vacant the Member Club of which he was a delegate may immediately in writing appoint a successor.
- (h) At all meetings of the Council each delegate present shall be entitled to cast one vote. The President shall not have a deliberative vote but when the President is the Chairperson of any meeting, in the event of an equality of votes the President shall have a casting vote.
- (i) Honorary Members, officers and past officers of the Game Fishing Association of Australia and the International Game Fishing Association shall be welcome to attend meetings of the Committee and the Council but shall not be entitled to vote at such meetings except as a duly nominated delegate of a Member Club or Committee Member.

4.02 MANAGEMENT

- (a) The Council of the Association, in accordance with the Act, shall be able to decide the following matters:-
 - (i) Election of the Committee
 - (ii) Acceptance of new members whether ordinary or honorary.
 - (iii) Appeals in respect of the suspension, fining or expulsion of members.
 - (iv) Joining fees, affiliation fees, levies or subscriptions.
 - (v) Changes to the Rules or By-laws.
- (b) The Management of the Association between Council meetings shall be vested in an Executive Committee which shall consist of:-
 - (i) President
 - (ii) Vice-President
 - (iii) Treasurer
 - (iv) Secretary
 - (v) Minimum of Three Maximum of Nine other Committee
- (c) No more than three (3) person representing any one Member Club may be appointed to the Executive Committee.
- (d) Each officer of the Association shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his or her election but is eligible for re-election.

4.03 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) A candidate for election to the Committee must be a financial or honorary member of a Member Club.
- (b) A nomination of any candidate to the Committee must be in writing, signed by at least two (2) members of a

Member Club and must be received by the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

- (c) Nominations for election to the Committee must signify their acceptance of the nomination in writing and such acceptance must be received by the Secretary together with a brief history of the nominee's experience in game fishing administration at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The Association shall advise in writing all Member Clubs of all nominees for the Committee not less than twenty-one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting of the Association together with a brief history of the nominee's experience in game fishing administration.
- (e) Election of the Committee shall be by majority vote of the delegates present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Such vote shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- (f) The order of ballots at the Annual General Meeting for vacancies within the Committee shall be:-
 - (i) President
 - (ii) Vice-President
 - (iii) Honorary Treasurer
 - (iv) Secretary
 - (v) Three to Nine other Committee

A nominee who is defeated in a ballot for any position shall have the right to contest further positions which are the subject of further ballots provided that the candidate has been nominated for such further positions in accordance with this clause.

- (g) In the event of insufficient nominations being received for positions on the Committee, those candidates whose nominations have been received in accordance with this clause shall be declared elected. Further nominations shall then be called for at the Annual General Meeting to fill the remaining vacancies. A person so nominated must signify his acceptance of nomination at such meeting. Should the nominations received at the meeting exceed the number of vacancies remaining in relation to any position, then a secret ballot shall be conducted to fill such vacancies.

4.04 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY OFFICERS

- (a) The Committee shall at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting, or as soon thereafter as is convenient, appoint the following Honorary Officers from within its own ranks:-
 - (i) Recorder
 - (ii) Public Officer of the Association within the meaning of the Act.
- (b) The Committee may fill and/or create any other Honorary Office that may be vacant and/or considered necessary.

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4.05 SECRETARY

- (a) It is the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes of:-
 - (i) All appointments of office-bearers and members of the Committee;
 - (ii) The names of members of the Committee present at a Committee meeting or a General Meeting and the names of all delegates and observers present at a General Meeting;
 - (iii) All proceedings at Committee Meetings and General Meetings.
- (b) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.
- (c) The Secretary shall advise Member Clubs prior to 30th June in each year of the closing dates for written notices of motion for the Annual General Meeting and nominations for the Committee.

4.06 ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITOR

- (a) An honorary auditor shall be elected each year by a majority vote of members present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The honorary auditor shall not be a member of the Committee.

4.07 CASUAL VACANCY

- (a) Any member of the Committee who absents himself from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Committee without just cause may have his seat declared vacant by a vote of the Committee.
- (b) Any vacancies of the Committee may be filled by invitation of the Committee.

4.08 TREASURER

It is the duty of the Treasurer of the Association to ensure that:-

- (a) all money due to the Association is collected and received and that all payments authorized by the Association are made;
- (b) correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Association including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association, such books and accounts to be to be available at all reasonable times for inspection by any delegate of the Council;
- (c) A financial statement is prepared for all Council Meetings; and
- (d) A financial statement in a form approved by the auditor be prepared for the Annual General Meeting.

4.09 RECORDER

- (a) In accordance with GFAA requirements to process all record claims and submit for approval to Council, or to a special meeting of the Executive Committee, line, trace, photographs and documents.
- (b) Maintain State record charts and a register of pending State record claims.
- (c) Maintain angling statistics and catch results of species captured or tagged in Victorian waters from information supplied by Member Clubs on an annual form.
- (d) To collate information provided by Member Clubs to determine the winners of GFAV trophies. Only information provided by the cut-off date shall be acceptable.

4.10 REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Council at a General Meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Committee from the office of member of the Committee before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.

4.11 MEETINGS AND QUORUM

- (a) The Committee shall meet at least 4 times in each period of 12 months at such place and time as the Committee may determine.
- (b) Additional meetings of the Committee may be convened by the President or by any member of the Committee.
- (c) Oral or written notice of the Committee shall be given by the Secretary to each member of the Committee at least seven (7) days (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the Committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- (d) Notice of a meeting given under sub-clause (c) shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business shall be transacted at the meeting, except business which the Committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (e) 5 members of the committee representing a minimum of three nominated clubs constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.
- (f) No business shall be transacted by the Committee unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting stands adjourned.
- (g) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- (h) At a meeting of the Committee:-
 - (iii) The President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President, shall preside; or

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- (iv) if the President and the Vice-President are absent or unwilling to act such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by members present at the meeting shall preside.

4.12 DELEGATION BY COMMITTEE TO SUB-COMMITTEE

- (a) The Committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more sub-committees (consisting of such member or members of the Association as the Committee thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the Committee as are specified in the instrument, other than:-
 - (i) this power of delegation; and
 - (ii) a function which is a duty imposed on the Committee by the Act or by any other law.
- (b) A function the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this clause may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- (c) A delegation under this clause may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function the subject thereof, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (d) Notwithstanding any delegation under this clause, the Committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- (e) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of delegation under this clause has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the Committee.
- (f) The Committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this clause.
- (g) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

4.13 VOTING AND DECISIONS

- (a) Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members of the Committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.
- (b) Each member present at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (c) Subject to sub-clause 4.11(e) the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.
- (d) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the Committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the Committee, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may

afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the Committee or sub-committee.

5.0 GENERAL MEETINGS

5.01 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS – HOLDING OF

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held by 31st October each year at a time and place nominated by the Committee.
- (b) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting, the business of an Annual General Meeting shall be:-
 - (i) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held since that meeting;
 - (ii) to receive from the Committee reports upon the activities of the Association during the last preceding financial year;
 - (iii) to elect the Committee of the Association; and
 - (iv) to receive and consider the Financial Statements of the Association.

5.02 GENERAL MEETING AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) Following the Annual General Meeting a General Council Meeting shall be held prior to 31st December in each year at a time and place determined by the Committee
- (b) The President may call, or any two (2) members of the Committee may request the President to call, or a Member Club may request the President to call a Special General Meeting of the Association provided such request is in writing and states the reason or reasons for such meeting. The President shall take the necessary action to call such Special General Meeting so that it can be held within 42 days from the receipt by the President of such request.
- (c) If the President fails to convene a special General Meeting within 42 days of the date on which a requisition complying with sub-clause 5.02(b) above is lodged with him then the members of the Committee or the Member Club who made the request may convene a special General Meeting to be held not later than three (3) months after the date of the original request.
- (d) A Special General Meeting convened pursuant to sub-clause 5.02(c) shall be convened as nearly as practicable in the same manner as General Meetings are convened by the Committee and any member who thereby incurs expense may be entitled to be reimbursed by the Association for any expense so incurred. Such amount is to be determined by the Council.

5.03 NOTICE

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- (a) Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a General Meeting requires a special resolution of the Association, the Secretary shall, at least twenty-one (21) days before the date fixed for the holding of the General Meeting, cause to be sent by pre-paid post to each at the member's address appearing in the register of members, a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (b) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a General Meeting shall be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an Annual General Meeting, the business which may be transacted shall include the business specified in sub-clause 5.01(b).
- (c) A member desiring to bring any business before a General Meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the Secretary who shall include that business in the next notice calling a General Meeting given after the receipt of the notice from the member.
- (d) The only exception to sub-clauses 5.03(a), (b) and (c) shall be an item of business which emanates from an "open forum" discussion held during a suspension of a General Meeting when such an item is brought back to the General Meeting by the approval of a majority of delegates present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

5.04 PROCEDURE

- (a) No item of business shall be transacted at a General Meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this Constitution to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (b) A quorum for General Meetings of the Association shall be delegates from at least six (6) Member Clubs.
- (c) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned.

5.05 PRESIDING MEMBER

- (a) The President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as chairperson at each General Meeting of the Association.
- (b) If the President and Vice-President are absent from a General Meeting or unwilling to act, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

5.06 ADJOURNMENT

- (a) The chairperson of a General Meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the

meeting at which the adjournment took place except as provided for in sub-clause 5.03(d).

- (b) Where a General Meeting is adjourned for twenty-one (21) days or more, the Secretary shall give written notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the Association stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (c) Except as provided in sub-clauses (a) and (b), notice of an adjournment of a General Meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

5.07 MAKING OF DECISIONS

- (a) A question arising at a General Meeting of the Association shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Association, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
- (b) At a General Meeting of the Association, a poll may be demanded by the chairperson or by not less than 3 delegates present in person at the meeting.
- (c) Where a poll is demanded at a General Meeting, the poll shall be taken:-
 - (i) immediately in the case of a poll which relates to the election of the chairperson of the meeting or to the question of an adjournment; or
 - (ii) in any other case, in such manner and at such time before the close of the meeting as the chairperson directsand the resolution of the poll on the matter shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that matter.

5.08 SPECIAL RESOLUTION

A resolution of the Association is a special resolution if it is passed by a majority which comprises not less than three-quarters of such delegates of the Association as, being entitled under these rules to do so, vote in person at a General Meeting of which not less than 21 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution was given in accordance with these Rules.

5.09 VOTING

- (a) Upon any question arising at a General Meeting of the Association each delegate has one vote only.
- (b) All votes shall be given personally.

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- (c) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a General Meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a casting vote.
- (d) A delegate is not entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Association unless all money due and payable by the Member Club to the Association has been paid.

6.0 MISCELLANEOUS

6.01 INSURANCE

- (a) The Association shall effect and maintain insurance pursuant to any Acts of the State or Commonwealth.
- (b) In addition to the Insurance required under sub-clause 6.01(a), the Association may effect and maintain other insurance.

6.02 FUNDS - SOURCE

- (a) The funds of the Association shall be derived from joining fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in General Meeting, such other sources as the Committee determines.
- (b) All money received by the Association shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the Association's bank account.
- (c) The Association may accept at its discretion donations of money or other kind to be applied for the purpose of furthering the aims of the Association.

6.03 FUNDS - MANAGEMENT

- (a) Subject to resolution passed by the Association at a General Meeting, the funds of the Association shall be used in pursuance of the objectives of the Association in such a manner as the Committee determines.
- (b) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any 2 members of the Committee or authorized members authorized by the Committee.

6.04 COMMON SEAL

- (a) The common seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Public Officer.
- (b) The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures of either 2 members of the Committee or of 1 member of the Committee and of the Public Office or Secretary.

6.05 CUSTODY OF BOOKS, ETC.

Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, the Public Officer shall keep in his custody or under his control all records, books and other documents relating to the Association.

6.06 INSPECTION OF BOOKS, ETC.

The records, books and other documents of the Association shall be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

6.07 SERVICE OF NOTICES

- (a) For the purpose of this Constitution, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it to a member at the member's address shown in the register of members.
- (b) Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purposes of this Constitution to have been served on the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

6.08 DISSOLUTION

In a winding-up of the Association the surplus property of the Association shall be subject to any trust affecting property or any part of it vest in an association (whether or not incorporated under the Act) which:-

- (a) Has objectives substantially similar to those of this Association;
- (b) Is not carried on for the object of trading or securing pecuniary gain for its members;
- (c) Has provisions in its Constitution requiring the property of the Association to be distributed in a dissolution of the Association to another association which:-
 - (i) Has objectives substantially similar to those of this Association.
 - (ii) Is not carried on for the object of trading or securing pecuniary gain for its members.
- (d) Is nominated for the purpose:-
 - (i) By the Constitution of the incorporated association being wound-up;
 - (ii) If not nominated by the Constitution, by a special resolution of the incorporated association being wound-up; or
 - (iii) If not nominated by the Constitution or a special resolution, by the Commission.

The Association shall only be wound up by a three-quarter (3/4) majority vote of the Member Clubs at an extraordinary general meeting of the Council called for that specific purpose PROVIDED THAT twenty-one (21) clear days notice in writing is given for the calling of such a meeting.

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In the event of a winding up of the Association its property after satisfying all liabilities shall be dealt with as the Council in meeting may decide PROVIDED THAT all such assets will be distributed to a fund exclusively for charitable purposes or to a known sporting club or association with similar objectives to this Association.

6.09 TEAMS REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION

The Association may endorse teams participating in Game Fishing contests and may authorize the use of the name of the Association in connection therewith.

6.10 PUBLICITY

All statements to the media on behalf of the Association shall be made by the President or the President's designated spokesperson.

6.11 BY-LAWS

The Council may formulate By-laws as and when it considers necessary for the proper management and conduct of the affairs of the Association. Such By-laws shall be binding upon all members of the Association.

G.F.A.V. BY-LAWS

1. All GFAA angling and weighing rules must be strictly adhered to.
2. Multiple tagging of the same fish on the same day by the same vessel is banned. (From Council Meeting of 13/06/2007)
3. The declaration of a gale or storm force warning by the appropriate government weather authority will automatically require the suspension of any tournament or event conducted under the auspices of the Game Fishing Association of Victoria and its member clubs for the period of the current warning. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing and make way to port. (From Council Meeting of 14/10/2009)
4. GFAV shall from time to time place an embargo or minimum weight on a fish or shark species intended for capture or tag and release as determined by vote of Council.

(Southern Bluefin Tuna minimum weight of capture shall be 10kg; the minimum weight of capture for all shark species shall be 20kg with exception of Gummy Shark and Tope.)

(The minimum weight of all game fish species to be tagged & released shall be 3 kg and minimum weight of sharks to be tagged shall be 5kg).

5. GFAV shall formulate a State Point Score System that shall be binding on all GFAV affiliated clubs.
6. GFAV shall accept for record claims fish that have been sectioned because the fish outweighs the maximum capacity of the scales, providing that the fish is presented whole to the weighmaster.
7. GFAV will not recognise any record applications for any fish caught in Hatchery waters, Marine Parks or other Sanctuaries. The capture must not be at variance with any law or regulation laid down by the Federal or any State Government governing the species or waters in which it was caught.
8. When a substantial prize or cash award is specifically offered for an Australian record in any line class or tippet class no record will be considered.
9. An oil rig is now defined as a land based structure and record claims from oil rigs are acceptable.
10. GFAV shall accept the use of certified digital scales for weighing of fish and sharks.
11. All record applications that require clarification of the angling rules shall be referred to the GFAA Rules Committee.
12. GFAV shall annually award trophies for:
 - The Heaviest Shark captured in Victorian waters - "Kel Taylor Trophy".
 - Tag & Release Senior (all Australian waters)- "Ian Cutler Trophy".
 - Tag & Release Junior (all Australian waters)- "Neville Dance Trophy".
 - The Heaviest Gamefish (excluding sharks) captured in Victorian waters - "John Bryant Trophy".
 - Tag & Release (Victorian waters only)- "GFAV Trophy" (From 1/07/1996).
 - Tag & Release Junior in Victorian waters – "Bruce Harrison Trophy". (From 1/07/2005)

- The Heaviest Gamefish/Shark captured by a Junior within Victorian waters – “Corrie Banks Trophy”. (AGM 14/09/2011 - effective from 1/07/2011)
13. In the interest of the sport, once species identification has been verified, the weighmaster shall have the option to allow the closing of the jaws of billfish and sharks.
 - 14. It is illegal for amateurs to sell fish. Any GFAV affiliated member guilty of such an offence may forfeit affiliation.**
 15. All member clubs shall annually:
 - i. Prepare a report for the GFAA Executive Officer;
 - ii. Submit statistics of all angling captures;
 - iii. Submit statistics of all Tag & Release.

These reports shall be due by 31st July.
 16. Any person authorised by GFAV Executive to represent GFAV shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses.
 17. The Executive Committee shall have the right to appoint honorary advisers to GFAV from time to time as necessary.
 18. *Deleted* (at Council Meeting 27/05/2009)
 19. Minimum affiliation - 5 members (25/05/2011).
 20. Minimum fee - 5 members (25/05/2011).
 21. Berley: Berley should not be used where tide, wind or currents could take it to swimmers, divers or other water users. (23/10/1996).
 22. Tournament Trophy Categories: Cumulative point score capture categories or heaviest aggregate weight or heaviest bag categories are not allowed for tournament trophies in sanctioned tournaments. (23/10/1996).
 23. Only members affiliated with GFAA, ANSA or overseas visitors affiliated with IGFA can fish a GFAA/GFAV sanctioned tournament (10/09/1997).
 24. GFAV recognises all species of fish, all forms of angling and all line classes that GFAA recognises, from time to time for State record purposes (10/09/1997).

WEIGHTS, LENGTHS, LINE CLASSES & EMBARGOES

CAPTURE

Minimum Weights:

- Southern Bluefin Tuna - 10kg.
- Sharks (all species) - 20kg with exception of Gummy Shark and Tope, which must comply with Fisheries Regulations.
(GFAV Council 18/6/97, effective from 1/7/97).

Minimum Line Classes

- Gamefish - 2kg. *(GFAV Council 14/3/2012, effective from 1/7/2012).*
- Sharks - 4kg. *(GFAV Council 15/5/96, effective from 1/7/96).*

TAG & RELEASE

Minimum Weights:

- Gamefish - 3kg *(GFAV Council 15/5/96, effective from 1/7/96).*
- Sharks - 5kg *(GFAV Council 20/3/96, effective from 1/7/96).*

Minimum Lengths:

Yellowtail Kingfish	70cm	Golden Trevally	60cm
Mulloway	60cm	Silver Trevally	35cm
Queenfish	60cm	Snapper	40cm
Big Eye Trevally	60cm	Australian Salmon	40cm
Giant Trevally	60cm		
Gold Spot Trevally	60cm	Sharks (all species)	100cm

(GFAA Eligible Species for T&R - effective from 1/7/2009).

INTERSTATE EMBARGOES:

GFAV policy is to respect all embargoes, minimum weights and line class restrictions of any other state body.

Details of NSW restrictions are available in the NSW section of The Official Australian Gamefishing Journal.

G.F.A.V. POINT SCORE - CAPTURE

Formula:

$$\frac{\text{Weight of fish squared} \times \text{line factor}}{\text{line class}}$$

Line Class:	2kg	3kg	4kg	6kg	8kg	10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
Factor:	60	39.5	29.5	19.5	14.5	11.5	7.5	4.6	3.0	1.7

Line Classes:

- All species must equal line class.
- All sharks must be double line class.

Species Multiplier:

- Billfish Double points
- Gamefish Triple points
- Sharks Half points
- Blue Sharks Quarter points. (*GFAV Council 13/12/95*).

Maximum Points:

All captures on line classes up to and including 10kg shall be a maximum of 15,000 points plus one point per kilo of fish weight. (*GFAV Council 20/3/96, effective from 1/7/96*).

All captures on line classes 15kg and over shall be a maximum of 20,000 points plus one point per kilo of fish weight. (*GFAV Council 20/3/96, effective from 1/7/96*).

Additional notes for Club Tournament rules:

1. Clubs may specify which **GFAV** recognised species shall receive points in a particular tournament. All species need not be included.
2. Clubs may impose **their own minimum weights and/or lengths** for tagging, provided they are more than the current GFAV minimums or such minimums as approved by GFAV from time to time.
3. Method of release is not included in the guidelines. Clubs may include in their tournament rules that either the hooks must be removed or the fish cut free.

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SPECIES									
Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points	Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points
Albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	60	3	LP	1000	Mulloway (Jewfish) ^ <i>Argyrosomus japonicus</i>	60	3	LP	1000
Amberjack <i>Seriola dumerilii</i>	60	3	LP	500	Queenfish * <i>Scomberoides spp.</i>	60	3	LP	25
Barracuda * <i>Sphyrna spp.</i>	60	3	LP	25	Rainbow Runner * <i>Elagtis bipinnulatus</i>	60	3	LP	25
Bonito * <i>Sarda spp.</i>	60	3	LP	25	Sailfish <i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>			B	10000
Broadbill <i>Xiphias gladius</i>			B	10000	Salmon, Australian *^ <i>Arripis trutta</i>	40	3	SP	25
Cobia <i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	60	3	LP	500	Samson fish <i>Seriola hippos</i>	60	3	LP	500
Eagle Ray * <i>Myliobatis australis</i>		3	LP	25	Shark, blue <i>Prionace glauca</i>	100	5	M	2000
Kingfish (yellowtail) <i>Seriola lalandi</i>	70	3	LP	1000	Shark, gummy * <i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	100	5	M	25
Mackerel, broad barred * <i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>	60	3	LP	25	Shark, hammerhead <i>Sphyrna spp.</i>	100	5	M	3000
Mackerel, narrow barred <i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	60	3	LP	500	Shark, mako <i>Isurus spp.</i>	100	5	M	3000
Mackerel, shark * <i>Grammatorcynus bicarinatus</i>	60	3	LP	25	Shark, porbeagle <i>Lamna nasus</i>	100	5	M	3000
Mackerel, spotted * <i>Scomberomorus spp.</i>	60	3	LP	25	Shark, school (tope) <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	100	5	M	1500
Mahi Mahi (dolphinfish) <i>Coryphaena spp.</i>	60	3	LP	500	Shark, thresher <i>Alopias spp.</i>	100	5	M	4000
Marlin, black <i>Makaira indica</i>			B	10000	Shark, tiger <i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	100	5	M	3000
Marlin, Pacific blue <i>Makaira nigricans</i>			B	10000	Shark, whaler <i>Carcharinus spp.</i>	100	5	M	3000
Marlin, Striped <i>Tetrapturus audax</i>			B	10000	Spearfish <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>			B	10000

Notes:

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- ^ Species marked with a caret (^) are only eligible to be Tagged in Victoria, South Australia and south of the Tropic of Capricorn in Western Australia.
- Minimum length AND weight must BOTH be met or exceeded.
- For Tag Types refer to next page.

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SPECIES									
Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points	Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points
Snapper *^ <i>Pagrus auratus</i>	40	3	SP	25	Tuna, dogtooth <i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>	60	3	LP	2000
Trevally, big eye * <i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>	60	3	LP	25	Tuna, longtail <i>Thunnus tonggol</i>	60	3	LP	1000
Trevally, giant * <i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	60	3	LP	25	Tuna, mackerel (kawa kawa) * <i>Euthynnus affinis</i>	60	3	LP	25
Trevally, gold spot * <i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>	60	3	LP	25	Tuna, skipjack * <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	60	3	LP	25
Trevally, golden * <i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>	60	3	LP	25	Tuna, southern bluefin <i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>	60	3	LP	2000
Trevally, silver *^ <i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>	35	3	SP	25	Tuna, yellowfin <i>Thunnus albacares</i>	60	3	LP	2000
Tuna, bigeye <i>Thunnus obesus</i>	60	3	LP	2000	Wahoo <i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	60	3	LP	500
Tuna, bluefin <i>Thunnus thynnus orientalis</i>	60	3	LP	2000					

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4. For Tag Types refer below.

TYPES of TAGS

Tag & Release points will not be awarded unless the correct Tag is used and the documentation completed fully and correctly

SP - Small Pelagic Tag

LP - Large Pelagic Tag

M - Metal Shark Tag

B - Billfish Tag



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G.F.A.V. WEIGHMASTER PROCEDURES

When application is made for GFAA sanction of a tournament, the host club agrees that all GFAA angling rules and equipment regulations shall be strictly adhered to. It is therefore the full responsibility of the host club to ensure that all participants are aware of the rules and regulations. This is done on the entry form.

It is then the responsibility of the tournament organisers to ensure that all fish to be weighed are captured within the guidelines of the GFAA angling rules and equipment regulations. The vested authority is placed in the hands of the weighmaster who:

- (a) Shall verify identification of species - in the case of shark, dental investigation as well.
- (b) Shall inspect the capture for mutilation.
- (c) Shall allow billfish and shark to rest flat on the ground for 10 minutes on their stomach for the purpose of water expulsion.
- (d) Tackle should be provided by the angler, with appropriate documentation for inspection by the weighmaster or his appointed assistants.

Note: Sometimes it is difficult because of time restraints to inspect every angler's tackle, so:

- (I). Every possible trophy fish should be inspected;
 - (II). Random spot checks on others;
 - (III). Record fish receive the complete GFAA requirements.
- (e) If the fish has distended its stomach the weighmaster at the gantry can authorise reinsertion of said stomach and authorise wiring of jaws or bill prior to hanging. Apart from safety aspects, this is also visually aesthetic at the gantry.

Note: For obvious reasons a shark's stomach should be reinserted with a wooden staff and this is also recommended for billfish as acid burns off a billfish stomach can be quite severe.

- (f) All criteria satisfied, the fish/shark is ready for weighing in accordance with tournament rules.
- (g) Weighmaster's directions:

If there is a discrepancy of any criteria:

G.F.A.V. WEIGHMASTER PROCEDURES

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- (I). **Mutilation** – Weighmaster may reject fish on obvious grounds – If in dispute with the angler – angler must write letter to tournament committee co-signed by witnesses to capture;
- (II). **Angling Rules** – Weighmaster must reject fish if there is a breach of angling rules:
- (III). **Equipment Regulations** – If equipment does not measure to GFAA specifications, fish must be rejected.

If the angler cannot supply part of equipment, e.g. lure, trace or double intact, or broken rod etc., weighmaster does not weigh fish. Angler must in writing explain circumstances to tournament committee co-signed by witnesses to capture.

All record claims are to be fully documented and measured, Photographed to GFAA record requirement specifications.

It is the angler's responsibility to lodge his record claim via his club to the state recorder of the state of Australia in which the capture took place. It is expected that the tournament organizers will assist the angler in all facets of this record claim.

The weighmaster, as the representative of the host club, has the responsibility to:

- (a) Not weigh live fish.
- (b) Not weigh fish that contravene government or fisheries laws.

G.F.A.V. RECORD APPLICATION PROCEDURES

CLAIMING A VICTORIAN RECORD:

Fee to be enclosed for claim to be processed is \$21.00, which covers the cost of the GFAV claim fee of \$10.00 and \$11.00 for WAGFA. . The WAGFA portion of the fee is to perform the required line testing. It is preferable if two cheques, one payable to WAGFA for \$11.00 and the other payable to GFAV for \$10.00, are forwarded with the claim.

Claim forms that are acceptable for a Victorian record claim are either the GFAA Record Claim Form or GFAV/GFAA Record Claim Form.

Note: When using GFAA record claim form the angler must state on the top of the form that the claim is for a Victorian record claim.

Refer to “Time Limit on Claims” section below

CLAIMING A VICTORIAN AND AUSTRALIAN RECORD:

Fee to be enclosed for a Victorian and Australian Record Claim is \$30.00, which covers both claims. It is preferable if two cheques, one payable to **GFAA** for \$20.00 and the other payable to **GFAV** for \$10.00, are forwarded with the claims.

Claim forms that are acceptable for a Victorian/Australian record claim **MUST** be on the GFAA Record Claim Form ONLY (available in the GFAA Official Australian Gamefishing Journal).

Note: When using GFAA record claim form the angler must state on the top of the form that the claim is for a Victorian record claim as well as the Australian record claim.

The conditions for making an Australian record claim are printed in the GFAA Official Australian Gamefishing Journal.

Time allowance for an Australian record claim to be presented to GFAA is sixty (60) days. Late claims will only be considered after payment to GFAV of an additional late claim fee of \$55.00. This is additional to any late fees that may be charged by GFAA.

Time Limit on Claims

Recognition of the capture of a Victorian Record may not be granted by GFAV until after two months from the date of capture of the fish. Any claim received by GFAV more than two months from the date of capture will be considered only if the delay is caused by extenuating circumstances. If an incomplete record claim is submitted, it must be accompanied by an explanation of why portions are incomplete.

An incomplete claim will only be considered for a record if the following conditions are met:

1. The incomplete claim with explanations of why portions are incomplete must be received by GFAV within the time limits specified above.
2. Missing data must be due to circumstances beyond the control of the angler making the record claim.
3. All missing data must be supplied within a period of time considered to be reasonable in view of the particular circumstances. Final decisions on incomplete claims will be made by the Executive of GFAV.

4. A late payment fee of \$55.00, where applicable will be charged to the submitting Club. (This is additional to any late fees that may be charged by GFAA for the Australian Record application).

CLAIMING AN IGFA WORLD RECORD:

You must be an IGFA member to claim an IGFA World Record. An IGFA World Record Claim **MUST** be made on the appropriate IGFA recognised claim form and in accordance with the IGFA guidelines printed in the World Record Book.

If an Australian/Victorian record is being claimed in conjunction with the World Record Claim, the angler must complete the appropriate GFAA claim form and submit it with the claim with the appropriate cheques as described above.

Only one line sample with double and trace is required to be submitted for all three claims.

CLAIMING PROCEDURES:

All record claims must be submitted through the angler's club secretary/recorder who should forward the claim to the recorder of the state in which the capture was made.

To ensure that record claims are delivered safely to the state recorder, it is wise to **post them by certified mail and request a return receipt**.

When a claim is made for a Victorian record the secretary of the club from which the claim was sent will receive a letter from the GFAV recorder to say that the claim has been received. If this letter is not received within 14 days of the claim being sent, please contact the GFAV recorder on the number listed below.

GFAV Recorder

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