



**NEW BRITAIN GAME FISHING CLUB**

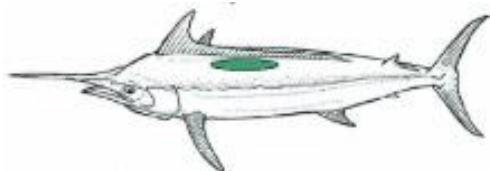
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## 48<sup>th</sup> GFA PNG Kokopo National Game Fishing Titles

### Billfish Tag & Release Rules

1. All IGFA and GFA PNG, plus New Britain GFC local angling rules will apply until the fish is tagged and released alive.
2. Billfish must be tagged with a billfish tag – “B” prefix on the tag number and an orange card
3. The tag pole or tagging device must be in hand when the tag is implanted, and every effort made to place the tag in a recognised, scientifically correct position (as per diagram below).



4. The fish must be alive when tagged and released, and capable of survival after release.
5. A fish is deemed to be tagged and released when the tag is implanted in the live fish, AND the hooks removed or the leader cut as close to the fish as possible, PLUS the fish released in the water.
6. Should the hooks pull or the leader break while the leader is in hand after the tag has been implanted, then this will be considered a legal release. Should the fish escape with the intact leader and subsequently be lost for any reason (even after the tag has been implanted), then this will NOT be a legal release.
7. Tag poles may not exceed 12ft (3.66m) in length.
8. One or more persons may assist in the tagging providing all IGFA angling rules are followed.





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9. To claim points for a tag and release Billfish, a fully completed tag card with all information filled in, and must be;

- a) Sent on the Skipper's WhatsApp Group – Please write the capture number given by Kokopo Base for the fish on the top corner of the tag card.
- b) Presented to the Weigh Master after each day's fishing
- c) Recurring failure to submit tag cards not filled in complete with all information, will result in disqualification of that fish

### NB GFC TD Footnotes:

The TD will interpret the situation on points 4 & 6 above as:

- ✓ Point-4a - If a fish “turns belly up” after release, this fish will be disqualified, as this will be deemed incapable of survival after release.
- ✓ Point- 6a - A hook breaking is identical to the hook pulling (legal)
- ✓ Point-6b - A swivel which joins two pieces of leaders (wind-on or lure leader) is by definition part of the leader. So, in this case if the swivel breaks, it will be treated as a broken leader (legal)
- ✓ Point-6c - A swivel which joins a single or double mono line to a leader is by definition part of the fishing line. If in this case the swivel breaks, it will be treated as the fishing line (not legal)
- ✓ Point-6d - If the fishing line breaks at any time, the fish will not count (not legal)

A tag inserted into any part of the fin of a Billfish, does not qualify as a legal tag. The tag must be inserted into the body of the fish.

New Britan Game Fishing Club Tournament Director

