



FOLLOWING ARE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (GFAV) ARE INTENDED TO COMPLEMENT BOTH THE CAPTURE AND TAG & RELEASE OF GAME FISH IN VICTORIAN WATERS AND SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH 'THE OFFICIAL GFAA GAME FISHING JOURNAL' PUBLISHED BY THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (GFAA).

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.

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12. GFAV shall annually award trophies for: (See appendix A)
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 club affiliation - 5 members (From 25/05/2011).
20. Minimum fee - 5 members (From 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. (From 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. (From 23/10/1996).
23. Only members affiliated with GFAA, ANSA or overseas visitors affiliated with IGFA can fish a GFAA/GFAV sanctioned tournament (From 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 (From 10/09/1997).



APPENDIX A

GFAV awards are a collection of prestigious Annual Trophies that recognise exceptional game fish Captures and Tag & Release efforts in Victorian, Australian and international waters.

Awards are managed directly by GFAV, and are based on GFAV affiliated Clubs submitting eligible entities to the executive for consideration. There are currently 12 trophies that can be awarded annually, across two game fishing disciplines – Capture and Tag & Release. These disciplines are split into categories of Senior, Junior and Smallfry angler. Additional brackets also highlight game fish species. GFAV also has a special award that recognises a female angler for the season.

These trophies are awarded at GFAV's official Presentation Ceremony annually.

Encompassing both traditional angling (captures) and conservation focused Tag & Release, GFAV Trophies have been struck in recognition and to honour members of the executive who have provided considerable support in the administration of the GFAV

CAPTURE TROPHIES – SENIOR ANGLER

JOHN BRYANT TROPHY

**Heaviest Gamefish Capture
(in Victorian Waters)**

This trophy is available annually to affiliated members for recognised gamefish species (excluding sharks) captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian Waters.

KEL TAYLOR TROPHY

**Heaviest Shark Capture
(in Victorian Waters)**

This trophy is available annually to affiliated club members for a recognised species captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian waters.

TAG & RELEASE EFFORT TROPHIES – SENIOR ANGLER

GFAV TROPHY

**Tag & Release
(in Victorian Waters)**

This trophy is available annually to the angler who Tags & 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 & Release.
(See Appendix B for scoring system).

IAN CUTLER TROPHY

**Tag & Release
(in Australian Waters)**

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

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SPECIAL ANGLER RECOGNITION TROPHIES

PAM WILLMOTT TROPHY

This trophy is in recognition of outstanding Female Angling Achievement (in Victorian, Australian & International Waters)

Awarded to an affiliated Victorian Female Club angler who has achieved an outstanding result in either the Tag & Release and /or Capture Categories in all waters.

PAUL IRVINE SWORDFISH TROPHY

This trophy is in recognition of an angler whom achieves the most meritorious Capture(s) or Tag & Release(s) of Swordfish (in Victorian Waters)

Awarded to an affiliated Victorian angler who has achieved an outstanding result in either the Tag & Release and /or Capture Categories

CAPTURE TROPHIES – JUNIOR ANGLER

CORRIE BANKS TROPHY

Heaviest Gamefish/Shark Capture (Junior) (in Victorian Waters)

This trophy is available annually to affiliated Junior members for recognised gamefish species (including sharks) captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian Waters.

TAG & RELEASE EFFORT TROPHIES – JUNIOR ANGLER

BRUCE HARRISON TROPHY

Champion Junior Tag & Release (in Victorian Waters)

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

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NEVILLE DANCE TROPHY

Champion Junior Tag & Release (in Australian Waters)

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

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CAPTURE TROPHIES – SMALL FRY ANGLER

BOB CARLSON TROPHY

**Heaviest Gamefish/Shark Small Fry
(in Victorian Waters)**

This trophy is available annually to affiliated Small Fry members for recognised gamefish species (including sharks) captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian Waters.

TAG & RELEASE EFFORT TROPHIES – SMALL FRY ANGLER

GEOFF FISHER TROPHY

**Champion Small Fry Tag & Release
(in Victorian Waters)**

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

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KEVIN OATES TROPHY

**Champion Small Fry Tag & Release
(in Australian Waters)**

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Each affiliated GFAV club must notify GFAV using the recognised GFAV Award Nomination Form and submit it before the advised cut off date. Qualification dates for Annual Trophies run from 1 July to 30 June.



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APPENDIX B

TROPHY ASSESSMENT/DECISION MEASURES

1. The current GFAV executive will decide who the winning recipients will be for all trophies.
2. Capture Assessment for awarding a winner will be made using a combination of line class, overall weight, species and meritory
3. Line Class Categories. Line Class records are maintained according to wet testing strength of line used by the angler. Records are kept in the following line class categories: 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24 kg, 37kg and 60kg.
4. Tag & Release Assessment for awarding a winner will be measured using the GFAV Point Scoring System

Game Fishing Association of Victoria - Tag & Release 30/06/2023)

SPECIES					SPECIES				
Minimum length & weight >	Cm	kg	Tag	Points	Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points
Albacore	60	3	LP	2000	Mulloway (Jewfish) ^	60	3	LP	1000
<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>				-	<i>Argyrosomus japonicus</i>				-
Amberjack	60	3	LP	2000	Queenfish	60	3	LP	1000
<i>Seriola dumerilii</i>				-	<i>Scomberoides spp.</i>				-
Barracuda	60	3	LP	25	Rainbow Runner	60	3	LP	25
<i>Sphyrna spp.</i>				-	<i>Elagtis bipinnulatus</i>				-
Bonito	60	3	LP	25	Sailfish			B	10000
<i>Sarda spp.</i>				-	<i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>				-
Broadbill			B	10000	Salmon, Australian ^	40	3	LP	100
<i>Xiphias gladius</i>				-	<i>Arripis trutta</i>				-
Cobia	60	3	LP	2000	Samson fish	60	3	LP	2000
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>				-	<i>Seriola hippos</i>				-
Eagle Ray		3	M	25	Shark, blue	100	5	M	2000
<i>Myliobatis australis</i>				-	<i>Prionace glauca</i>				-
Kingfish (yellowtail)	70	3	LP	2000	Shark, gummy	100	5	M	500
<i>Seriola lalandi</i>				-	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>				-
Mackerel, broad barred	60	3	LP	25	Shark, hammerhead	100	5	M	3000
<i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>				-	<i>Sphyrna spp.</i>				-
Mackerel, narrow barred	60	3	LP	1000	Shark, mako	100	5	M	4000
<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>				-	<i>Isurus spp.</i>				-
Mackerel, shark	60	3	LP	25	Shark, porbeagle	100	5	M	4000
<i>Grammatocercus bicarinatus</i>				-	<i>Lamna nasus</i>				-
Mackerel, spotted	60	3	LP	25	Shark, school (tope)	100	5	M	1500
<i>Scomberomorus spp.</i>				-	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>				-
Mahi Mahi (dolphinfish)	60	3	LP	1000	Shark, thresher	100	5	M	5000
<i>Coryphaena spp.</i>				-	<i>Alopias spp.</i>				-
Marlin, black			B	10000	Shark, tiger	100	5	M	3000
<i>Makaira indica</i>				-	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>				-
Marlin, Pacific blue			B	10000	Shark, whaler	100	5	M	3000
<i>Makaira nigricans</i>				-	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>				-
Marlin, Striped			B	10000	Spearfish			B	10000
<i>Tetrapturus audax</i>				-	<i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>				-

Notes:

1. ^ 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
2. Minimum length AND weight must BOTH be met or exceeded.
3. For Tag Types refer to next page.

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SPECIES					SPECIES				
Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points	Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points
Snapper ^	40	3	LP	25	Tuna, dogtooth	60	3	LP	2000
<i>Pagrus auratus</i>				-	<i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>				-
Trevally, big eye	60	3	LP	100	Tuna, longtail	60	3	LP	1000
<i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>				-	<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>				-
Trevally, giant	60	3	LP	2000	Tuna, mackerel (kawa kawa)	60	3	LP	25
<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>				-	<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>				-
Trevally, gold spot	60	3	LP	100	Tuna, skipjack	60	3	LP	25
<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>				-	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>				-
Trevally, golden	60	3	LP	100	Tuna, southern bluefin	60	3	LP	-
<i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>				-	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>				-
Trevally, silver ^	35	3	LP	100	- Fork Length 1500mm & greater				10000
<i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>				-	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>				-
Tuna, bigeye	60	3	LP	2000	- Fork Length < 1500mm				2000
<i>Thunnus obesus</i>				-	Wahoo	60	3	LP	1000
Tuna, bluefin	60	3	LP	2000	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>				-
<i>Thunnus thynnus orientalis</i>				-					-

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TYPES OF TAGS

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

