



OET Game & Billfish Tournament Rules

1. Scoring: One(1) point per kg (37kg) & **Three (3)** points per kg (10kg)
 - a. A maximum of 10 game-fish per boat/team per day. No Greater Barracuda, Kingfish or Billfish allowed at the scales.
 - b. Minimum weights: Game-fish 4kg, All Tuna species 5kg.
 - c. **Points per Release (Proof to be provided by angler)**

Sailfish	-55 Points (37kg) & 100 Points (10kg)
Short Bill Spearfish	-55 Points (37kg) & 100 Points (10kg)
All Marlin Species	-200 Points (37kg) & 300 Points (10kg)
 - d. **Same Day Multiple Release Points: Sailfish & Spearfish**

1 st Release	-Straight points
2 nd Release	-20 Bonus points
3 rd Release	-40 Bonus points
4 th Release	-60 Bonus points
5 th Release	-80 Bonus points
 - e. **Same day Species bonus points: Sailfish, Spearfish and Marlin (Blue & Stripe Marlin = one species)**

1 st Species	-Straight points
2 nd Species	-25 Bonus points
3 rd Species	-50 Bonus points
4 th Species	-75 Bonus points
 - f. **Same day multiple Release Marlin.**

1 st Release	-Straight points
2 nd Release	-40 Bonus points
3 rd Release	-70 Bonus points
4 th Release	-100 Bonus points
5 th Release	-130 Bonus points
 - g. **Daily Catch Position Bonus Points (per category 10kg & 37kg)**

1 st Release	-5 bonus points
2 nd Release	-4 Bonus points
3 rd Release	-3 Bonus points
4 th Release	-2 Bonus points
5 th Release	-1 Bonus points
 - h. **Weekly Species Bonus Points: Sailfish, Spearfish and Marlin(Blue & Stripe Marlin = one specie)**

1 st Species	-Straight points
2 nd Species	-25 Bonus points

3 rd Species	-50 Bonus points
4 th Species	-75 Bonus points
5 th Species	-100 Bonus points

- i. As per SADSAA scoring, Game-fish species factor is no longer taken into account,
 - j. The onus is in the angler to prove (photo/video) of the released fish as well as the species of the fish. Radio control will give instructions on which colour bracelet/arm band and hand sign to be worn with the photo or video. The photo/video must have the following evidence in the footage: allocated colour arm band with the leaedered fish under control, leader line clearly tipped and fish must be clearly identifiable in the photo/video
 - k. **NO** Tag & Released fish will be permitted at the scale.
 - l. **NO** fish may be sold.
2. Boundaries: **South**: Rooi Walle. **North**: Northeast of the house at Island Rock. KZN to enforce this rule.
 3. Skippers must be qualified and all boats must be seaworthy and registered.
 4. Teams to consist of not less than two (2) persons and not more than legally permitted on the boat.
 5. No angler may have more than 2 rods in the water at any given time.
 6. Only fully paid up entered anglers on the boat. No guests allowed except where prior permission has been obtained from the Tournament Committee for official sponsor and/or TV crew.
 7. All hook-ups on Billfish must be reported to Radio Control.
 8. At lines-up the number of fish caught must be reported to Radio Control.
 9. Extra Time: Should a request be received for extra time for a reported hook-up, and it is granted by Radio Control, then the team has to be at the weigh-in area before Close of Scales as per programme.
 10. **NO** extra time will be allocated on the last day of the tournament.
 11. The Tournament Committee will consist of the Provincial Chairman, Tournament Officer and Weigh-Master.
 12. All official complaints must be in writing and submitted by 17h00 on the same day of objection with a payment of R500-00 to the Tournament Committee.
 13. The Tournament Committee's decision will be final.
 14. **NO** launching of boats without prior permission from Radio Control.
 15. All boat radios must be in working condition.
 16. Boat checks may be carried out.
 17. Contravention of Tournament Rules may lead to disqualification.
 18. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the program.
 19. All anglers to be in possession of a valid fishing license: it is recommended that licenses and a copy of ID books be available at sea for inspection by the authorities.

20. **Rod, reel and trace to accompany all weighable & released fish.** Random line breakage tests will be performed. IGFA rated sticker does not guarantee line breakages.
21. ALL anglers to attend the registration weigh-in and prize giving. No late registration after 16h30. Late registrations shall inflict a 100 point penalty per boat or a cash fine of R1,000.00 (payable prior to first launch of the Tournament). Special circumstances may be considered by the Tournament Committee.
22. Fish caught remain the property of the angler.
23. A "Fish on" flag must be flown when hooked up.
24. **Prize winners will forfeit prizes if not present at the weigh-in & daily prize giving.**
25. Prizes & Vouchers are not redeemable for cash and will not be exchanged for any other goods.
26. No conflicting advertising is allowed.
27. Any sponsors stickers supplied must be displayed on boat to qualify for prizes.
28. Call-ups on Channel 69 on VHF at 10am.
29. The Weather Committee will consist of the Provincial Safety Officer (or his duly appointed delegate), the Tournament Officer and 2 participating skippers appointed by the Tournament Committee.
 - a. The Weather Committee's decision is final, and may not be overturned by the Tournament Committee.
 - b. The Tournament Safety Committee shall prevent any vessel to proceed to sea and shall instruct all vessels participating in the tournament that are at sea to return to base immediately when the wind speed exceeds 22 knots.
 - c. The Tournament Safety Officer will still have the discretion to call off the tournament at any time that he considers conditions to be unsafe, but he will have no discretion when the wind speed exceeds 22 knots.
 - d. Should the competition be called off
 - i. All participating boats must return to base as soon as possible, and may not continue with any fishing operations outside the tournament.
 - ii. The beach will be considered closed for launching of any boat participating in the tournament.
 - e. Should the competition be call on, all Skippers are reminded that the ultimate decision to proceed to sea or not, or to head for shore when already at sea, rests entirely with the Skipper of the vessel.
30. Any sponsor caps to be worn by all anglers during functions at marquee tent.
31. Anglers are to adhere to all Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and iSimangaliso Wetland Park rules.
32. Anglers will be responsible for any damage or harm caused to any Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife or iSimangaliso property or person, and cost relating to loss of iSimangaliso Performance Deposit of R30 000.00.

33. When bait is presented to a Billfish (Marlin or Sailfish) without using a skirted lure, a circle hook must be used. When a bait is presented to a Billfish (Marlin or Sailfish) using a skirted lure, you are allowed to use J-Hooks. All IGFA rules still apply.
34. No stainless-steel hooks allowed.
35. No Political, Religious and/or offensive clothing or representations will be allowed.
36. IGFA rules apply unless specifically stated otherwise.
37. Line class must be nominated daily and indicated on the launching sheet. When nominated for 10kg on the launching sheet, only 10kg line will be allowed on the boat for the day, If 37kg line were present on the boat, all fish for that day will be disqualified.

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