



# 2009 - 2010

## SASAA Championship Arrangements and Angling Rules

### GOVERNING ANY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OR INTER-PROVINCIAL SHORE ANGLING COMPETITION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SHORE ANGLING ASSOCIATION [SASAA]

#### B.1 INTRODUCTION.

These are the official Shore Angling rules and arrangements as sanctioned for use during any SASAA Championship. These Championship arrangements and angling rules shall apply unless altered, in terms of clause 3.2.1 (d) of the SASAA Constitution, with a two third majority at a SASAA AGM or SGM.

#### B.2 CHAMPIONSHIP AND GENERAL ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS.

- a) The respective dates and venues for all SASAA Championships shall be confirmed at the preceding SASAA AGM.
- b) Each Member Association shall confirm in writing to the SASAA Secretary their intention to participate, within 30 days after receipt of the official National Championship invitation.
- c) The respective championship venues and host Associations, for the ensuing two years shall be determined at the SASAA AGM.

##### B.2.1. DIVISIONAL PARTICIPATION FORMAT:

###### • SENIORS A-DIVISION:

Team Numbers: 12 Anglers

Duration: Four (4) daily sessions.

Fishing Periods: Typically eight (8), but not less than six (6) hours per day.

###### • SENIORS B-DIVISION:

Team Numbers: 12 Anglers

Duration: Three (3) daily sessions.

Fishing Periods: Typically eight (8), but not less than six (6) hours per day.

###### • DEVELOPMENT DIVISION:

Team Numbers: 6 Anglers

Duration: Three (3) daily sessions.

Fishing Periods: Typically eight (8), but not less than six (6) hours per day.

###### • JUNIOR (U/16) and YOUTH (U/21) DIVISIONS:

Team Numbers: U/16 4 Anglers: U/21 6 Anglers

Duration: Three (3) daily sessions.

Fishing Periods: Typically eight (8), but not less than six (6) hours per day.

• **MASTERS and LADIES DIVISION:**

Team Numbers: 6 Anglers

Duration: Three (3) daily sessions.

Fishing Periods: Typically eight (8), but not less than six (6) hours per day.

**B.2.2 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ARRANGEMENTS:**

The host Association shall confirm the following detailed arrangements to all Member Associations at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Championship.

- a) The Championship's fixed details (venue, dates, etc.).
- b) The proposed bait allocations.
- c) SASAA format budget reflecting detailed estimated costs per participating team.
- d) Propose a minimum of three (3) areas as angling venues.
- e) Provide a list of guides available to assist participating teams.
- f) Options and costs for accommodation.
- g) Obtain relevant details required for Beach vehicle permit applications.

**B.2.3. QUALIFICATION, AGE QUALIFICATION AND DIVISIONAL TEAM FORMATS:**

**a) QUALIFICATION:**

Each Member Association will be entitled to enter a team consisting of registered individual members of SASAA and their affiliated Associations, duly eligible to represent their association at, and participate in National Championships.

**b) AGE QUALIFICATION:**

- **Masters:** A Master shall qualify to participate if he celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the first day of the Championship.
- **Juniors (U/16):** A junior shall qualify until the last day of the calendar year in which he celebrates his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- **Youth (U/21):** A youth shall qualify until the last day of the calendar year in which he celebrates his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**c) DIVISIONAL TEAM FORMATS:**

**Seniors A and B Divisions:**

Maximum fifteen (15) members, consisting of:

- Team manager.
- Trainer/coach/non fishing captain/reserve
- Twelve (12) anglers
- Reserve and/or guide. (1)

**Ladies, Youth and Development Divisions:**

Maximum nine (9) members consisting of:

- Team manager
- Trainer
- Six (6) anglers
- Reserve and/or guide.

### **Masters division.**

Maximum eight (8) members consisting of:

- Team manager (50 years or older)
- Six (6) anglers
- Reserve and/or guide.

### **Junior Division.**

Maximum seven (7) members consisting of:

- Team Manager
- Trainer
- Four (4) anglers
- Reserve and/or guide.

## **B.2.4. VEHICLE ALLOCATION, DISABILITY AND INJURY:**

### **a) Vehicle Allocation:**

During Championship hours, each Association's team will be restricted to the following maximum number of beach vehicles:

- Seniors-A and B Division - Three (3)
- Juniors, Youth, Ladies, Masters and Development Division - Two (2)
- No additional support vehicles will be allowed during championship hours.

### **b) Disability:**

An angler suffering a permanent disability may apply to the Executive Committee for permission to use a harness. The application must be accompanied by a letter describing the disability, and signed by the Chairperson/President of his Member Association.

### **c) Injury:**

Should an angler be injured during competition hours he may be replaced, provided his weigh card has been handed in and signed off by the Tournament Co-ordinator. The replacement angler may commence angling immediately afterwards. A medical certificate will not be required.

## **B.3. ANNUAL DIVISIONAL MEETING and CAPTAIN'S/ MANAGER'S MEETING.**

### **a) ANNUAL DIVISIONAL MEETING:**

An Annual Divisional Meeting (excluding A and B Divisions) will precede the Captain/Managers meeting. The purpose of the ADM will be to elect:

1. A Divisional Chairperson.
2. A Secretary
3. Divisional Convenor of Selectors and Selectors: Three (3) or five (5)
4. The meeting shall also debate and vote on any proposals, forwarded by Member Associations. Accepted proposals shall be forwarded to the Secretary of SASAA for inclusion on the agenda of the following SASAA AGM.
5. Notifications, agenda, proposals, nominations, elections, limitations and meeting procedures shall be in accordance with those as prescribed in the constitution for a SASAA AGM.( refer clause 3.1 to 3.1.1.9 c. and Appendix C.1: where applicable)

**b) Captains/ Managers Meetings:**

**Captains /Managers meetings are held on :**

1. The day prior to commencement of the SASAA Championship, at a venue and time stipulated by the host Association.
2. On completion of each competition day at a venue and time, as agreed upon at roll call.
3. The Team Manager of the host association or his nominee shall act as Championship Coordinator and shall chair the Captain/Managers meeting, except the Senior A- & B Division meetings, which shall be chaired by the SASAA President or his nominee. The SASAA President or his nominee may assist the Chairperson at all Captains/Managers meeting.

**c) Captains/ Managers Meetings may only be attended by:**

1. Member Association's Team Captain and Manager (Only two members per Member Association)
2. Tournament officials, for administrative purposes only, as well as Weigh Officials
3. The SASAA President and related SASAA Executive members.
4. Guides may accompany these officials to assist them with advice, but may not address the meeting or participate in any discussions or decision-making.

**B.4 POWERS OF THE CAPTAINS/ MANAGERS MEETING.**

**Exception: A- and B-Division Only:**

1. Elect 5 Selectors, providing that nominations, election process and limitations as prescribed in appendix C.1 of the SASAA constitution is adhered to. The Chairperson of the senior division or his nominee will preside as Convenor of selectors.
2. Elect 3 members to serve as Tournament action committee. The SASAA Delegate to preside as the convener of the Tournament action committee.
3. To decide on the fishing venues and boundaries for each ensuing day
4. To decide on the championship angling hours for each day.
5. To make bait arrangements.
6. To make transport and/or travel arrangements.
7. Reach agreement on the exclusion/ inclusion of fish species. (First Captains / Managers' meeting.)
8. Discuss/ implement any possible Nature/Coastal/Marine Conservation matters.
9. To attain consensus on all decisions.
10. To decide where gaffing of fish will be permitted.
11. To address any problems that may have arisen during the course of the competition day.

## **B.5 POINTS SCORING SYSTEM.**

1. Each anglers individual catch must be recorded separately on the official score card, reflecting the anglers name, SASAA number and the Association he represents.
2. Each catch must be recorded and certified before an angler may resume angling.
3. All catches must be measured in accordance with the methods as prescribed in the SASAA approved tables. Measurements must be made using sticks or pegs and a tape measure exceeding the length of the fish, as approved by the Senior Official. The length measured will be the shortest straight-line distance between the snout and the pre- caudal notch, fork length or total length for sharks and fish or disk width for skates and rays. Every attempt must be made to minimize the time that the catch is removed from the water and all catches must be returned to the water with the least possible trauma.
4. All measurements to be converted to mass for the purpose of calculating weight-points.
5. All measurements shall be recorded to the nearest single decimal place. (E.g. 55.6 cm.)
6. Edible fish imply all fish except Toby's, Sharks, Rays, Skates, Sawfish and Sand sharks.
7. Minimum qualifying weight for edible fish will be one [1] kilogram. Points shall be awarded on the base of two [2] points per kilogram and shall be calculated to a portion of a point. [E.g. 1, 6 kg. = 3, 2 points]
8. Minimum qualifying weight for Non - edible fish will be (2) kilogram. Points shall be awarded on the base of one [1] point per kilogram and shall be calculated to a portion of a point. [13, 5 kg = 13, 5 points]
9. In the event of two or more teams or anglers having the same score in any competition, the team or angler with the most number of fish shall be the winner.
10. In the event of more that one team or angler catching the same number of fish in any competition, the one with the highest mass score, shall be the winner.
11. In the event of a tie in respect of both mass score and number of fish, such teams or anglers shall be the joint winners.

## **B.6 CHAMPIONSHIP ANGLING RULES.**

### **B.6.1 General Aspects**

- a. The area to be fished on any angling day shall be minimum 5 km. and maximum 20 km's.
- b. The host Association shall ensure that no local competitions are convened and no member of any participating team may fish in any of the areas that have been demarcated for the Championship, for a period of 10 days prior to the Championship commencement date.
- c. All forms of electronic communication are allowed.
- d. The regulations of the Chief Directorate: Marine and Coastal Management will apply *ipso facto Species* listed as endangered or, for which a closed season is stipulated in the Regulations (MLRA), shall not count in any Championship. Catches smaller than the stipulated minimum legal size, may be measured and released without harm. Providing these catches comply with the Championship minimum weight requirement, they shall qualify to score.
- e. No catch may be retained, for any purpose during a Championship. Should the release of a catch not be successful, it shall be removed from the area and disposed of.

### **B.6.2 Terminal Fishing Tackle.**

- a. An angler may not use more than one rod, reel and line at any given time.
- b. The main line on the reel, shall either be monofilament line not exceeding 0.60 mm diameter, and/or braided line not exceeding 23 kg [50 pounds] breaking strain.
- c. A shock leader not exceeding nine [9] meters, when extended may be used. The length of the leader, shall be the overall length, including any lure arrangement or other device for hooking, measured from where the main line ceases to be single, or where the shock leader knot has been implemented. There is no restriction on the breaking strain or diameter of shock leaders.
- d. No more than two single or one treble hook may be used for bait casting.
- e. Artificial lures may be used with the hook arrangement, as manufactured.
- f. The use of boats, paddle-ski's, kites, wave propelling or other devices, balloons or bungs and/or corks exceeding 64 cubic centimetres is prohibited. [E.g. 40 x 40 x 40 mm]

### **B.6.3 BAIT ASPECTS.**

- a. No ground baiting shall be allowed before commencement of the Championship.
- b. Only bait issued to the angler may be used. The use of live/ fresh bait shall not be permitted
- c. No dispersible additives may be used.
- d. Baits or lures may only be cast into the water, or launched by means of a non-return sliding bait clip, which shall be fitted with barb less hooks only.

### **B.6.4 CLOTHING, SUPPORT ITEMS AND PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE.**

- a. During competition hours, every team member, of each participating Member Association, shall wear some article of clothing identifying the Association he/she represents.
- b. During Competition hours, every team member of each participating Member Association shall at all times, display their SASAA I.D. number on the back of their angling apparel. (minimum Size 7 cm x 20 cm ).
- c. No artificial support other than a rod bucket shall be used while playing a fish.
- d. During competition hours, no angler shall have any physical assistance with tying knots, making traces, baiting of hooks, casting, hooking or fighting a catch. When a catch has been landed, to minimize the time the fish is out of the water a team member may assist in the unhooking and releasing.

### **B.6.5 HOOKED FISH ASPECTS.**

- a. Should two anglers hook and land the same catch, the catch shall be allocated to the angler whose hook is embedded in the mouth of the catch.
- b. Should both anglers' hooks be embedded in the mouth, the catch shall count for neither angler.
- c. Any tagged catch landed again, on the same day shall only be eligible for points if hooked in the mouth.
- d. Any mutilated catch, unable to be measured accurately, shall be weighed on an approved scale by an accredited weigh official.
- e. Any catch, hooked prior to the official expiry time of a competition day, and landed within the maximum extension period of four (4) hours, shall be eligible to score providing an accredited weigh official has been notified.

### **B.6.6 GAFFING ASPECTS.**

- a. Captains will decide at the captains meeting whether, and if, where gaffing will be permitted.
- b. No harpoon or spear shall be used for gaffing purposes.
- c. Catches, when gaffed or grabbed by another angler, must still be hooked.
- d. Should a catch unhook or the line part, only the angler may grab or gaff the catch.
- e. When gaffing or grabbing a catch for another angler, the shock leader may be handled, the main line, however, may not be touched except when untangling the line from another anglers line.
- f. A catch that dislodges during or after landing, and has not been measured, will be declared lost when the angler resumes angling.

### **B.7 MEASURING OF CATCHES.**

1. All measuring tapes must be of good quality and must exceed the length of the catch being measured, and be approved by the Senior Official.
2. The team management and anglers, excluding guides, of each participating Member Association will be entitled to measure and witness catches of opposing teams only. It is all participants (team management, anglers, weigh officials and guides) collective duty and responsibility to ensure that all catches are measured, recorded, (possibly) tagged and returned to sea with the minimum delay, trauma or injury.
3. Incidents of poor handling or gaffing techniques shall be reported at the following Captain's/Managers meeting.

### **B.8 OBJECTIONS AND COMPLAINTS.**

1. The tournament Action Committee must see to it that all the above rules are adhered to.
2. If any angler (and/or team) is found transgressing any of the above rules, by the Championship Coordinator, a member of the Action Committee (ex officio), or officially reported by a participating angler, the transgression shall be reported prior to closure of scales for the particular day. The Championship Coordinator and the Action Committee shall refer the issue for discussion during the same evening. The decision of this Committee regarding penalties will be final and binding. The maximum penalty shall be that the team's entire catch for the day is disqualified.
3. All objections and complaints, excluding the Championship Coordinator and the Action Committee must be in writing, detailing the nature of the objection or complaint, and countersigned by the Captain and Manager of the team lodging the objection or complaint. The objection or complaint must be submitted to the Championship Coordinator, together with a deposit of R50. If the objection or complaint is overruled, the deposit will be forfeited to SASAA. If the objection is upheld, the deposit will be refunded to the complainant.

### **B.9 TROPHIES.**

1. All Trophies, present and future, shall remain the sole property of SASAA, and shall be competed for in accordance with conditions as stipulated by SASAA.
2. All Trophies are available for competition between Member Associations.
3. The Member Association representing the winning individual or team shall be held accountable for floating trophies awarded to its teams/ individuals. Trophies shall be engraved and returned to the Championship Coordinator at the Captains/managers meeting, prior to commencement of the next Championship.