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WESTERN CAPE SHORE ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Bylaw B to the Constitution

Inter Club Competition Rules

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Bylaw B: Inter Club Competition Rules

1. Registration, Divisions, Eligibility and Identification

1.1 Registration and Divisions

- 1.1.1 Club Secretaries, when forwarding their annual list of registered anglers, should indicate the word Grand Master, Master, Junior, Youth or Lady behind their respective names. I.D. numbers reflecting birthdate, must be provided for all Members.
- 1.1.2 **Junior U/16:** A member who is 16 years of age or younger on 1 July of a particular WCSAA Inter club year (1 July to 30 June), qualifies to participate in his/her age group until the last day of that WCSAA inter club year.
- 1.1.3 **Junior U/21:** A member who is 21 years of age or younger on 1 July of a particular WCSAA Inter club year (1 July to 30 June), qualifies to participate in his/her age group until the last day of that WCSAA inter club year.
- 1.1.4 **Masters:** A member will qualify as a Master if they turn 50 before the end of the WCSAA Inter club year, 1 July to 30 June.
- 1.1.5 **Grand Masters:** A member will qualify as a Grand Master if they turn 60 before the end of the WCSAA Inter club year, 1 July to 30 June.

1.2 Eligibility

Each Member Club will be entitled to enter all duly registered and fully paid Members to participate in Inter-Club competitions.

1.3 Identification

- 1.3.1 Only registered club colours will be permitted during competition hours.
- 1.3.2 Clubs on registration must ensure that there are no other Member Clubs with identical or similar colours.
- 1.3.3 Each Member Club shall register their official club colours with the WCSAA Secretary.
- 1.3.4 WCSAA will issue a member identification number (WP XXXX) upon registration.
- 1.3.5 During interclub competitions, each Member will, for the duration of the competition, wear at least one garment displaying his WCSAA issued member identification number (WP XXXX).
- 1.3.6 The number may be either Black or White, whichever provides the greatest contrast with the background colour, and must be at least eighty (80) mm high.

2. Teams

- 2.1 Club teams will consist of a maximum of eight (8) members.
- 2.2 Club teams must be entered on the prescribed team sheet and submitted to the Competition Secretary prior to lines-in for each competition.

3. Competition formats and areas

3.1 Competition formats

3.1.1 There will be eight (8) competitions per season.

3.1.2 **Two (2) Local competitions of eight (8) hours each and six (6) "Away" competitions of ten (10) hours each.**

3.1.3 Local Competitions:

The local area to be fished will be determined via a majority vote on the Captains Whatsapp group. Each Club with voting rights will have one (1) irreversible vote. Votes must be made before 19:00 on the day prior to a competition.

3.1.4 Away Competitions

3.1.4.1 Two (2) West Coast competitions of ten (10) hours each.

3.1.4.2 **Two (2) Damme competitions of ten (10) hours each.**

3.1.4.3 Two (2) Struisbaai competitions of ten (10) hours each.

3.1.5 Two (2) spare inter club competition dates, to be used for:

3.1.5.1 Should a swell and/or wind warning(s) be issued by a reputable news or weather reporting service, the club captains, of clubs with voting rights, may vote to postpone the competition to the next available date. The vote to postpone must be unanimous and must be made before 19:00 on the Thursday prior to a competition.

3.1.5.2 Should any unforeseen event lead to a competition being cancelled, that competition will be moved to one of the two spare competition dates, and will be a local competition.

3.2 Angling areas

3.2.1 The specific area to be fished will be determined by the competing Club captains or their representative as stipulated on the competition roster. Once areas have been voted by Club Captains it may not be changed.

3.2.2 Angling area's for **2023/2024:**

Area "A": Frans se Paal to Steenbras River mouth

Area "B": Lourensriver mouth "Die PYP" to Jock se Baai.

Area "C": Struisbaai: Denel Fence Arniston to Brandfontein Hoekrans

Area "D": Damme: (i) Peerboom to Diepdraai; and (ii) Franskraal Eiland huisie to Pearly Beach launch site.

Area "E": West Coast (Farmers Fence [Laingville Side] to Dwarskersbos Paaltjies

3.3. Boundary details:

a) Frans se Paal: (34° 5'47.77"S - 18°30'12.90"E) opposite Coastal Park Waste Disposal site turn off.

b) Lourensriver mouth "Die PYP": (34° 6'4.63"S - 18°48'44.95"E)

c) Steenbras River mouth: (34° 11'39.0"S - 18°49'07.0"E)

d) Jock se Baai: (34°21'30.86"S - 18°56'33.16"E)

e) Denel Fence Arniston: (34°38'01.5"S 20°16'06.8"E)

f) Brandfontein Hoekrans: (34°45'57.4"S 19°51'32.7"E)

- g) Peerboom: (34°46'59.3"S 19°40'28.3"E)
- h) Diepdraai: (34°45'53.2"S 19°45'50.7"E)
- i) Franskraal Eiland huisie (34°36'35.19"S 19°23'33.65"E)
- j) Pearly beach launch site (34°39'45.72"S 19°28'34.65"E)
- k) Farmers Fence (Laingville Side): (32°46'39.2"S 18°04'41.4"E)
- l) Dwarskersbos Paaltjies: (32°42'00.6"S 18°13'16.1"E)

4. General Competition rules

- 4.1 The rules and regulations of Marine Coastal Management apply and it is the members' responsibility of each competitor to be aware of any rule or regulation changes.
- 4.2 A Member shall have no assistance whatsoever in baiting hooks, casting, hooking and playing of the fish.
- 4.3 A Member may only have one line in water at any time.
- 4.4 Ground baiting is not allowed within 7 (seven) days of Interclub Competitions.
- 4.5 No Member shall fish in waters that could be fished within 24 hours of the start of an Inter club competition.
- 4.6 All harbour walls and/or manmade structures, deemed non-tidal, will be out of bounds.

5. Equipment and angler assistance

- 5.1 Electronic communication devices will be permitted.
- 5.2 The use of watercraft and rafts, shall not be allowed unless used for measuring of catches.
- 5.3 A floating board may be used to measure catches, but may not provide any flotation assistance to the member.
- 5.4 Balloons, bungs or corks or any other buoyancy material exceeding 66 cubic centimetres are not allowed (e.g. 40 x 40 x 40 millimetres).
- 5.5 No other means except rod and reel may be used to cast baits (i.e. kites, drones, bait cannons etc. are not allowed).
- 5.6 The use of non-return bait clips ("slides") are not allowed.
- 5.7 Power driven reels are not allowed.
- 5.8 The use of harnesses are not allowed, unless a Member suffers from a disability. Applications for this privilege shall be made to the Council through the competitor's Member Club.
- 5.9 There are no restrictions on the diameter of monofilament line or the breaking strain of braided line. The leader line is also not restricted in diameter, breaking strain or length, except in instance of points 5.10.1 and 5.10.2 below.
- 5.10.1 When gaffing or grabbing a catch for an angler, the assisting angler may only handle the leader line, which shall not exceed 9 meters in total length.
- 5.10.2 Such 9 meter leader line, will be measured from the leader knot on the main line to the point where the bottom hook is attached to the trace.

- 5.11 No more than two single hooks or one treble hook may be used at any one time except on lures, in which case the hook arrangement as supplied by the manufacturer will be accepted.
- 5.12 Gaff hooks shall not exceed an internal radius of more than 50 mm.
- 5.13 No harpoon or spear shall be used.
- 5.14 During competition hours each Member will have in their possession a litter container or bag. All items that could possibly be classified as litter must at all times be collected and placed in this container or bag. On departing from an angling spot, it is the Member's responsibility to ensure that all litter in the proximity of his/her activities have been collected and that it is disposed of at a recognized refuse disposal point.

6. Bait

- 6.1 All bait must comply with the regulations of the Marine Coastal Management or Marine Authority.
- 6.2 Notwithstanding the above Marine Coastal regulations, no species of Shark, Ray or Skate are permitted to be used as bait.
- 6.3 Live bait may be used, governed by rules 6.1 and 6.2 above; and may not be recorded as a catch and be scored.

7. Eligibility of catches

- 7.1 In the event of two members hooking and playing the same fish, the fish shall count for the member whose hook is in the fish's mouth. The fish will not count if the hooks of both members are in the fish's mouth.
- 7.2 Should a catch unhook or a member's line part whilst fighting a catch, then any Member may grab the catch, provided that no gaffing is allowed.
- 7.3 A catch hooked prior to- but landed after lines-up will be eligible, provided that the competition secretary is notified within 15 minutes after lines-up that the member is still fighting a fish.
- 7.4 Any catch landed again, on the same day shall only be eligible for points if hooked in the mouth.
- 7.5 Handling or touching a members' line:
 - 7.5.1 When gaffing or grabbing a catch for another member, the assisting member may only handle the (9 meter) leader and the main line may not be touched.
 - 7.5.2 The main line may be handled in instances of assisting the member in untangling the line from another member's line.

8. Measurements

- 8.1 A catch may only be measured with a measuring tape that exceeds the length of the fish.
- 8.2 All measurements must be rounded down to lowest cm when measured (e.g. 80.9 cm will be 80cm).
- 8.3 A catch must be measured as the shortest possible length (*i.e. straight line*) between the prescribed anatomical positions (total, fork or pre-caudal length).

Catches must be laid flat on a surface and the measuring tape placed flat on the same surface. When this is not possible (*e.g. on rocks, or in water*) the catch may be measured either:

- (a) in a stretcher with a fixed tape measure (*i.e. the catch is placed on a tape, which is affixed to the stretcher*), or;
- (b) on top of or adjacent to a stick/ rod or other rigid object that remains straight, onto which a measuring tape is fixed;
- (b) in a straight line between 2 markers (*e.g. poles*) held at the prescribed anatomical positions.

8.4 Edibles:

8.4.1 All edible fish must be measured from the tip of the nose to:

- (a) The fork in the tail (forked tailed species e.g. Leervis)
- (b) The tip of the tail (flat tailed species e.g. Kob)

8.5 Non-Edibles:

8.5.1 Catsharks, Spotted gully sharks and Smooth hound sharks must be measured total length (*i.e. Tip of nose to tip of tail*).

8.5.2 All other species of sharks must be measured along the length of the body, (*i.e. caudal length, from the tip of the nose to the “notch” where the tail starts*).

8.5.3 All rays and skates will be measured from wing tip to wing tip, (*i.e. disc width*). This measurement must be taken underneath and not across the top of the body).

8.6 Sight Fish:

8.6.1 White Catfish (barbel) and Gurnards.

8.6.2 Sight fish do not require to be measured. The specie must be recorded in the space provided for **“SPECIE”** and, in the space, provided for the **“LENGTH IN WORDS”** the words “sight fish” must be entered.

9. Scoring and scorecards

9.1 WCSAA official waterproof scorecards shall be issued to each Club Captain at the Captains meeting of each competition.

9.2 This official waterproof score card is the only card that may be used to record a catch and be handed in for scoring.

9.3 Only a pen (permanent ink) may be used to complete the card. Pencil will not be accepted. Should an angler make a mistake in the recording of their catch, a line must be drawn through the whole line and the catch details must be rewritten in the next line.

9.4 The required member details and date must be completed on the scorecard before a catch may be recorded.

9.5 A Member may only proceed with casting after the details of the catch has been entered onto a weigh card, complete with species, numerical length, length in words, sex (male/ female where applicable), witness’s signature and WCSAA number), and either:

9.5.1 The catch has been returned to the water in a manner that will enable it to swim off unrestrictedly, or

9.5.2 The catch is kept, in which case it must comply with Marine Coastal Management

regulations.

9.6 A catch may be witnessed by any WCSAA Member.

10. General administrative errors, other errors or non-compliances

10.1 Administrative errors

These are errors or omissions made by the angler or club which have no bearing on catch or score card integrity. **Such errors that do not impact the integrity of the catch do not attract any sanction or penalty.** For any errors that impact the “integrity of the catch” the existing penalties, adjustments and disqualification parameters remain in place.

A non-exhaustive list of administrative errors follows below:

- incorrect, invalid or no WP number used by the angler or club
- incorrect WP number on team sheets
- incorrect date or no date
- incorrect division, no division, or multiple divisions
- incorrect club, no club or multiple clubs

The following administrative error will be dealt with as prescribed below:

- Error: A member that fished in an inter-club competition was not submitted onto a team sheet.
- Penalty: The members’ points will count towards his/her individual score, but not towards a team and club points.

10.2 Errors which carry penalties or other sanctions

There are errors or omissions that may result from lack of knowledge or simply an oversight. Such errors have no bearing on the integrity of the catch(es).

- “Male or female” is either not recorded, or recorded incorrectly.
 - *Penalty/correction:* the catch will be defaulted to a male, where applicable.
- The specie has likely been identified incorrectly (e.g. does not occur in that area).
 - *Penalty/correction:* the catch will adjusted to the likely specie
- The specie has been recorded ambiguously, i.e. it could imply more than one specie (e.g. “spotty” which could mean smooth hound or black spotted gully).
 - *Penalty/correction:* the catch will be defaulted to the specie of lesser weight for the same length.
- A “sight fish” was recorded as “sight” and the specific specie was not recorded.
 - *Penalty/correction:* the catch will be accepted and “sight fish” point(s) awarded.
- The length in words and length numerals do not match.
 - *Penalty/correction:* the lesser of the two lengths will be scored.

10.3 Errors which do not result in catch disqualification, but catch points are impacted

The following are errors or omissions that typically may result from lack of knowledge, or simply an oversight.

- Incorrect anatomical measurement, but correct method. This means e.g. pre-caudal vs total length was measured.
 - *Penalty:* if the shorter method was used, points will be awarded as measured, with no adjustment made.
- Incorrect measurement method. Examples are full length vs pre-caudal, over the body/ along the body vs using measuring stick, or not measuring on a flat surface, in a straight line.
 - *Penalty:* 50% of the catch weight will be awarded.

10.4 Transgressions, errors or omissions which lead to disqualification of a catch or score card, or team scores:

- The species is not recorded AND|OR Either or both the length in words and/ or numerals are omitted AND|OR The witness number or signature, or both are omitted AND|OR no “time of catch” is captured.
 - *Penalty:* the catch is disqualified.
- Member made use during a catch (casting or fighting or landing) of a man-made structure. This excludes crossing a man-made structure whilst fighting a fish.
 - *Penalty:* the catch is disqualified
- The members’ card was handed in late. If fighting a fish and the competition secretary was not informed, the same will apply.
 - *Penalty:* 50% of the angler’s total card will be awarded.
- Teams sheet were handed in late (not at or before “lines-in”) to the Competition Secretary.
 - *Penalty:* the club/ teams will receive no points, but the points will count towards the individual.

10.5 Transgressions which lead to immediate disqualification of the score card.

Such transgressions represent intent to cheat or gain an unfair advantage. The members’ score card is disqualified and does not count towards individual nor towards club team points. Such card disqualification will be ratified by the Council, with possible further action/ sanctions review by The Council.

Refer to the list of (non-exhaustive) transgressions below:

- The member falsifies a catch(es) on his/ her score card.
- The member transgresses Marine Management Regulations.
- The member transgresses allowed bait rules.
- The member fished within 24hrs of lines-in, in the area of an Inter club competition.

- The member makes use of ground baiting 7 or less days before a competition.

11. Points

- 11.1 Seven (7) of the eight (8) competitions will count for individual scores.
- 11.2 A member will be given the average score of his/ her respective division obtained of an interclub he/ she could not attend due to commitment to a SASAA National or International tournament.
- 11.3 The conversion table and measurement guide as supplied by WCSAA will be used.
- 11.4 Edibles
- 11.4.1 The minimum qualifying length for edible fish when converted to weight, must equal to or exceed zero point five (0.5) kilogram.
- 11.4.2 Points shall be awarded on the basis of four (4) points per kilogram and shall be calculated to the second decimal (e.g. 1.51 kg = 6.04 points), except for any species with specific reference, as per below:
- 11.4.2.1 Gurnards and Barbel will be “sight” fish and awarded one (1) point per fish, irrespective of actual length.
- 11.4.2.3 St. Josephs will be scored as an edible.
- 11.5 Non-Edible
- 11.5.1 The minimum qualifying length for non-edible catches when converted to weight, must equal or exceed one (1) kilogram.
- 11.5.2 Points shall be awarded on the basis of one (1) point per kilogram and calculated to the second decimal (e.g. 12,56 kg = 12,56 points), except for any species with specific reference.

12. Control, objections and complaints

- 12.1 Complaints Committee: The Complaints Committee will consist of the Competition secretary and the Club Captain of each Member Club participating. The Competition secretary will act as Convener of this committee but will have no deliberate vote. Each Club Captain will have a deliberate vote but voting by proxy will not be allowed.
- 12.2 Complaints Procedure:
- 12.2.1 The complainant must act at the time of the transgression and must be the witness of the transgression.
- 12.2.2 The complainant will have to verbally notify the alleged transgressor of his intention to lodge an objection, with specific reference to the relevant competition rule or rules applicable.
- 12.2.3 The complainant must obtain the alleged transgressors name and WCSAA identification number and report it to his Club Captain.
- 12.2.4 Only Club Captains will be allowed to lodge complaints with the Competition secretary.

- 12.2.5 Complaints may be lodged verbally and prior to Competition closure.
- 12.2.6 The Competition secretary may call a Complaints meeting immediately after Competition Closure or at a later stage in which case a tele-conference meeting will be allowed
- 12.2.7 The alleged transgressor and the complainant will attend.
- 12.2.8 The Complaints Committee will hear all relevant facts and after deliberation, cast their votes.
- 12.2.9 A simple majority will suffice.
- 12.2.10 Non-attendance will automatically waive all individual rights and/or votes.
- 12.2.11 The Competition Secretary must confirm that all the required stipulations for a legal complaint have been adhered to. If not, the complaint must be withdrawn.
- 12.2.12 The decision of the Complaints Committee will be final and binding and there will be no right of appeal.
- 12.2.13 The penalty for breach of competition rules will be disqualification of the individual's total catch for that specific competition day.
- 12.2.14 Should the Complaints Committee find the transgressor guilty and further disciplinary measures be required, the matter should be referred to the Council for investigation and adjudication.