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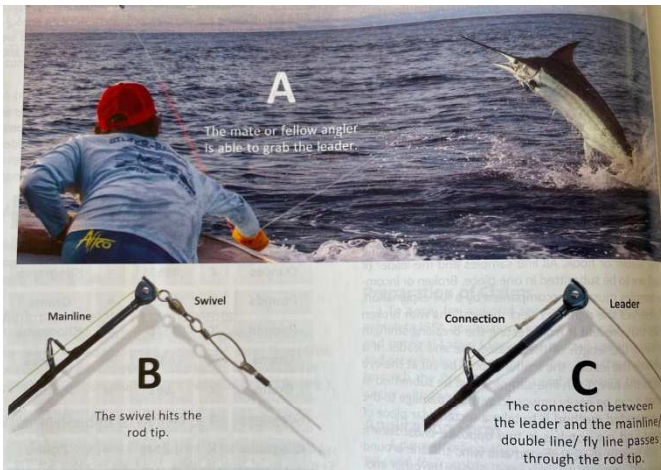
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LEADER & RELEASE REQUIREMENTS

Tagging of fish is encouraged to further research and understanding of the different fish species. Tags should only be placed if they can be inserted into the recommended areas on the fish (see p10) without causing harm to the fish or placing the crew at risk. N.B. MBGFC provide release points (at a club level only) for “Leadered & Released” [L&R] fish to discourage poor tagging techniques.



Consistent with IGFA rules, a “Leader & Release” [L&R] will be deemed to have occurred when one of the following actions is completed:

- A. The mate or fellow angler is able to grab the leader;
- B. The swivel hits the rod tip; or
- C. The connection (knot, splice, etc.) between the leader and the mainline/double line/ fly line passes through the rod tip.

N.B. L&R fish do NOT receive QGFA or GFAA tag points.

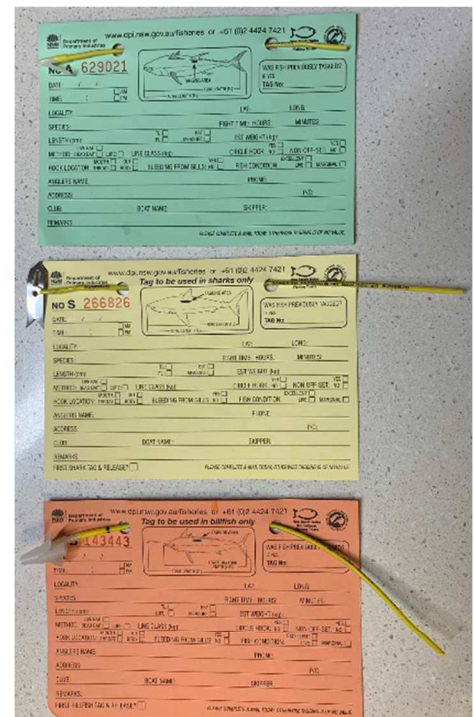
TAG CARDS & QGFA ANGLER ACTIVITY RECORD BOOK

Moreton Bay GFC will issue members with NSW Department of Primary Industries tag cards and a QGFA Boat/ Angler Activity Record Book. Only NSW Dept. of Primary Industry tag cards can be used to be eligible for points scoring in the Moreton Bay GFC. Only Game fishing information is to be recorded on the Activity Record sheets – N.B. there is a separate form for Bottom Fish section entries (see p6).

DO NOT tag any species of fish with the incorrect type of tag. For further details on eligible species that can be tagged (see p21) and the correct tag to use (see p9), refer further within this this booklet – typically:

- Pelagic Tags can only be applied to eligible pelagic fish species longer than 60cm.
- Shark Tags can only be applied to sharks longer than 100cm.
- Billfish Tags can only be applied to Billfish species.

All tags are issued to individual members of the club (normally the owner of a boat) and a record is maintained by the Moreton Bay GFC weighmaster of who has been allocated which tags. Each member that has been issued with tags will also be issued with a QGFA Boat/ Angler Activity Record Book.





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PROCESSING COMPLETED TAG CARDS AND ACTIVITY RECORDS

ALL tag cards and Activity Record sheets must be fully completed before being submitted (this data is being used for scientific research and must be accurate and complete as this is the reason we are supplied these tags and record books free of charge) – each Activity Record sheet shall only include activity for a single day. N.B. No tag cards will be completed for fish that are M&R, L&R or captured.

BOAT / ANGLER ACTIVITY RECORD												
DATE: 27.09.03		BOAT: Reef Hunter			CLUB: Moreton Bay GFC							
No. of persons on board inc. crew: 7				Hours on the water: 10 1/2								
Strike	Wtg	Cap/Tag	Time	Species	Tag No.	Est. Weight (Gms)	Line Class	Angler	Cat.	Location	Club Points	
✓		T	0 4:01	Black Marlin	8121454	30	8	Orin Swainson	SM	Tweed	250	
✓		C	0 8:10	Cobia				Orin Swainson	SM	Tweed	200	
✓		C	0 10:00	Snappers						Care Minutes		
✓		C	0 10:10	Snappers						Care Minutes		
✓		T	0 1:00	Snappers	8121457	25	8	Maree Black	BF	Woolahatchie	750	
✓		T	0 1:00	Yellow Fin Tuna						Woolahatchie		
✓		T	0 1:10	Black Marlin	8121458	40	10	Tuesday White	SM	Rosea	500	
✓		C	0 4:01	Yellow Fin Tuna						Cordian		
✓		C	0 4:01	Yellow Fin Tuna						Cordian		
✓		C	0 4:01	Yellow Fin Tuna						Cordian		
✓		C	0 4:01	Yellow Fin Tuna						Cordian		

SIGNATURES: Boat Captain: Orin Swainson, Club Captain: Maree Black

METHOD OF CAPTURE / TAG: TROLL: (A) Live Bait, (B) Dead Bait, (C) Live Bait, (D) Dead Bait, (E) Live Bait, (F) Live Bait, (G) Live Bait, (H) Dead Bait, (I) Live Bait, (J) Live Bait, (K) Live Bait, (L) Live Bait, (M) Live Bait, (N) Live Bait, (O) Live Bait, (P) Live Bait, (Q) Live Bait, (R) Live Bait, (S) Live Bait, (T) Live Bait, (U) Live Bait, (V) Live Bait, (W) Live Bait, (X) Live Bait, (Y) Live Bait, (Z) Live Bait

PLEASE RETURN THE 2 (TWO) TOP COPIES TO YOUR CLUB CAPTAIN / WEIGH MASTER

Where an eligible fish is measured & released (M&R) [see p21], in order to claim MBGFC release points, the fish shall have an “M” noted in the “Cap/ Tag” column and the fish length shall be recorded in the “Tag No.” column of the QGFA Activity Record.

In order to claim MBGFC release points for a fish that was Leadered & Released (L&R)³, the fish details should be recorded in the QGFA Activity Records by recording “L&R” in the “Cap/ Tag” column; leaving the “Tag No.” column blank, and all other columns in the Activity Record sheet should be fully completed.

For fish that are captured, the gross weight of the fish (measured not estimated) is to be recorded in the “Est. Weight” column of the QGFA Activity Record.

ALL completed tags cards and the first 2 copies (third copy remains in book) of each Activity Record must be fully completed and returned to the Moreton Bay GFC weighmaster for processing within the timeframe nominated in the club rules on p2. Late submission will result in no points being awarded.

No more than one lot of release points will be provided to any fish (i.e. either for T&R, M&R or L&R). N.B. QGFA do not award points for M&R or L&R (T&R only receives QGFA tag points).

The Moreton Bay GFC weighmaster will then process the activity records and tag cards in the Moreton Bay GFC database and the QGFA game base database and then forward the Activity Record sheets and tag cards to QGFA for further checks and processing. The Moreton Bay GFC weighmaster must have these items processed, mailed to and received by QGFA no later than one week after the nominated club due date in order for QGFA points to be awarded to the angler.

LOST TAGS/ UNWANTED TAGS

If you lose a tag, return the incomplete tag card with “Tag lost” clearly written on the tag card to the weighmaster for processing.

If you decide you no longer need any tags (e.g. if you leave the club) please return the tags (& cards) to the weighmaster so they can be reissued to another member.

If you need to give your tags to another angler, provide a list of serial numbers handed over and the individuals name the tags were given to, to the weighmaster, so the club’s register can be updated.

Billfish tags are of particular concern of ownership for the club as Moreton Bay GFC are only issued with a total stock of 50 billfish tags from the QGFA for all of our members. If you fail to return tag cards for processing or give away tags to members of another club and Moreton Bay GFC cannot display where our tags have been used, you will be taking away the opportunity for other club members (or yourself) to be issued with billfish tags in the future.

³ N.B. Release points for L&R is only provided for fish that were eligible to be tagged (but weren’t otherwise tagged).



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TAGGING BASICS

TAG TYPES

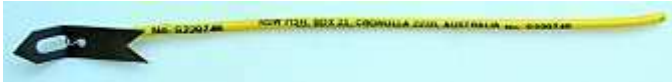
Pelagic tag (A series) - Tuna, Mackerel, Dolphinfish, Wahoo, etc.



Billfish tag (B series) - Marlin, Sailfish, Swordfish and Spearfish only.



Steel Head Shark tag (S series) - Sharks only.



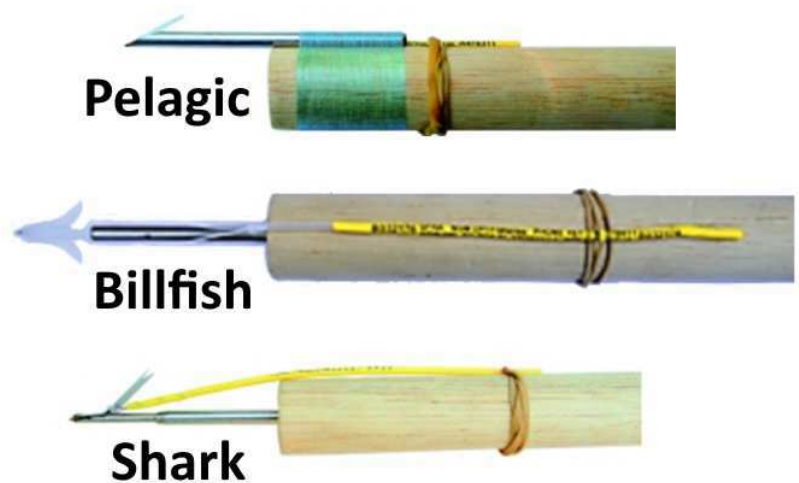
Refer GFAA Eligible Species List on p21 for species that can be tagged and the minimum lengths the respective species must be in order to tag (typically 60cm for pelagics & 100cm for sharks).

HOW TO MAKE A TAG POLE

Attach the tag applicator to the end of a broom handle or similar pole.

For billfish and shark applicators, drill a small hole in the end of the pole and secure the applicator in position using strong epoxy based glue. Pelagic applicators are generally whipped to the end of the pole using nylon line and again secured with glue.

For billfish, ensure that approximately 75mm⁴ of the applicator needle is exposed to ensure that tags are inserted the correct depth into the fish. For sharks and other game fish, ensure that approximately 50mm⁴ of the applicator needle is exposed. Secure the tag to the pole with a rubber band or similar.



⁴ Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) guidelines specify that the tag needle for the billfish only tag must not protrude more than 76mm from the end of the tag pole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 8mm in diameter. The tag needle used for sharks and other game fish must not protrude more than 50mm from the end of the tag pole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 5mm in diameter.



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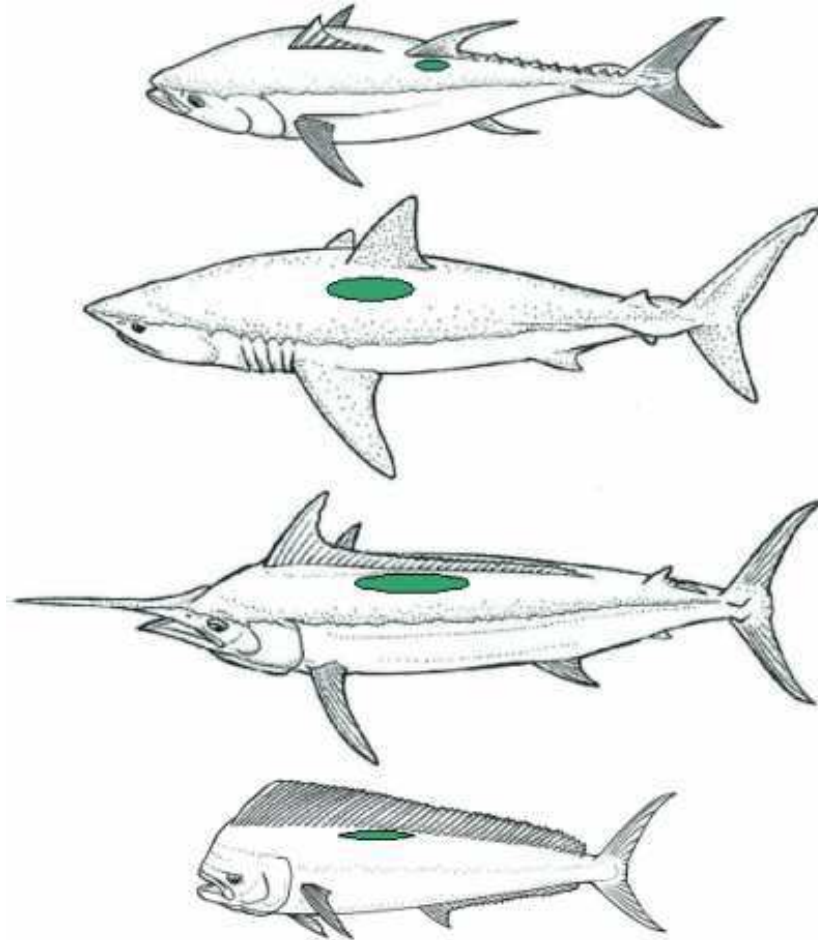
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RECOMMENDED TAGGING AREAS

The images below show the recommended tagging areas on game fish:



IGFA'S BEST PRACTICE FOR SAFE AND ETHICAL RELEASE

IGFA Board of Trustees saw the unique and beneficial opportunity to create a recommendation for best practices for safe and ethical release of fish:

- Circle hooks are encouraged when fishing with live or dead natural bait;
- The hook should be removed if possible and will not cause additional harm to angler or fish;
- If the hook cannot be removed, the leader should be cut as close to hook as possible;
- Mates should refrain from manually breaking or “popping” leaders because this can cause additional harm to fish, especially those not hooked in the jaw;
- Ample time should be taken to revive exhausted fish by gently moving them forward in the water to get water flowing over the gills; and
- Knotless, rubber coated nets should be used on fish that are netted.



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GFAA ELIGIBLE SPECIES LIST

Common Name	Scientific Name	Capture	Tag & Release	Measure & Release	Lengths	
					T & R	M & R
AMBERJACK	<i>Seriola dumerilii</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
BARRACUDA	<i>Sphyræna barracuda</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
BARRAMUNDI	<i>Lates calcarifer</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
BASS, Australian	<i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
BONEFISH	<i>Albula vulpes</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
BONITO	<i>Sarda spp.</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
BROADBILL (Swordfish)	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
BUTTERFLY MACKEREL	<i>Gasterochisma melampus</i>	Y	N	N		
CARP (Capt. & Meas. only) - DO NOT RELEASE -	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Y	N	Measure only		20+
CATFISH, Freshwater	<i>Tandanus tandanus</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
CHINAMAN*	<i>Symphorus nematophorus</i>	Y	N	Y*		30+*
COBIA	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
EAGLE RAY	<i>Myliobatis australis</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
JEW FISH, Black	<i>Protonibea diacanthus</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
MACKEREL, Broad Barred (Grey Mackerel)	<i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
MACKEREL, Narrow Barred (Spanish Mackerel)	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
MACKEREL, Shark	<i>Grammatorcynus bicarnatus</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
MACKEREL, Spotted	<i>Scomberomorus spp.</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
MAHI MAHI (Dolphin Fish)	<i>Corypheana spp.</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
MANGROVE JACK	<i>Lutjanus argentinaculatus</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
MARLIN, Black	<i>Makaira indica</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
MARLIN, Pacific Blue	<i>Makaira mazara</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
MARLIN, Striped	<i>Tetrapturus audax</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
MULLOWAY (Jewfish)	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	Y	Y	Y	70+	30 - 70
MURRAY COD	<i>Maccullochella peelii</i>	Y	N	Y		30+



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PERCH, English (Redfin)	<i>Perca flavesensis</i>	Y	N	Y		20+
PERCH, Estuary	<i>Macquaria colonorum</i>	Y	N	Y		20+
PERCH, Golden	<i>Plectroplites ambiguus</i>	Y	N	Y		20+
PERCH, Silver	<i>Bidyanus Bidyanus</i>	Y	N	Y		20+
QUEENFISH	<i>Scomberoides spp.</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
RAINBOW RUNNER	<i>Elagtis bipinnulatus</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
SAILFISH	<i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
SALMON, Atlantic	<i>Salmo salar</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
SALMON, Australian	<i>Arripis trutta</i>	Y	Y	Y	50+	30 - 50
SALMON, Chinook	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
SALMON, Threadfin	<i>Polynemus spp & Eleutheronema</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
SAMSON FISH	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
SARATOGA	<i>Scleropages</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
SHARK, Blue	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	Y [#]	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Grey Nurse	<i>Protected Species - Records Closed</i>	N	N	N		
SHARK, Gummy	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	Y [#]	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna spp.</i>	Y [#]	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Mako	<i>Isurus spp.</i>	Y [#]	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Porbeagle	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Y [#]	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Thresher	<i>Alopias spp.</i>	Y [#]	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Tiger	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	Y [#]	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, Whaler	<i>Carcharinus spp.</i>	Y [#]	Y	N	100+	
SHARK, White	<i>Protected Species - Records Closed</i>	N	N	N		
SNAPPER	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	Y	Y	Y	70+	30 - 70
SPANGLED EMPEROR	<i>Lethrinus Nebulosus</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
SPEARFISH	<i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
TAILOR	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
TENCH	<i>Tinca tinca</i>	Y	N	Y		20+
TOPE	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Y	Y	N	100+	



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					T & R	M & R
TREVALLY, Big Eye	<i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TREVALLY, Brassy (Tea-Leaf)	<i>Caranx papuensis</i>	Y	N	N		
TREVALLY, Giant	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TREVALLY, Gold Spot (Turrum)	<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TREVALLY, Golden	<i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TREVALLY, Silver	<i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>	Y	Y	Y	45+	30 - 45
TROUT Brook	<i>Salvelinus Fontinalis</i>	Y	N	Y		20+
TROUT, Brown	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
TROUT, Rainbow	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	Y	N	Y		30+
TUNA, Albacore	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TUNA, Bigeye	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TUNA, Bluefin	<i>Thunnus thynnus orientalis</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TUNA, Dogtooth	<i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
TUNA, Kawa Kawa	<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TUNA, Longtail	<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TUNA, Skipjack	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
TUNA, Yellowfin	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Y	Y	Y	60+	30 - 60
WAHOO	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	Y	Y	N	60+	
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	Y	Y	Y	70+	30 - 70

Barracuda, all Billfish (incl Spearfish), Dogtooth Tuna, Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel, Sharks and Wahoo are not eligible for M&R due to OH&S and mortality risks to the Shark species.

* Chinaman is a protected species in Qld – therefore any Chinaman caught in Qld waters must be released immediately and is not eligible for M&R.

In accordance with Qld legislation, sharks over 1.5m in length are not to be taken in Qld waters.

N.B. Bold text has been used in the table to highlight those species that MBGFC do not consider as "Other Species – Class B" species (refer Calculating Points Score section on p3). The rows highlighted in the table are to assist MBGFC anglers to identify species within the table that they are more likely to target while fishing MBGFC's "local waters".

Colour coding in "Tag & Release" column indicates which tag type to use when tagging:

Billfish Tag	Pelagic Tag	Shark Tag
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CLUB FISHING RULES

1. Sportsmanship and consideration to others should be the mark of MBGFC members;
2. All boat skippers have a Duty of Care to ensure vessels are seaworthy, insured and safety of crews are first consideration;
3. Fish must be captured or caught and released in accordance with the MBGFC rules outlined within this book which follow the rules of Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA). MBGFC rules include the following key points based in Queensland and Qld Game Fishing Association (QGFA) guidance:
 - a. A fish gaffed for capture points (by weighing) is not eligible for release points;
 - b. Every effort should be made to release tagged fish in a healthy state;
 - c. Capture of gamefish species will comply with Qld DPI Fisheries bag limits and lengths;
 - d. All edible fish to be weighed for capture points may be gilled and gutted on capture and an additional 10% added to weight of the fish¹;
 - e. Sharks (per Qld Fisheries)- “cannot be in possession over 1.5m in length” – MBGFC encourages the release (including tagging where eligible) of all sharks;
 - f. MBGFC promotes tagging of all billfish using NSW DPI Fisheries tags, unless it is a potential record;
4. MBGFC fishing grounds are Qld waters ranging from Qld/NSW border² (in south) to a line east of Double Island Point (in north);
5. MBGFC has a number of annual trophies (refer Annual Prize Categories on p5). With the exception of the “Champion Angler – Out of Bounds” trophy, only fish caught (captured or released) in MBGFC local waters are considered for annual prizes.
6. In an effort to encourage anglers into game fishing, MBGFC allow the use of all line classes (including braid) for all game-fishing in all water depth ranges. As anglers improve their skills, they are encouraged to fish line classes that are eligible for QGFA point scoring, being:
 - a. Light Tackle (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 or 10kg line test) in any water depth;
 - b. Heavy Tackle (15 or 24kg line test only) in 80-150m water depth;
 - c. Heavy Tackle (15, 24, 37 or 60kg line test) in greater than 150m of water depth.

N.B. The insertion of at least 5m of continuous (mono) line-class between a braid backing line and the double, leader & hook will meet the requirements of fishing with the particular line class used (i.e. this would be a legal line configuration under GFAA rules and would not be considered as a MBGFC approved variation from GFAA rules of using “braid” line class).

¹ N.B. Any potential QGFA, GFAA or IGFA record claims will require the fish to be weighed whole [DO NOT GUT & GILL potential record fish prior to weighing].

² N.B. Qld/NSW border at sea is nominally a line from Point Danger (28°10.002’S, 153°33’E) to 27°58’S, 154°00’E; then to 27°48’S, 154°22’E; then to 26°59.083’S, 165°40’E.



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7. All game-fishing is to be done in accordance with GFAA Angling Rules & Equipment Regulations (see p24). N.B. Those that gamefish with “braid” line class (regardless of braid line rating) are required to adhere to all other GFAA angling equipment and rules (i.e. only clause *GFAA Angling Rules & Equipment Regulations - Equipment Regulations - (a) Line* is relaxed by MBGFC to allow braid line class to be used for Club Release Points score). Doubles and leaders used with “braid” line class shall be in accordance with “Heavy Tackle” (i.e. all tackle over 10kg) requirement.
8. Release points are provided for MBGFC points score for all eligible game fish (see table on p21) that are tagged & released [T&R], measured & released [M&R] or leaedered & released [L&R] on all line classes (including braid) – refer “Release Points” in Calculating Points Score on p3 for further details. *N.B. for those that fish with braid, regardless of braid line rating used, all braid fishing is categorised into a single point allocation group (N.B. mono must be used to differentiate points scores between line classes used).*
9. Fish caught on “braid” line class (regardless of the braid line rating) are not eligible for capture points nor any club, QGFA or GFAA records.
10. An annual competition is held for a select group of “Bottom Fish” species – refer to section “Best Bottom Fish Section” on p6 for details.
11. A gamefish will only receive Capture or Release Points (for Club and/or QGFA [if applicable]) if:
 - a. Claims are submitted on a fully completed QGFA Activity Record sheet with each sheet containing no more than one day’s activity (refer p8 for further details);
 - b. Tag claims are submitted with fully completed respective NSW DPI tag card; and
 - c. Is received by MBGFC Weighmaster or 8 Constantina Close Thornlands Qld 4164 no later than:
 - i. 7th July for any fish caught in June; or for any fishing month other than June:
 - ii. 20th of the month after the month fish were caught in (e.g. by 20/02 for Jan. fish).
12. Financial club members (whose membership type sees them affiliated with QGFA) only can score points or be eligible for annual awards/ prizes. An angler must be a current financial member of the club prior to catching a fish (capture, T&R, M&R or L&R) that a claim is submitted for.
13. Club boats (with captains that are financial club members with QGFA affiliation) shall accrue points for “guest-anglers” (anglers that are not affiliated with QGFA) as long as the “guest angler” is not a paying charter participant (N.B. an angler contributing to a share of fuel & bait costs for a trip is not considered a charter participant).
14. Any tie for a club prize/ award shall be broken by a count back process (i.e. the first angler to achieve the tied result shall be the winner).
15. The MBGFC committee reserves the right to:
 - a. nominate Rally Days; and
 - b. amend these rules from time to time if necessary and its decisions are final.

Disclaimer: QGFA & GFAA information contained in this booklet (e.g. eligible species, rules & regulations) are correct at time of publication, however are subject to change without notice – anglers are responsible for satisfying themselves of the latest QGFA & GFAA rules & any record claim requirements.