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WPDSAA INSHORE LEAGUE RULES 2026
(For All Anglers Competing on Boats and Personal Water Crafts)

A. CONCEPT & PARTICIPATION

1. AIMS

- 1.1 To promote light tackle boat and personal water craft sport fishing amongst all the Anglers affiliated to WPDSAA.
- 1.2 To ensure all league competitions are fished fairly and all anglers participate on an equal a basis irrespective whether the Angler fishes on a boat or personal water craft.
- 1.3 To ensure the safety of all anglers participating in the league competition on a boat or personal water craft.
- 1.4 To identify the top performers for Boat & Personal water craft in each category, namely top Angler, top boat and top club.
- 1.5 To reward Anglers, Skippers and Clubs for their performance as WPDSAA may deem fit.
- 1.6 League participation is aimed at developing competent, knowledgeable Anglers and assisting WPDSAA Selectors in identifying top performing Anglers when selecting Provincial Teams.
- 1.7 To record data generated in competitions and to use data for research purposes. All data accumulated remains the property of WPDSAA and can only be supplied to research organizations with the approval of WPDSAA EXCO and COUNCIL Members.

2. TOURNAMENT& DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

2.1 Tournament committee

Shall consist of: The WPDSAA T/O or his / her nominee if unavailable, the T/O of each participating club or his / her nominee if unavailable must be available at the leg venue to make decisions relating to the league competition and are responsible for weather calls prior to a league competition if the weather is not ideal.

2.2 Disciplinary committee

The committee shall consist of the WPDSAA T/O and the Chairperson of each participating club and will deal with any objections and/or rule transgressions.

3. BRIEFINGS

There will be a T/O Bosberaad hosted by the WPDSAA T/O prior to the commencement of the new season, to discuss and agree any proposed rule changes put forward by the Clubs and to set the league calendar dates for the next season.

It is the duty of each club's T/O to advise their league Skippers and Anglers of the new rules and approved dates for the new season prior to the start of the new league season.

A league briefing is to be compiled by the WPDSAA T/O and distributed to all club T/O by WPDSAA secretary by no later than the end of business on the Monday prior to the weekend's league.

A WPDSAA Skippers and an Inshore TO's WhatsApp groups will be created by WPDSAA Inshore T/O and will to be used for all communication relating to the year's league events.

All decisions made at the League briefing needs to be conveyed to the WPDSAA T/O via WhatsApp group by his nominated representative if not in attendance and this information must be communicated to the club T/O'S via the T/O WhatsApp group.

4. ENTRY FEES

An entry fee for all Inshore League events is payable by all Anglers. These entry fees will be deducted by each participating club from monies owing to a skipper for towing fees for a specific leg or paid via EFT into WPDSAA bank account by an angler. The collected entry fees to be deposited into the WPDSAA banking account no later than the Wednesday after the League day. Each club T/O must give a breakdown of how the funds are made up to the WPDSAA secretary by no later than the Wednesday after the League. Each club T/O will be responsible to make sure that the funds are paid over by their specific club or individuals to WPDSAA.

Rules governing the prize money and the awarding of prizes are as follows:

4.1 Entry Fees:

Senior & Lady Anglers	R60.00
Junior Anglers	R30.00

4.2 Entry fee utilization:

4.2.1 50% of the entry fees will be donated to WPDSAA, to be used for the WPDSAA annual prize giving to cover costs.

4.2.1 The balance of 50% entry fee collected will be awarded as prizes for the biggest species of fish at the WPDSAA prize giving. The biggest fish of each species caught during the Inshore Leagues will be awarded a cash amount as a prize.

5. LEGS & VENUES

The 2026 Inshore League will be fished as one League.

League criteria:

5.1 League will consist of eleven (11) leagues (i.e. 11 dates allocated on the calendar).

5.2 4 dates are designated as fixed dates to be fished from the WPDSAA Club stipulated on the calendar (i.e. All Anglers fish from the same venue). In conjunction with the four (4) fixed dates allocated on the calendar there are four (4) spare dates allocated on the calendar. The four (4) spare dates may only be used for the specific venue as indicated on the calendar if the corresponding fixed league date was cancelled as a result of adverse weather, sea conditions or an unforeseen event.

Fixed venue Clubs are: GBBAC & [CBSC or FBMT], OBC and Struisbaai.

Refer to the calendar below marked as Appendix A.

5.3 The remaining seven (7) dates of the eleven (11) leagues dates allocated on the calendar, will be open league dates, (i.e. The boats accompanied by the anglers participating in the league on the date may only launch and retrieve at any WPDSAA affiliated Club) with ABC the most western launch site and Struisbaai the most southern launch site.

Refer to the calendar below marked as Appendix A.

5.4 When fishing the Kleinbaai fixed league date there may be a split launch whereby all vessels have a choice to launch and retrieve from either Kleinbaai or Gansbaai harbour. Boats may not launch from one slipway and retrieve from another, nor will boats be allowed to launch and retrieve at one harbour and re-launch at another on the same day. The day's fishing will be seen as completed as soon as a boat is retrieved. Retrieval will only be allowed in the case of an emergency and both the control boat and club safety officer must be informed prior to retrieval of the boat. Registration and Weigh in will be at Overberg Boat Club.

6. WEATHER

6.1 The WPDSAA T/O decides if an event will take place or not due to adverse weather conditions with the aid of Windguru weather stations.

- 6.2 The WPDSAA T/O may request assistance from the Clubs T/O when making a weather call.
- 6.3 WPDSAA T/O will notify all the Anglers via the respective WhatsApp groups (i.e. WP Skippers and WP Inshore Group).
- 6.4 There will be no weather calls made at the slipways. The League is either called ON or OFF by WPDSAA TO and Club T/O's.
- 6.5 The weather call will be made by no later than Thursday 15h00 prior to the league event by WPDSAA T/O and Club T/O's for each leg using the Windguru weather stations of Franskraal, Struisbaai Plaat and Muizenberg as reference points.
- 6.6 Weather calls Open League Date:
 - When determining if a Leg is called ON / OFF for an open venue leg the weather call will be based on 2 of 3 Windguru weather reference points and will be decided by the WPDSAA T/O and if assistance is required the Club T/O's to decide if fishable or not fishable.
- 6.7 Weather calls Fixed League Date:
 - When determining if a Leg is called ON / OFF for an fixed venue leg the weather call will be based on Windguru weather reference point for the venue as stipulated on the calendar and will be decided by the WPDSAA T/O and if assistance is required, the Club T/O's to decide if fishable or not fishable.
- 6.8 For reasons of safety, lines-up may be called early by MAJORITY VOTE of the elected Weather Committee or their Nominee.
- 6.9 If the leg is cancelled for the Saturday the call for Sunday will be made by no later than 15h00 on the Friday before the league.
- 6.10 Notice will be given to the fleet that a weather call has been made and that all anglers have 15 minutes to lines up. All fish being fought at the 15 minute lines up call MUST BE CUT OFF IMMEDIATELY.
- 6.11 On the Saturday day of a League event @ 10h00, no fish have been boated and the event is called off due to bad weather the League event shall be considered cancelled and the Leg will fished on the Sunday if possible.
- 6.12 The Weather Committee will ONLY use radio channel 69 when making weather decisions at sea and may not be interrupted by any other persons when making their decision.

7. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Failure to comply with conditions of participation may result in the individual angler's scores, boat score and club score not being scored and / disqualified.

- 7.1 Participating vessels must be in possession of a valid SADSAA or SAMSA safety survey certificate which must be on board the boat at all times.
- 7.2 All Anglers must be registered paid up member of a WPDSAA Affiliated Club and likewise be affiliated to WPDSAA, in their own right.
- 7.3 All Anglers must fill in their Western Province Angler number on the weigh sheet form. The onus will rest with each angler to remember his / her Angler number.
- 7.4 New Anglers must affiliate to Western Province through their respective Clubs within 30 days of fishing a leg. The onus will rest with the skipper to ensure that the new angler gets affiliated through his / her Club. If the angler does not affiliate within 30 days, the new boat and / new Angler will not be scored.
- 7.5 All Anglers and vessels participating in the league do so as amateur sport anglers, under the auspices of the WPDSAA. The laws pertaining to recreational bag limits, minimum sizes and protected species are binding on all participants.
- 7.6 Vessels carrying a commercial type license may PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE provided it is in accordance with their Commercial line fish regulations and they abide by the rules as set out herein.
- 7.7 The weigh sheet form must be completed, clearly stating name of boat, boat registration number (registration number must be accurate as the WP scorer will be using it in the future to identify your vessel), WPDSAA Disc Number (to be filled in the section on the weight sheet form calling for the "SADSAA Disc No"), names of each Angler competing on the boat, Club name they represent and the line class they are using by close of scales.
- 7.8 Each vessel participating in the Inshore League shall display a WPDSAA disc which can be purchased from the WPDSAA secretary on submission of a copy of the boats Certificate of Fitness at a cost of R110 each for SADSAA surveyed boats and R220 for SAMSA surveyed boats.

- 7.9 In the event of mechanical failure of a vessel, contact is to be made with the Control Boat to notify them of the problem and an extension of the scales closing time may be allowed.
- 7.10 The onus will rest with the Skipper of each boat, regarding the safety of his / her crew when going to sea. In the event of the Skipper deciding to go to sea, he / she does so at his / her own risk and indemnifies WPDSAA against all risk and any legal claims arising from an incident on land or sea.
- 7.11 All Anglers / participants in the league do so at their own risk and hereby indemnify WPDSAA against any claims arising from an incident while participating in the league.
- 7.12 Anglers fishing in a Provincial or SADSAA competition on a league day will not score but will be adjudged to have FISHED in the league for the provincial selection criteria process only.

B. ANGLING RULES

8. BOATS / FISHING JETSKI (PERSONAL WATER CRAFT)

Definition Boat: A small vessel for travelling over water, propelled by an engine(s).

Definition Jetski: A fishing jetski is a personal watercraft (PWC) that's been equipped with fishing rods and accessories for the purpose of fishing. Jetski must comply with South African Maritime Association requirements.

- 8.1 All boats / jetski must have a qualified Skipper on board and may only carry participating Anglers.
- 8.2 A day Angler or non-affiliated Angler may be allowed to fish 1 leg per year. His catch will not count towards the boat and Club score unless he / she registers within the allowed 30 day time period or before he / she fishes the next leg.
- 8.3 With the express permission of the WPDSAA T/O and Skipper, a recognized reporter of recognized media / newspapers may be allowed on board but may only be on board as an observer. It is envisaged that the promotion of angling as a sport must be encouraged.
- 8.4 Should a boat break down prior to a Leg and such boat had been fishing in the current season in the League, a request for a replacement boat / jetski may be lodged through a Club T/O to the WPDSAA T/O. At least 2 of the original crew members needs to participate to qualify for boat points to be transferred. It is solely at the discretion of the WPDSAA T/O to allow the use of a replacement vessel.
- 8.5 The Weigh sheet must always reflect the name of the 1st nominated boat with the substitute boat name in brackets behind it, for scoring purposes.
- 8.6 Jetski may carry only one Angler on the vessel.

9. SKIPPER

- 9.1 It is the duty of each Skipper to act as a referee and see that the rules are strictly adhered to at all times.
- 9.2 In the interests of safety and sportsmanship, each Skipper is expected to give an accurate as possible details regarding position and catch when asked to do so by other boats at sea in the competition.
- 9.3 Any person talking on the radio of a boat will be considered as representing his / her Skipper.
- 9.4 Only channel 71 may be used for inter-boat communication with the exception where communication is needed with harbour control then channel 72 will be used (i.e. Channel 72 are specific to Kleinbaai harbour when requesting permission to enter the harbour).
- 9.5 Kavicom and Satellite phones may not be used for inter-boat communication except by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer or his elected nominee on the day in the case of a boat not responding to a radio call test.
- 9.6 Cell phones may only be used to capture photographs and/or videos for Measure and Release (M/R) purposes, or in the event of an emergency.
- 9.7 Skippers electing to release fish must ensure that their boats have a fish release tool or weighted device to prevent fish floating on the surface after being released.
- 9.8 A call up from each participating boat / jetski at 11am stating boat / jetski name and units of fish caught including M/R fish must be answered. In case of a vessel having radio problems they must call their Club T/O or WP T/O via cell phone to relay message.

10. ANGLERS

Any Angler, who is an affiliated member of more than one (1) Club, must nominate the Club he / she wishes to fish for before the start of the League Season and may not change his / her nomination during the course of that League Season.

JUNIOR ANGLER

- 10.1 A junior Angler will be under the age of sixteen (16) years (on 1 January of each year).
- 10.2 Juniors will be scored as seniors.
- 10.3 Juniors will not affect boat scores unless as defined later in this document.
- 10.4 A rod may be removed from a rod holder for a junior Angler, but only from the trolling board; no other hooked fish may be passed over to a junior. The rod may be touched by another angler for the sole purposes of handing it to the junior Angler, but the reel may not be touched by anyone other than the junior Angler fighting the fish.
- 10.5 A junior Angler may nominate to fish as a senior Angler but may then not receive any help or assistance whatsoever.

11. EQUIPMENT, LINE CLASS, LEADERS & TERMINAL TACKLE

11.1 RODS

- 11.1.1 An angler may have a maximum of 5 rods and 5 reels on board the boat.
- 11.1.2 The 5th rod must be a dedicated spinning / popping rod.
- 11.1.3 One rod & reel with line class greater 6kg or 10kg may be used as a release rig only.
- 11.1.4 No angler may have more than two lines in the water at any one time.
- 11.1.5 In the event both lines been stripped off the reel simultaneously the Angler may elect another Angler who is fishing the same line class only, to take one rod subject to the nominated Angler retrieving one of his own rods in the event he / she has 2 rods in the water at that time.

11.2 LINE CLASS

- 11.2.1 The weak link line rule as per SADSAA's (IGFA) specification may be adopted. The weak link must be a minimum of 5m and this excludes any knots or double lines. When claiming a record using the weak link, the line sample must be 30m or more in order for record claiming purposes.
- 11.2.2 An Angler may select only one of the following main line classes in each leg 6kg and 10kg.
- 11.2.3 Each Angler fishing on the same boat may fish with different line class.
- 11.2.4 All scores will be calculated using the line class factor.
- 11.2.5 A line class less than 6kg may be used but all scoring will be based on the 6kg line factor table. Line factor table is as follows:

<u>LINE CLASS</u>	<u>FACTOR</u>
<= 6 kg	1
10 kg	0.25

- 11.2.6 No heavier line, unless as defined in rule 11.1.3, may be taken on board the boat / jetski except as required for traces.

11.3 LINE BRANDS

- 11.3.1 Only IGFA rated lines will be allowed.
- 11.3.2 All lines used should be pre-tested before use.
- 11.3.3 Braid used in the prescribed "weak link line" manner only.
- 11.3.4 Any angler found not conforming will be disqualified.

11.4 LEADER

IGFA & SADSAA RULES FOR LEADER AND DOUBLE LINE:

- 11.4.1 In all line classes up to and including 20 lb (10kg), the leader line shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters).
- 11.4.2 The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet (6.1 meters).

11.5 LINE TESTING METHOD

- 11.5.1 All lines WILL be subject to testing.
- 11.5.2 Tests are to be done through the assistance of the club Tournament Officers.
- 11.5.3 Only dry testing qualifies. If samples fail the first dry test a minimum of three (3) more dry tests will be done and the average will determine the class.

11.5.4 In the case of a line breaking over the line class using the above method, the angler will be penalized as per the decision of the disciplinary committee as defined in this document.

11.6 TERMINAL TACKLE

Two hook traces will be permissible as per IGFA and SADSAA National and Provincial Tournaments rules.

12. MINIMUM WEIGHT / SIZE

The minimum size for species to count will be **30cm Total Length** and will be subject to the minimum legislated size and weight requirement per species as specified in the Marine and Coastal Management regulations with the exception of:

- 12.1 Yellowfin Tuna must have a minimum fork length of 58cm to be eligible for scoring.
- 12.2 NO BARBEL, SHARK, SKATE OR RAY SPECIES TO COUNT for points in the league.

13. BAG LIMITS

All boats / jetski's participating in the league do so as amateur sports Anglers under the auspices of the WPDSAA. As such, the laws pertaining to sport and recreation angling in terms of bag limits, minimum sizes and protected species are binding on all participants.

- 13.1 All fish presented at the scales will be recorded on the WPDSAA weigh sheet by the nominated weigh master.
- 13.2 Compulsory boat inspections may be carried out by any available Tournament Officers or their nominee for illegal bag limits or undersize fish.
- 13.3 No more than 10 fish shall be weighed by any Angler per leg including fish on the MR sheet.
- 13.4 Each angler must do a call up with the number of fish and number of species as soon as he / she has 10 dead and released fish on the boat / jetski.

14. SPECIES

- 14.1 The Inshore League is a species driven format. There is an overall cumulative daily bag limit of ten fish per angler irrespective of the species caught, subject to a maximum of the daily bag limit allowed per species as defined in the Marine and Coastal Management regulations.
- 14.2 Only baitfish may be kept alive in live bait / bait wells.
- 14.3 The first 10 fish retained / killed is to count except for MR fish caught for purposes as stated in point 15 (Measure and Release) sub section 15.7.

15. MEASURE & RELEASE [M&R]

- M&R is optional for all Anglers.
- Refer Appendix B for M&R fish weights to size measurements for recording of fish weights.
- Refer Appendix C for M&R conversation table.

15.1 M & R is applicable to the following species only:

- DAGERAAD
- GARRICK / LEERVIS
- CAPE SALMON / GEELBEK
- COB / KABELJOU
- MUSSELCRACKER BLACK / POENSIE
- ROCK COD YELLOWBELLY
- ROMAN
- STUMPNOSE RED / STOMPNEUS ROOI
- STEENBRAS RED / STEENBRAS ROOI

15.2 Clear photographs of all M&R fish showing entire fish and clearly showing appropriate lengths as per Conversion Tables to be available for inspection on request by WPDSAA T/O or Scorer.

15.3 A number will be allocated by the WPDSAA T/O for each Leg on the day prior to the

- league competition taking place. This will be shared by the WPDSAA T/O on the WPDSAA T/O and Skippers WhatsApp group. Club T/O will in turn inform their club Anglers.
- 15.4 M&R cards with the Angler's name, date of the competition and the M&R number (issued by the WPDSAA T/O) **MUST** be clearly visible on the picture of the fish that is reflected and documented on the M&R Sheet.
 - 15.5 All relevant pictures of the M&R fish must be sent by WhatsApp to the Anglers Club T/O immediately on request.
 - 15.6 The WPDSAA Scorer and T/O may request random spot checks from the Club T/O's to verify catches on the Angler M&R sheet.
 - 15.7 A fish which has been "killed" may be replaced with M&R fish (i.e. An angler has killed his first Red Stumpnose because he wants to keep it for eating purposes and then catches a larger Red Stumpnose, the Angler may measure and release the larger Red Stumpnose and replace the smaller Red Stumpnose with the larger Red Stumpnose on his weigh sheet.)
 - 15.8 It is the responsibility of each skipper to make sure that they are in the possession of the relevant M&R forms for recording their fish and for subsequent submission to the WPDSAA Scorer.
 - 15.9 Only Fork Length (FL) of fish measured and released must be recorded except for Cob and Yellowbelly Rockcod where Total Length (TL) needs to be recorded according to the M&R Conversion Tables.
 - 15.10 An Angler's biggest fish recorded, within the legal recreational bag limit, will count towards their scores.
 - 15.11 It is the responsibility of each Skipper to hand his / her Angler M&R sheet to the weigh master.
 - 15.12 It is the responsibility of each Skipper to make sure that they are in possession of the relevant conversion tables.
 - 15.13 Measurement will be documented in centimetres and were a decimal length measurement occurs this must be rounded up (e.g. 55.2cm becomes 56 cm).
 - 15.14 Modus Operandi
 - 15.14.1 Each angler documents his released fish on the format supplied to all Clubs.
 - 15.14.2 Prior to the weigh-in process, each Skipper will neatly document all the M&R fish on the M&R sheet.
 - 15.14.3 Each Skipper will do the conversion from length to weight using the 2026 conversion tables and present this to the weigh master at the scales with the fish weighed from his / her boat.
 - 15.14.4 Should the length of any fish exceed the conversation table the fish's Total and Fork length should be filled in on the M&R sheet and a note should be made on the weight sheet that the conversion was not available on the conversion sheet. The scorer will do the necessary conversion in such case.
 - 15.14.5 The weigh master will document this in the weigh sheet book after which skipper will sign off the Boat weigh sheet book.
 - 15.14.6 White copy of weigh sheet book must be given to the Club T/O by the weigh master. The Club T/O's must check all the information supplied on the weigh sheet and then forward them to the scorer by 17h00 on the Monday after a Leg.
 - 15.15 All fished killed which appear on the M&R list must be brought to the scales to be weighed.
 - 15.16 All boats must proceed directly to weigh-in once returning to land.
 - 15.17 Random spot checks to take place by WPDSAA T/O by an inspector nominated by the WPDSAA T/O to check boats, bag limits, hatches, wells, cooler bags, bait boxes as well as to take random samples of line for testing, leader lengths etc.
 - 15.18 Skippers must be present at boat inspection.
 - 15.19 WPDSAA T/O will nominate 4 participants per leg to perform inspections on random boats selected after retrieval.

Any transgression of the rules by an Angler will result in the Angler being disqualified. Any transgression in terms of fish bag limits, fish sizes and fish species out of season will result in the boat being disqualified and all scores been forfeited (i.e. all crew / anglers).

16. FISHING AREAS

The leagues will be limited to a maximum of 15 NM from land. The Tournament Committee, at their discretion, may limit or extend area boundaries.

NB: No fishing is allowed in any restricted area such as demarcated reserves as stipulated in the Table Mountain National Park Marine Protected Areas or any other Marine Protected Area.

17. FISHING TIMES

Specific launch times will be decided by WPDSAA T/O for each leg fished.

18. LINES UP

Lines-up will be at 16h00 on Saturdays and 15h00 on Sundays, should a leg be fished.

Exceptions are as follows:

- a. For reasons of safety lines-up may be called early by majority vote of the elected weather committee.
- b. An Angler may continue fighting a fish for 1 (one) hour after lines-up only provided if the fish was hooked prior to the lines up call and is immediately reported to the control boat "Fighting Fish". In such a case, the particular boat will be granted an extension, of up to 1 (one) hour, to weighing in their fish. Fish hooked after the lines-up call will be disqualified.
- c. In the event of the Angler in above rule 18 (b) is still fighting the fish after the 1 (one) hour extension time allowed, the Angler must cut his / her line.

19. SCORING

The Inshore League is a species driven competition and the scoring system is based on the weight of the fish totalled and the species points for each fish species caught accumulated resulting in the ANGLER POINTS SCORED. This scoring system will also be used to determine the Boat, PWC's and Club Scores.

Jetski's will be scored as a separate division and the scoring will base on the same basis as the Anglers, Boats and Club Scores.

19.1 ANGLER SCORING

- 19.1.1 All fish caught and entered on the MR sheet and weighed at weighing station must exceed 30cm Total Length.
- 19.1.2 All species must comply with minimum length and weight per species as per Marine and Coastal Management regulations.
- 19.1.3 The first fish of each species appearing on the weigh sheet will receive 10 bonus points per species. Repeat catches of the same species do not qualify for the 10 bonus points.
- 19.1.4 Line class factors are still applicable. [1kg to 6kg = 1:1 line factor and 10kg = 0.25 line factor]
- 19.1.5 The weight of all fish appearing on the weigh sheet will be added together and combined with the 10 points per species added together and the result hereof will determine the Angler score for the league day.

Example 1 of calculation of score of an Angler A: [using 6kg line class]

An angler catches the following fish: 2 x Roman [2.5kg & 1.15kg], 1 x R/Steenbras [15kg], 1 x Cob [7.25kg], Red Stumpnose [3.50kg] & 5 Yellowtail [3kg, 3.75kg, 7.5kg, 2.4kg & 10kg].

Calculation 1: Specie Points

10 points per specie for the Roman, R/Steenbras, Cob, R/Stumpnose & Yellowtail
= 10 X 5 species = **50 points.**

Calculation 2: Fish Weight Points

2.5kg+1.15kg+15kg+7.25kg+3.5kg+3kg+3.75kg+7.5kg+2.4kg+10kg = 56.05kg x 1
[line class factor] = **56.05 points.**

Angler points on day: Species points 50 + Fish Weight points 56.05 = **106.05points.**

Example 2 of calculation of score of an Angler B: [using 10kg]

An angler catches the following fish: 1 x Roman [1.5kg], 1 x R/Steenbras [5.8kg], 1 x Geelbek [5kg], Silver [1.5kg], Hottentot [1.75kg] & 2 Yellowtail [3.75kg, & 10kg].

Calculation 1: Specie Points

10 points per specie for the Roman, R/Steenbras, Geelbek, Silver, Hottentot & Yellowtail = 10 X 6 species = **60 points.**

Calculation 2: Fish Weight Points

$1.5\text{kg} + 5.8\text{kg} + 5\text{kg} + 1.5\text{kg} + 1.75\text{kg} + 3.75\text{kg} + 10\text{kg} = 29.3\text{kg} \times 0.25$ [line class factor] = **7.325 points.**

Angler points on day: Species points 60 + Fish Weight points 7.325points = **67.325 points.**

- 19.1.6 Individual anglers are responsible for their own information on weigh sheet. If there is an issue with information on weigh sheet the Angler score will be disqualified and not the boat.
 - 19.1.7 If no M&R forms are presented with the weigh sheet, the affected Anglers will be disqualified.
 - 19.1.8 Any corrections to weigh sheets must be signed by both the Weigh master and the Skipper if these corrections were made before close of scales.
 - 19.1.7 The best 8 scores for an Angler and Boat will determine the top Angler and Skipper for the season.
- 19.2 BOAT / JETSKI SCORE
- 19.2.1 All points scored will be awarded in accordance with the WPDSAA scoring system as per point 19.1 ANGLER SCORING.
 - 19.2.2 Boat scores will be calculated by adding the total points of the anglers on that boat and dividing it by the number of anglers on the boat with the minimum number of Anglers being 2.
 - 19.2.1 In the case of only two senior anglers a junior will make up the third angler and his / her score will count towards determining the Boat score. In the case of only juniors catching fish, their fish will count towards the Boat score.
 - 19.2.2 The Boat points for a boat carrying 1 or more junior Anglers will receive a 10% additional points added to the boat score on the day.
 - 19.2.3 If a problem on the weigh sheet occurs regarding the Boats' information, the Boat score is to be disqualified (e.g. omissions concerning disc numbers, WP numbers etc).
 - 19.2.4 If no M&R forms are presented with the weigh sheet, the affected Boat will be disqualified.
 - 19.2.5 The best 8 scores for a Boat will determine the top Boat over the whole season.
- 19.3 CLUB
- 19.3.1 The club score will be the total score of the top ten anglers of that club for that particular day.
 - 19.3.2 The total of all the events will be the overall score of that participating club for the season.
- 19.4 SCORER
- 19.4.1 All weigh sheets and M&R sheets to be posted on the T/O Whatsapp group by the club T/O's by no later than 17h00 on the Monday after the Leg.
 - 19.4.2 Club T/O's to check weigh sheets. A Club T/O can make changes and corrections on weigh sheets up until 17h00 on the Monday after the league day at which time the weigh sheets must be posted on the T/O WhatsApp group. These will then be taken as final and scored. No weighed fish may be added to weigh sheets and no M&R fish may be added to M&R sheets after close of scales, however T/O's may transfer fish from M&R sheets to weigh sheets if they were omitted erroneously on the weigh sheet.
 - 19.4.3 It is the responsibility of the scorer to forward a first draft of the results, weigh sheets and M&R sheets to the participating club T/O's as well as the WPDSAA T/O for ratification. This should be received by 17h00 on the Monday; 1 week after the scorer received the weigh sheets. This draft may not be distributed to any anglers and is solely for checking purposes.

20. WEIGH-IN

- 20.1 All fish must be weighed on the official scale so designated. Calibration certificate must be available for inspection at the weigh in.
- 20.2 All fish are to be clearly marked and sorted for individual identification prior to the weigh-in.
- 20.3 All fish must be individually presented to the scale and recorded against the Angler's name on the official weigh sheet, which must be signed as correct by the Skipper, or his nominee.
- 20.4 All M&R fish are to be clearly marked as such.
- 20.5 All weighed fish to be marked by the weigh master.
- 20.6 Scales will close three hours after lines up.
- 20.7 If no fish are caught, weigh sheets must be signed by the Skipper or in the absence thereof, be reported to the weigh master.
- 20.8 Launch sites are to be specified on the score sheets.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the available trophies and as determined by the WPDSAA T/O.
- 21.2 In the event of a tie in any of positions of the prize categories for Angler Score, Boat Score or Club Score then to resolve the tie the quantity of fish caught will be used to determine the position. In the event that the tie is still not resolved then the tied position will be resolved by using the Total Weight of fish caught.
- 21.3 If any trophies are incorrectly awarded the Club's T/O at the first opportunity must bring it to the attention of the WPDSAA T/O.
- 21.4 Trophies are awarded for Juniors, Ladies, Seniors in the following divisions Boat & Jetski
- 21.5 Trophies may not be removed from the prize giving venue and must be handed back to WPDSAA on the evening of the prize giving once the ceremony has been concluded.
- 21.6 Cash prizes shall be awarded for the biggest fish of each species per leg, as recorded during the 2026 League Year.

22. OBJECTIONS

All objections together with R50.00 (Fifty Rands) must be reported in writing to the host tournament officer or the WPDSAA T/O no later than 48 hours after scores for a particular Leg are made public.

23. INFRINGEMENTS

Although the intent of these rules is to rely on the integrity and sportsmanship of all participants, the Disciplinary Committee will make a finding at their discretion, by no later than 10 days after receiving the written complaint. Each case will be evaluated on merit by the Disciplinary Committee and judged accordingly.

24. APPEALS

The decision of the Disciplinary Committee will be final. No appeals will be heard.

25. DATES

As per circulated calendar. See attached Calendar marked APPENDIX A.

26. TOURNAMENT OFFICERS' DUTIES

- 26.1 WPDSAA TOURNAMENT OFFICER
 - 26.1.1 Inshore League Rules.
 - 26.1.2 Call meeting of Disciplinary Committee within 10 days of receiving the objection.
 - 26.1.3 Act as Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.

- 26.1.4 Ensure that the Tournament Committee complies with all the rules as set out.
- 26.1.5 Circulate the league brief as stipulated and oversee weather calls.
- 26.1.6 Update the WPDSAA T/O WhatsApp group as per the decision made by the T/O.
- 26.1.7 Assign M&R number on the evening prior to League event.
- 26.1.8 Appoint 4 boat inspectors per leg where possible.

26.2 CLUB TOURNAMENT OFFICERS

- 26.2.1 Be available for weather decisions.
- 26.2.2 All decisions will then be placed on the WPDSAA T/O WhatsApp group or advised at registration for the information of league participants.
- 26.2.3 Ensure that the registration book is readily available to Anglers at the specified venues, from half-an-hour before launching and / or the previous day.
- 26.2.4 Name of control boat.
- 26.2.5 Make arrangements for alternate launching when required doing so.
- 26.2.6 Ensure that weigh master / mistress are appointed to the scales and that the scale is calibrated for the year and that the scale certificate is available at all times.
- 26.2.7 Post weigh sheets on the T/O WhatsApp group after checking them by no later than 17:00 on the Monday following the league.
- 26.2.8 Supply the WPDSAA secretary with a breakdown of entry fees for each specific leg by the Wednesday after the league day and make sure all relevant funds are paid to WPDSAA.
- 26.2.9 Must be available at the venue until close of scale.
- 26.2.10 Hosting T/O's must ensure that an updated list of all WP, All Africa, and SADSAA records is available at the scales.
- 26.2.11 Hosting T/O's must make spare copies of M&R sheets & M&R Conversion Tables available at the scales.
- 26.2.12 When there is a Fixed League date he / she must ensure the Host Club must arrange food / prizes for the event to encourage participation in the league and to encourage members to remain at the weigh in to support the host Club.

TOURNAMENT OFFICERS SHOULD AT ALL TIME REFRAIN FROM BEING INVOLVED IN CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSIONS REGARDING RULES OVER THE AIR AND SHOULD ACTIVELY DISCOURAGE THEIR ANGLERS FROM IT. ANY ANGLER WITH A COMPLAINT SHOULD CONTACT HIS / HER CLUB TOURNAMENT OFFICER OR THE HOST TOURNAMENT OFFICER WHO CAN IN TURN CONFERS WITH THE WPDSAA TOURNAMENT OFFICER ON ANOTHER CHANNEL IF NECESSARY OR PREFERABLY BACK ON LAND.

27. WEIGHMASTERS / MISTRESS

- 27.1 Be available at the scales from lines-up.
- 27.2 Ensure that ALL names of anglers are noted on the boat weigh sheet – nil catch included.
- 27.3 Enter ALL fish presented to the scales, irrespective of weight (nil catches included) and enter M&R fish from M&R sheets on to weigh sheets.
- 27.4 At close of scale hand over to the host tournament officer all completed white weigh sheets and M&R sheets.

APPENDIX A

WPDSAA 2026 ANGLING CALENDAR	Version 4 11th December, 2025	LEGEND	New Moon ●	Full Moon ○
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
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SCHOOL TERMS 2026		COLOUR LEGEND	
TERM 1	14th January to 27th March 2026	INSHORE LEAGUE	WEEKENDS
TERM 2	08th April to 26th June 2026	OFFSHORE LEAGUE	INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS
TERM 3	21st July to 02nd October 2026	SCHOOLS OPEN / CLOSE	SADSAA NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS
TERM 4	13th October to 09th December 2026	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	INTER PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS
			CLUB COMPETITIONS
			SADSAA COUNCIL MEETINGS
			WPDSAA COUNCIL MEETINGS & EVENTS

APPENDIX B

WPDSAA 2026 Measure and Release Length to Weight Conversion Tables									
Length	Roman	Red Stumpnose	Red Steenbras	Geelbek	Dageraad	Garrick (Leervis)	Black Musselcracker	Yellowbelly Rockcod	Silver Kob
MCM Total / Fork Length Size Requirements									
	30cm	30cm	60cm	60cm	40cm	70cm	50cm	60cm	50cm
Measure	F/L	F/L	F/L	F/L	F/L	F/L	F/L	T/L	T/L
26	0.50		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	0.56	0.59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	0.63	0.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	0.70	0.73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	0.78	0.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	0.87	0.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	0.96	0.97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	1.05	1.06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	1.16	1.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	1.27	1.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	1.39	1.36	-	-	1.50	-	-	-	-
37	1.51	1.47	-	-	1.61	-	-	-	-
38	1.64	1.59	-	-	1.75	-	-	-	-
39	1.78	1.71	-	-	1.90	-	-	-	-
40	1.93	1.84	-	-	2.06	-	-	-	-
41	2.09	1.98	-	-	2.22	-	-	-	-
42	2.25	2.12	-	-	2.40	-	-	-	-
43	2.43	2.27	-	-	2.58	-	-	-	-
44	2.61	2.43	-	-	2.78	-	-	-	-
45	2.80	2.59	-	-	2.98	-	2.50	-	-
46	3.00	2.76	-	-	3.20	-	2.71	-	-
47	3.21	2.94	-	-	3.42	-	2.89	-	0.96
48	3.43	3.12	-	-	3.65	-	3.08	-	1.02
49	3.68	3.31	-	-	3.90	-	3.28	-	1.09
50	3.91	3.51	-	-	4.16	-	3.49	-	1.16
51	-	3.72	-	-	4.42	-	3.70	-	1.23
52	-	3.94	-	-	4.70	-	3.93	-	1.31
53	-	4.16	-	-	4.99	-	4.16	-	1.39
54	-	4.39	-	-	5.30	-	4.40	-	1.47
55	-	4.63	3.30	-	5.61	-	4.66	-	1.55
56	-	4.88	3.49	-	5.94	-	4.92	3.11	1.64
57	-	5.13	3.68	1.70	6.28	-	5.19	3.28	1.73
58	-	5.40	3.88	1.75	6.63	-	5.47	3.46	1.83
59	-	5.67	4.08	1.84	7.00	-	5.76	3.64	1.93
60	-	5.95	4.28	1.94	7.38	-	6.06	3.84	2.03
61	-	6.24	4.50	2.04	7.78	-	6.38	4.04	2.13
62	-	6.55	4.72	2.14	8.18	-	6.70	4.24	2.24
63	-	6.86	4.95	2.25	8.61	3.10	7.03	4.45	2.36
64	-	7.17	5.18	2.35	9.04	3.20	7.38	4.67	2.47
65	-	7.50	5.43	2.47	9.50	3.37	7.73	4.90	2.59
66	-	-	5.68	2.58	9.97	3.51	8.10	5.13	2.72
67	-	-	5.93	2.70	10.45	3.66	8.48	5.38	2.85
68	-	-	6.20	2.83	10.95	3.81	8.87	5.62	2.98
69	-	-	6.47	2.95	11.46	3.97	9.27	5.88	3.12
70	-	-	6.75	3.08	11.99	4.12	9.68	6.15	3.26
71	-	-	7.04	3.22	-	4.29	10.11	6.42	3.40
72	-	-	7.34	3.36	-	4.45	10.55	6.70	3.55
73	-	-	7.65	3.50	-	4.62	11.00	6.99	3.70
74	-	-	7.96	3.65	-	4.80	11.46	7.28	3.86
75	-	-	8.28	3.80	-	4.98	11.94	7.59	4.02

APPENDIX B (Continued)

WPDSAA 2026 Measure and Release Length to Weight Conversion Tables									
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MCM Total / Fork Length Size Requirements									
	30cm	30cm	60cm	60cm	40cm	70cm	50cm	60cm	50cm
76	-	-	8.61	3.95	-	5.16	12.43	7.90	4.19
77	-	-	8.95	4.11	-	5.35	12.93	8.22	4.36
78	-	-	9.30	4.27	-	5.54	13.45	8.55	4.54
79	-	-	9.65	4.44	-	5.73	13.98	8.89	4.72
80	-	-	10.02	4.61	-	5.93	14.52	9.24	4.91
81	-	-	10.39	4.78	-	6.14	15.08	9.60	5.10
82	-	-	10.78	4.96	-	6.35	15.65	9.97	5.29
83	-	-	11.17	5.15	-	6.56	16.24	10.34	5.49
84	-	-	11.57	5.34	-	6.78	16.84	10.73	5.70
85	-	-	11.98	5.53	-	7.00	17.45	11.12	5.91
86	-	-	12.40	5.73	-	7.23	18.08	11.53	6.13
87	-	-	12.83	5.93	-	7.46	18.73	11.94	6.35
88	-	-	13.28	6.14	-	7.69	19.39	12.37	6.57
89	-	-	13.73	6.35	-	7.94	20.07	12.80	6.81
90	-	-	14.19	6.57	-	8.18	20.76	13.24	7.04
91	-	-	14.66	6.79	-	8.43	21.47	13.70	7.29
92	-	-	15.14	7.02	-	8.69	22.19	14.16	7.53
93	-	-	15.63	7.25	-	8.95	22.93	14.64	7.79
94	-	-	16.13	7.49	-	9.21	23.69	15.13	8.05
95	-	-	16.64	7.73	-	9.48	24.46	15.62	8.31
96	-	-	17.16	7.98	-	9.75	25.25	16.13	8.59
97	-	-	17.70	8.23	-	10.03	26.06	16.65	8.86
98	-	-	18.24	8.49	-	10.32	26.88	17.18	9.15
99	-	-	18.80	8.75	-	10.61	27.72	17.72	9.44
100	-	-	19.36	9.02	-	10.90	28.58	18.28	9.73
101	-	-	19.94	9.30	-	11.20	29.45	18.84	10.03
102	-	-	20.53	9.58	-	11.51	30.35	19.41	10.34
103	-	-	21.13	9.86	-	11.82	-	-	10.66
104	-	-	21.74	10.15	-	12.13	-	-	10.98
105	-	-	22.36	10.45	-	12.45	-	-	11.30
106	-	-	23.00	10.75	-	12.78	-	-	11.64
107	-	-	23.64	11.06	-	13.11	-	-	11.98
108	-	-	24.30	11.37	-	13.45	-	-	12.32
109	-	-	24.97	11.69	-	13.79	-	-	12.68
110	-	-	25.66	12.02	-	14.13	-	-	13.04
111	-	-	26.35	-	-	14.49	-	-	13.41
112	-	-	27.06	-	-	14.85	-	-	13.78
113	-	-	27.78	-	-	15.21	-	-	14.16
114	-	-	28.51	-	-	15.58	-	-	14.55
115	-	-	29.26	-	-	15.95	-	-	14.95
116	-	-	30.01	-	-	16.34	-	-	15.35
117	-	-	30.78	-	-	16.72	-	-	15.76
118	-	-	31.57	-	-	17.11	-	-	16.17
119	-	-	32.04	-	-	17.51	-	-	16.60
120	-	-	33.17	-	-	17.92	-	-	17.03

