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## 4. SECTION FOUR - FISHING

### 4.1 Fishing Rules

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On the second calendar weekend of each month, for the months September to June, excepting January (when club members are expected to be involved with the Annual Bonanza), a monthly club weekend fishing competition is held. These contests run under the following rules and guidelines :-

- 4.1.1 Fish entered in club competitions must be caught on a rod or hand line from the beach and within the clubs fishing limits as defined.
- 4.1.2 A maximum of three (3) rods / hand lines are allowed for each member.
- 4.1.3 Except in very exceptional circumstances a monthly club weekend will not be cancelled or postponed. On such occasions when it is not suitable for fishing an alternative clubhouse based program will be run the content being at the decision of the Club Captain. This could include training/teaching/skill learning, visiting speakers, discussion or social.

### 4.2 Controller

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The Club Captain is the controller for all monthly contests.

### 4.3 Fishing Boundaries

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- 4.3.1 The contest fishing boundaries are limited to the beaches between the Maketu Surf Club and the eastern boundary will be the western bank of the Whakatane River. These boundaries apply to all club events unless notified otherwise through the newsletter or the Club Captains briefing. From time to time these boundaries may be altered for specific competitions.
- 4.3.2 At the club captain's discretion, if the weather is unfavourable for a club weekend, the boundaries can be adjusted to include Mount Maunganui Harbour (Pilot Bay) and the Ohiwa Harbour. Notification by the club captain will be made to members.

### 4.4 Contest Headquarters

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The Clubroom is the headquarters for the selling of entry tickets and for the official weigh-in.

### 4.5 Competition Hours

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Monthly competitions will start at 6pm on the Friday and finish Sunday morning with all competitors having to be in at the Club HQ by 9.00am. Any alteration to this will be advised in the Club Newsletter.

#### 4.6 Competitions

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Rod or competition fees are usually payable a half an hour before the official contest start time to allow members to travel to the more distant beach locations.

After the official start time an IOU form will be available for latecomers. These members should enter their name and number of Senior/Junior rods purchased. Payment is made on the Sunday morning during the weigh-in – members are requested not to leave money at the club on Saturday unless there are other club officers present.

Provision is also made for members, who due to personal circumstances, are unable to check in to Club HQ prior to fishing. Such will notify the Club Captain prior to arriving at their chosen fishing location that they wish to be part of that competition.

Members cannot start fishing in the contest before the official start time and without first either paying appropriate fees, filling in the IOU form or notifying Club Captain. Members may sign in via a proxy signature by another competitor but this is to be done prior to fishing. On Interclub Weekends members are requested to remain at the club until after the Club Captain's pre-contest briefing.

#### 4.7 Rod Charges

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- Veteran, Men's, Ladies, Golden Oldie .....\$10 first rod, \$5 each additional rod (maximum 3 rods)
- Juniors .....\$5 first rod, \$3 each additional rod (maximum 3 rods)

#### 4.8 Weigh-in

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All fish brought to the scales must comply with the size limitations specified by MPI. "Fisheries Amateur Fishing Regulation".

- Rays are not accepted for weigh-in.
- All sharks must be brought to scale fully gutted and "trunked"\* (\*This means that the head, tail and all fins have been removed").

The RFCC size limitations for contest fish, as measured from the tip of nose to the fork of the tail are: -

- Snapper ..... 300mm
- Kahawai ..... 350mm
- Kingfish ..... 1000mm
- All other fish ..... 300mm

Junior members may weigh-in all fish (except rays) that comply with the size limitations specified by MPI "Fisheries Amateur Fishing Regulation".

Competitors must be on the clubrooms property by the official finishing time. The Club Captain has the right to waive this rule if he/she feels there are extenuating circumstances. The Club Captain's decision is final.

Fish may be weighed-in at any time before the official finish time providing another member of the club records the weights.

Fish must be gutted and have the gills removed before being weighed. The exceptions to this are: -

- Possible club (or NZ/IGFA) record fish. These will have to be gutted and gilled before catch points can be allotted.
- Sharks.

#### 4.9 Security

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Following a weekend contest, it is the responsibility of the last member leaving the club site to confirm that all of the security measures listed on Appendix A have been adhered to.