

Ribbons Ladies Game Fishing 2017 RULES

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY:

As this is a Ladies only tournament, all competitors must be female. All competitors must be a current financial fishing member of a QGFA member club or a current financial fishing member of another GFAA member states' club. Foreign anglers/residents not wishing to join a QGFA member club to fish a tournament must provide proof of being an individual member of the IGFA (e-membership does not suffice) to be eligible to fish. All QGFA events must be fished under GFAA rules and fishing regulations.

LINE CLASS: 10 kg, 15kg or 24kg - If line class is not recorded on score sheet, points will be allocated according to 24kg line class

TAG & RELEASE: All billfish to be tagged and released for points. Tags are available at the briefing.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES: All species except sharks that are listed in GFAA Record Charts.

EDIBLE FISH: As defined by the committee are: Cobia, Mackerel, Mahi Mahi, Dogtooth Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna and Wahoo. Except for record claims, edible fish **MUST** be gilled and gutted on capture and kept on ice and presented in edible condition. Failure to gill AND gut edible species will result in the fish being allocated the minimal point allocation applicable.

An additional 10% is to be added to the weight of the gilled AND gutted fish before calculation of points. Edible fish need not be line class to be weighed.

OTHER GAME FISH: (i.e. those not considered edible by the committee) must be line class to be weighed except for junior anglers. Juniors will be allowed to weigh any gamefish under line class to a max of three fish per species.

POINTS SCORE: All fish weighed must be legal fish in size and bag limits. In the event of a tie, the first team or angler reaching the winning total will be declared the winner.

Billfish: 10kg line = 600+50% Bonus = 900 Points

15kg line = 500+50% Bonus = 750 Points

24kg line = 400+50% Bonus = 600 Points

Gamefish: Weight of fish x 100 divided by line class

FISHING GROUNDS: Opal Reef to Raaf Shoals. Be aware of Green Zone Rules and Regulations.

SAILPAST: All vessels must participate in the sail past, commencing from the Marlin Wharf at **0700 hours**. Vessels must pass the Marlin Jetty in single file, and numerical order, as directed at the briefing for the judging of Best Decorated Boat. The committee will individually consider exceptions to this rule. Departure before 0700 hrs will not be permitted under any circumstance.

FISHING HOURS: Fishing will commence at **0830 hours** and cease at **1700 hours**. Any fish hooked before cease fishing may be played out and is eligible for points, provided the hook up is notified at cease of fishing and the team meets the weigh in cut off time of 2000 hours.

WEIGH IN: All captured fish must be weighed at the Marlin Marina between 1800 hours and 2000 hours. All teams must present completed Score Sheets and Tag Cards to the Weighmaster, even if no fish were caught. Potential records must be announced at time of capture and must not be mutilated.

TEAMS: Teams must be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 anglers.

JUDGES: Judges will be appointed by the committee, with the judges' decision being final and binding.

PROTESTS: All protests must be submitted in writing by the team captain to the executive committee no later than 0900 hours Sunday 3rd December 2017.

RADIO SCHEDS: Frequency: VHF 81 Times: 1105 , 1405, 1630