

Mahia Spearfishing Champs Rules

TOURNAMENT SPONSORS



SPEARFISHING CHAMPS

FISHING DAY / WEIGH IN / PRIZE GIVING / BAR & BBQ

- Saturday 4th February 2023, Run time 9:00am – 3:00pm
- This is a pairs competition. All pairs must be back at weigh in by 4:00pm
- Weigh in is 3:30pm – 5:00pm
- Prize Giving is at completion of weigh in, followed by BBQ
- Bar is open 4:00pm – 10:00pm

REGISTRATION

- Registration; Friday 3rd February 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Bar will be open. Briefing starts at 7pm.
- Sections; Men's \$40, Ladies \$40, Junior \$25. Non-members welcome.
- Register at Mahia Boating & Fishing Club, Mahia Beach. Boats and anglers must be registered before the boat is launched. No radio registrations accepted.
- The decision of tournament committee in respect of all matters relating to this tournament shall be final and binding to all contestants.

SPECIES / ELIGIBLE FISH / PRIZES

- Fish Weighed In is the combined catch per pair. Each fish gets 100 points, plus 10 points per KG.
- No undersize or mutilated fish will be weighed or eligible for a prize.
- All fish must be gutted and gilled and kept on ice during the competition.
- All fish must exceed the 450grams minimum weight. All fish must exceed the minimum legal size.
- Two fish of each species can be weighed in, except Kingfish, crayfish, and paua where it is one.
- All fish must be on the Species List. Prizes will be awarded for the following species:

Species	Legal size	Species
Kingfish (1)	75cm	Giant Boarfish
Terakihi	25cm	John Dory
Blue Moki	40cm	Kahawai
Blue Cod	33cm	Mackerel
Butterfish	35cm	Koheru
Gurnard	25cm	Porae
Snapper	27cm	Blue Mao Mao
Trevally	25cm	Albacore Tuna
Crayfish (1)	54mm male or 60mm female	Skipjack Tuna
Paua (1)		

FISHING AREA

- At this stage the area is to include all the peninsula and the coastline towards Gisborne (not including the area designated as a reserve), including the sisters, near shore rocks/reef and Portland but not Bull Rock. The latter is a haul for smaller boats and an advantage to those who can make it and better divers. May change due to weather.

RADIO SAFETY CHANNEL

- The local radio safety channel is 63. Should you require assistance during the competition please use this, or channel 16.

ANGLER / SKIPPER REQUIREMENTS

- Boats entering the tournament may depart from any port, but all fish must be weighed at Clubrooms at Mokotahi.
- The boats must have a dive flag flying while stationary.
- The dive float must have a flag and it must be self-righting.
- Each pair must have one float with a short 15 m line, and one long line.
- One diver must always be on the surface attached to the short line, observing the other diver underwater.
- It is strongly recommended that every boat has a boatman onboard at all times.
- All boats must be equipped with the following safety equipment; Flares, life jackets, first aid kit & VHF Radio, as a bare minimum. Lifejackets must be worn by all crew on boats under 6 metres.