



Game Fishing Association  
of Victoria

***GFAV***

Policy

Document

## **GFAV Trophies**

- Heaviest Shark – Victorian Waters “Kel Taylor Trophy”
- Tag & Release – Australian Waters “Ian Cutler Trophy”
- Champion Junior Tag & Release – Australian Waters “Neville Dance Trophy”
- Heaviest Gamefish – Victorian Waters “John Bryant Trophy”
- Tag & Release – Victorian Waters
- Junior Tag & Release – Victorian Waters “Bruce Harrison Trophy”
- Heaviest Gamesfish/Shark (Junior) – Victorian Waters “Terry Mattingley Trophy”

Nominations for trophies must be submitted to GFAV by 1<sup>st</sup> August annually.

## **GFAV Executive Expenses**

*(Executive Meeting 8/10/2008)*

- Travelling Allowance for Executive to attend Executive Meetings  
(From home to meeting & return) \$0.35c/Km
- Attendance at Business Functions/Meetings for & on behalf of GFAV *(By-law 16)*  
Reimbursement will be for all actual out of pocket expenses incurred – Receipts are required  
(Fuel / Accommodation / Food / Function fees etc)
- Other Expenses incurred in carrying out an Executive role – Actual receipts are required.

## **GFAV Point Scoring System**

Refer to the GFAV Handbook or GFAV Website [www.gfav.com.au](http://www.gfav.com.au) for details relating to Capture & Tag & Release point scores.

Please note that the Victorian Tag & Release Point score system is under review & all Clubs will be advised of the new points when finalised.

Note : Tag & Release point scores may differ from those used when fishing in NSW waters.

Please refer to NSWGFA regulations for relative Tag & Release Points for NSW waters.

## **GFAV Sanctioned Tournaments**

*(GFAA Executive Meeting – April 2008)*  
*(GFAV letter: Re Tournament Approval 18/12/08)*

Tournaments will only be approved on the following basis : -

- Only GFAV recognised species can be included in the list of species for Capture / T&R on the Entry form.
- Any Non recognised GFAV species in a Tournament must be included on a separate Entry Form with separate rules & have no reference to GFAV/GFAA approval.
- All submissions for Tournament approval must be lodged on the relative document (Application for Permission to Conduct a Tournament or Competition) which is located in the GFAV Handbook or can be downloaded from the GFAV Web site. The Application Form must be in the hands of GFAV 3 months prior to the Tournament date with a copy of the Tournament Rules, Entry & Trophy List included.

## **Cash/Major Prize Tournaments**

*( GFAA Policy )*

In line with GFAA policy, GFAV disapproves of the offering of substantial rewards for the Capture or Tagging of Fish. This practice is not in the best interests of the sport of angling or the conservation of Gamefish.

## **Right to take a Fish**

*( GFAA Policy )*

Anglers retain the right to capture a fish within the bounds of legislation , bag limits etc.

## **Club Secretary's Roles**

Club Secretary guidelines are available from the GFAV Secretary upon request.

## **Tags – types**

*( GFAA Policy – June 09 )*

**Billfish Only Tags** – the use of the “billfish only” tag is mandatory to be eligible to win any GFAA/GFAV trophies & awards.

The billfish applicator measures 76mm, when tagging small billfish it is suggested that a 30mm stopper or cork is used on the 76mm applicator to ensure the fish is not harmed whilst being tagged.

Note: If you wish to use another type of tag eg: Billfish Foundation tag, GFAA strongly suggests to double tag the fish with the other tag & the GFAA Billfish tag as well, this will then make the fish eligible for GFAA/GFAV trophies & point score.

### ***Shark Tags***

### ***Other Gamefish/Tuna Tags***

### ***Small Pelagic Tags***

## **Reciprocal Rules / Bylaws / Penalties / Expulsion / Fines** *(GFAV By-laws)*

GFAV affiliated members fishing in Interstate Waters must abide by that State's laws, rules and bylaws. ie : minimum weights, sizes, bag limits etc.

If any affiliated member of any member Club of a State Association receives any penalty or ban, that decision will be forwarded onto GFAA who will in-turn forward the information to all other State bodies for the consideration of a Reciprocal Penalty.

## **GFAV Affiliation Fees**

Member Club Fee \$1-00

Adult Member Fee \$ 24-00

Junior/Smallfry members \$ 6-00

## **Executive & Council Meetings**

*(GFAV Constitution 5.01 & 5.02)*

Meetings will be conducted on alternate months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Dates will be advised in the GFAV Handbook & are available from the GFAV Web site. Dates may be changed on mutual agreement & all members including Delegates & Clubs advised accordingly.

The AGM is to be conducted in September annually which is to be followed by the September Council meeting.

Council Meetings are to commence at 8:00pm & Executive meetings 7:30pm.

### ***Minutes of Meetings***

*( Executive Meeting 12/11/2008 )*

Executive Meeting minutes are to be distributed to Executive members only

Council Meeting minutes are to be distributed to the Executive, all Club delegates & Club Secretaries.

### ***Quorum for Meetings***

**Executive** – Any 5 members of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum.

*( GFAV Constitution 4.11 (e) )*

**Council** – A minimum of 6 Member Clubs represented by attendance of their delegates constitutes a quorum.

*(GFAV Constitution 5.04 (b) )*

## **Executive Membership**

The membership of the GFAV Executive : “*no more than two (2) person representing any one Member Club may be appointed to the Executive committee.*”

*(GFAV Constitution 4.02 (c) )*

## **Voting Rights at Council Meetings**

The following is the voting rights of delegates & the President of the Association : “*At all meetings of the Council each delegate present shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote. The President shall not have a deliberative vote but when the President is the Chairperson of any meeting, in the event of an equality of votes the President shall have the casting vote.*”

*(GFAV Constitution 4.01 (h) )*

## **Club Reports for GFAV Annual report**

*( GFAV By-Law 15 )*

It is the responsibility of all member Clubs to provided a **Report of their Club’s activities & achievements** for the past season to be published in the GFAV Annual report. Club’s reports are to be completed & submitted to the GFAV Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Clubs are also to provide a list of their **Capture Statistics and Tag & Release Statistics** also by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## **GFAA Affiliation Fees**

Current GFAA affiliation Fees are payable by GFAV prior to 31<sup>st</sup> August annually. Current fee structure is :

Adult Member \$11-00  
Junior Member \$ 4-40

Fee structure for the Adult fee is :

Affiliation fee	\$9-00
Fare Equalisation Scheme	\$1-00
GST	\$1-00

The Structure of the Junior Fee is :

Affiliation Fee	\$4-00
GST	\$0-40

## **GFAA Annual Trophy Nominations**

Nomination forms will be forwarded by GFAA to all State Secretaries for distribution to Clubs & subsequent return. State Secretaries are to compile forms & submit them to the GFAA Secretary by the date stated on the form, otherwise applications will not be considered.

## **GFAV Recognised Species / Record Species**

In accordance with our By-laws – GFAV recognises all species of fish, all forms of angling & all line classes that GFAA recognises, from time to time for State Record purposes.

*( GFAV By-law 24 )  
( Executive Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009 )*

## **Fishing/Claiming Records - Sanctioned & Non Sanctioned Tournaments**

In some instances GFAA recognised fish species are included on the Non Sanctioned competition for heaviest capture awards (Gummy Shark, Snapper) but are not eligible for trophies in the Sanctioned tournament (usually a Club's decision).

If an angler entered both the Sanctioned Tournament & the Non Sanctioned competition & was to capture a pending record fish, then there is 2 options :

1. - Claim the prize in the non sanctioned competition or
2. - Claim the Record

***Under no circumstances can the angler claim or be awarded both !!!***

Anglers fishing Non Sanctioned competitions may not claim Records or GFAV/GFAA trophies for fish captured/tagged in that tournament.

Under the GFAA policy document issued to State Executives in October 2008, Section -  
Sanctioned Tournaments, item 6 -

***“Note 2: GFAA will not accept any record application generated from within a non-sanctioned tournament other than an internal club competition.”***

*( Council minutes 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 )  
( GFAA Policy Document )*

### **Record Claims – Outside State Embargos**

State embargos are in place for the calculation of Club & State points & trophy's only,  
Embargos do not apply when claims are lodged for State, National & World Records.

*( Council minutes 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 )*