

2022 Fishing Competition Rules - OBC Open Fishing Competition

Kids Start 6am Saturday 5th March 2022

Adults Start 6pm Friday 18th March 2022

Club Mission statement

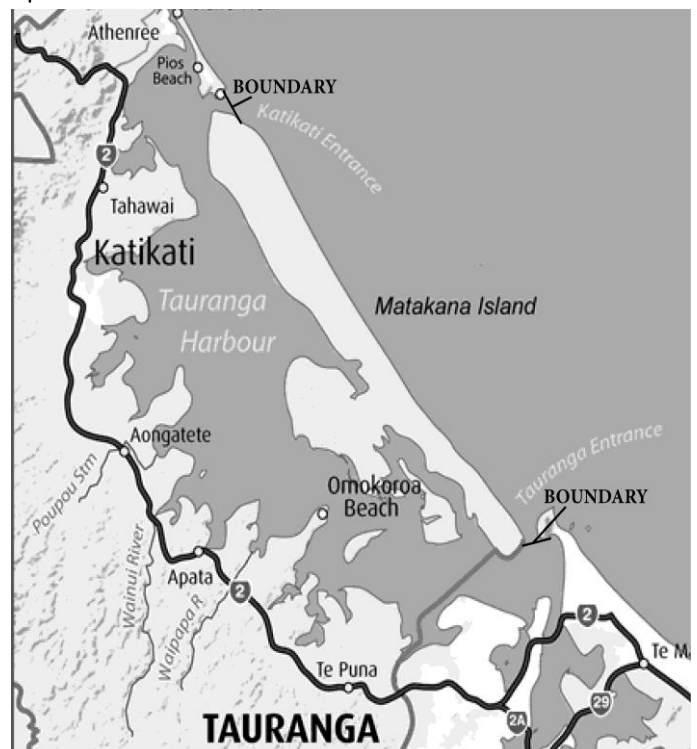
- Take no more than your immediate needs
- Understand and observe all fishing regulations
- Support and encourage activities that restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitats
- Quickly and correctly return unwanted or illegal fish to the water
- Respect the rights of others and treat fish humanely

Tournament Regulations

1. The entry ticket must be shown during the weigh in and only one entry, per category, per angler.
2. No fishing prize will be issued without the proof of the entry ticket with the rules attached.
3. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the registration of any contestant whose conduct in their opinion is contrary to the spirit in which the fishing tournament is run. The decision of the organisers in this matter is final.
4. Registration constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations covering the tournament, and all contestants agree to abide by the judge's decision.
5. The age requirement for the Kids Competition: Boys and girls 14 years and under at start of the tournament.
6. Kids Competition: All boys and girls must wear a lifejacket during the tournament.
7. ALL COMPETITORS - Should carry and use correctly sized life jackets for each person on your craft. It is recommended that they be worn at all times. Ensure all children are wearing life jackets

Tournament Rules

1. **Kids:** Fishing will commence 6am Saturday 5th March - Last weigh in will be at 4pm Saturday 5th March. Prize giving 6pm if in ORANGE TRAFFIC LIGHT. If in RED, PLEASE SEE EXTRA INSTRUCTIONS
2. **Adult:** Fishing will commence 6pm Friday 18th March - Last weigh in will be at 4pm Saturday 19th March. Prize giving 6pm, if in ORANGE TRAFFIC LIGHT. If in RED, PLEASE READ EXTRA INSTRUCTIONS.
3. The time of the start and the finish of the competition will be referenced to the clock in the Omokoroa Boat Club house. We would advise competitors to set their watches by this clock.
4. The permitted fishing area is the Tauranga Harbour. See map ----->
5. Fishing will be with rod and reel only. Nothing else is permitted.
6. The organisers reserve the right to change the fishing area without explanation if circumstances in the harbour region dictate. Contestants will be notified prior to setting out.
7. Cheating will result in instant disqualification. Contestants must be prepared to be answer questions from the organisers with regard to their catch.
8. Registration to the tournament means all contestants agree to abide by Ministry of Fisheries Recreational fishing regulations.
9. All under length fish at weigh in will result in disqualification.
10. If for some reason the fishing competition has to be cancelled, then notification will be placed on the Omokoroa Boat Club building notice board.



Weigh In

1. 'Weigh in' will be from 2-4pm (Kids Sat 5th March 2022, Adults Sat 19th March 2022)
2. Competitors must be in the 'weigh in' queue by 4pm Saturday 5th March for the kids and 4pm Saturday 19th March for the Adults for their fish to count. There are no exceptions to this rule.
3. Tied weights will be decided by 'first past the post' rule. The competitor weighing in first will be deemed as the winner.
4. One fish can be weighed for each tournament category for any individual competitor. This means you can, if wanted, weigh in one snapper in the heaviest category and another snapper in the average weight category.
5. Fish will be inspected at 'weigh in'. Only legal healthy fish will be accepted and the organisers reserve the right to reject any fish presented.

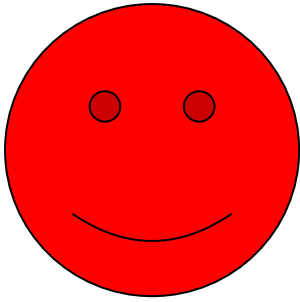
Tournament Fish and Prizes

Adults				
Species	Prizes	Min. Size	Mens	Womens
Snapper - Heaviest	1 st , 2 nd	30cm	✓	✓
Snapper - Average Weight overall (Men's & Women's)	One Prize	30cm	One Prize overall	
Kahawai - Heaviest	1 st	-	✓	✓
Kahawai - Average Weight overall (Men's & Women's)	One Prize	-	One Prize overall	
Trevally - Overall Heaviest (Men's & Women's)	One Prize	25cm	One Prize overall	
Kingfish - Overall Heaviest (Men's & Women's)	One Prize	75cm	One Prize overall	
Kids (0-7yrs, 8-14yrs)				
	Per age group			
Species	Prizes	Min. Size	Boys	Girls
Snapper - Heaviest	1 st , 2 nd	30cm	✓	✓
Kahawai - Heaviest	1 st	-	✓	✓
Kahawai - Average Weight overall (Boys & Girls, both age groups combined)	One Prize	-	One Prize overall	
Trevally - Heaviest	1 st	25cm	✓	✓
Kingfish - Heaviest (Boys & Girls, both age groups combined)	One Prize	75cm	One Prize overall	

1. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash. Prizes are the responsibility of the prize winners after they have received them. Spot prizes redrawn after 20 seconds if not claimed.

General Recommendations

1. All boats should carry the minimum safety equipment on board as specified by the NZ Coastguard. These include personal floatation devices, anchor warp and chain, signalling equipment, secondary propulsion, bailer and fire extinguisher. In addition to these six items that each boat should carry, seven further items are useful. A first aid kit, tools, rope, local charts, compass, change of warm clothes, and a knife.
2. Life jackets should be worn at all times and all vessels must have the required Navigation lights including an anchor light.
3. Skippers ensure that they only take the vessel out in conditions that are appropriate to both the type of vessel and your own ability level.
4. Keep fish in good condition by taking ice and a chilly bin out with you.
5. If any competitor is unsure about Fisheries Regulations collect a pamphlet from the registration table at the club.
6. All competitors should wear a hat and sunscreen. This is especially important for those competing in the Kids Competition. **Note: Club House VHF Channel is 74. Good luck and successful fishing.**



COVID 19 RED TRAFFIC LIGHT CHANGES TO THE COMPETITION:

If we are in still at 'RED' under the New Zealand's COVID-19 Protection framework the following changes will be made to the competitions:

1. There will be NO prize giving in the OBC after the competitions due to the 100 people limit the club must adhere too. Instead, prize winners in the Kids' Competition will be announced on the OBC website and club mail out and will be able to collect their prizes from the OBC during bar opening hours (4-5pm and after 7.30pm weekdays). Adult prize winners will also be announced on the OBC website, and club mail out, and be invited to a prize giving on Sunday 20th at 11.00am (prize winners only).
2. There will be no fish and chips for kids.
3. Masks will need to be worn at weigh in and social distancing maintained.
4. Spot prizes will be drawn during the fishing for both competitions, and handed out when competitors weigh their fish in, or if weigh in is not attended, they will be contacted after the competition, to come and pick up their prizes during bar opening hours (4-5pm and after 7.30pm weekdays).
5. Goody bags will be handed out at the kids' weigh in too, so even if you have no fish to weigh in, you should still come to the weigh station to collect your goody bag and see if you have won a spot prize!
6. If you are not able to participate in either competition due to having to isolate due to COVID-19, you will be entitled to a full refund.