

OFFICIAL RULES

1. All teams must be land-based.
2. Line can only be taken out by Torpedo or drone.
3. Only 1 Torpedo or drone per team in the water at any 1 time.
4. The number of hooks per Torpedo or drone is limited to 12, please note there will be random checks by officials, this rule is in place to ensure the longevity of the Far North Torpedo Tournament. Anyone caught breaking this rule will be disqualified immediately and from all future tournaments.
5. Line must be retrieved, intact from point of launching.
6. Fishing areas are anywhere - Please proceed to your preferred spot as individual fishermen.
7. The 1st team with their equipment in the area will have precedence, should it appear lines may tangle or contact, the team without precedence must remove their gear.
8. **Fish Auction** All fish weighed Thursday and Friday will remain the property of the organisers, these fish will be auctioned for charity. (If you have extra fish that you wish to donate, please do so). Fish weighed Saturday you can keep.
9. Should bad weather or other circumstances prevail, we may make changes to the times.
10. Fishing is between 6am and 4pm, Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Launching of any Torpedo or drone outside of these hours will result in an instant disqualification
11. **Weigh station times** The time on the official weigh station clock is final.
A team member must be in the weigh station with their catch before the weigh station closes. **Thursday & Friday** Weigh station is open 3.30pm - 5pm **Saturday** Weigh station is open 2.30pm - 4pm
12. A team member must be in the weigh station with their catch before the weigh-in station closes.
13. No more than 3 fish of each species can be weighed in each fishing day on the day the fish is caught. Snapper / Kahawai / Gurnard
14. Minimum is 35cm for Snapper, Kahawai. Minimum is 30cm for Gurnard.
15. **Overall Teams Points** the combined points of all fish weighed during the competition.
Snapper, Kahawai, Gurnard - 1pt per kilo (or part of)
16. It is the team's responsibility to ensure all fishing is in accordance with the ministry of fishing laws and regulations.
17. A minimum of 500mtrs between each team.
18. Gear must not impede on traffic on the beach.
19. Entry is acceptance of the rules, doing so you agree to participate in this tournament and all other associated activities voluntary and of your own free will.
20. You are aware of the possible dangers involved in this type of event.
21. All contestants must register at the safety briefing night, Wednesday. Registration from 4pm.
22. There are buses on 90 Mile Beach, please be aware of these. Speed limits apply on all beaches.
23. The beaches are for all of us, so take care and take your rubbish with you. Please refrain from leaving anything, including fish or carcasses on the beach. We have people that will gladly come and take your leftover fish.
24. If you are caught cheating you will be disqualified from this tournament, including all spot & lucky table prizes. The organisers have the final say in all of the above.
25. The only species that count are Snapper, Kahawai and Gurnard.
26. If there is a draw for any prize then it will be shared.
27. The teams overall average weight winner, will be the team with the exact match in weight, or closest to the average weight of all teams. This average will be accumulated weight for the 3 days of the competition, determined by the number of teams entering fish in this part of the competition, i.e.. if a team does not weigh any fish, they do not participate in the average weight calculation of prize.
28. Please adhere and respect individual Regional Council beach access rules(Refer to their website if unsure)
29. Any snapper that may be eligible for biggest of the day, take a video of the fish being held up and a team member with your lanyard on.