

**Competition Headquarters and Weigh Station:** Top Shot Bar, 15d Minden Rd, Te Puna

**Registration/Entry:** Must be paid no later than the start of briefing.

**Cancellation:** There will be no cancellation of the competition.

**Briefing:** 7pm Friday 8th March, Parents/guardians of entrants are asked to attend the briefing at the Top Shot Bar to hear any last minute rule changes and to collect starter packs.

**Hunting and fishing times:** Friday night 8th, Saturday 9th Sunday 10th March Hunting and Fishing is permitted from the end of the briefing until the weigh-in starts. Entrants must be at the event in person to claim any prizes.

**Specified species:** The following are the only species and minimum weights/ lengths accepted for weigh in:

Kingfish: 75cm minimum length

Snapper: 30cm minimum length

Kahawai: no minimum length

Trevally: 25cm minimum length

MOST Bait Fish (Spotties, herrings, piper): no minimum length

Eels: eels are no longer allowed to be entered in this competition in the interest of protecting the resource

Heaviest Rabbit

Heaviest Hare

Heaviest Possum

Most Magpies

Most Possum

**Fish and game:** Entrants are only permitted to weigh in one of each 'specified' species of fish, or game – except no limit to the numbers of possums, magpies and baitfish. Entrants and/or guardians to remove their animals and fish after weighing, with the exception of possums – please bring along all the possums shot.

**Final weigh in time:** The weigh in time is 12.30pm to 2.30pm. No fish/game will be weighed after 3.00pm unless entrants are in line at the weigh station at 2.30 sharp.

**Prize categories:**

**3-9 YEARS OLD:**

Snapper: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Kahawai: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Trevally: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

MOST - Bait Fish (Spotties/herrings/piper) 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Rabbits: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Hares: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Possums: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Magpies: 1st most birds

**10-15 YEARS OLD:**

Kingfish: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Snapper: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Kahawai: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Trevally: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Rabbits: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Hares: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Possums: 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest

Magpies: 1st most birds

**3-15 YEARS OLD:**

Possums: most possums 1st ONLY

**Capture and condition of fish and game:**

Fish weighed for the competition must be caught in the Tauranga harbour only (from Mount entrance to Bowentown entrance), by rod or hand line only (no other methods).

Game to be 'despatched' humanely and legally.

All fish to be weighed must be gutted prior to weighing and must be in a fresh edible condition (chilled or kept on ice but not frozen). Bait Fish do not need to gutted,

No wet rabbits, possums, hares or magpies will be weighed.

**Variation to Rules:** The competition organiser reserves the right to vary these rules up to briefing. Where any part of the rules are varied, the changes will be announced at the briefing.

**Disputes:** The competition weigh masters decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.

**Disclaimer:** Te Puna Hunting and Fishing Club, its members, or any of the event organisers are not responsible for the safety and wellbeing of entrants/parents during this event.

It is expected that the guardians of entrants will take full responsibility for their own and the entrants safety and will at all times adhere to the laws and regulations governing the taking of fish and/or game (and firearm use) within New Zealand.

**Good luck:** Have a great few days fishing and hunting. No fish/game is worth risking your life or wellbeing, so apply all the water and boating safety rules, and ensure entrants under supervision are kept safe where firearms are involved.