

TE PUNA HUNTING & FISHING CLUB

LADIES FISHING COMPETITION RULES

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

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

Cancellation: There will be no cancellation of the competition.

Briefing: 6pm Friday 15th January. All entrants are asked to attend the briefing to hear any last minute rule changes and must be in attendance for any prizes drawn at the briefing.

Start and end times: Fishing begins: 7:30pm Friday 15th January 2021 - Midday Sunday 17th January 2021. Entrants must be at the event in person to claim any prizes.

Prize Giving: 3pm Sunday 17th January

Weigh in time: 12:30 - 2pm Sunday 17th January 2021

Weigh in / Measuring requirements: Entrants are able to send in photos of their catch as an entry into a category to allow for releasing of fish and promote sustainable fishing. Fish must be in reasonable fresh condition. Fish may also be weighed and measured on Sunday during weigh-in hours. Only vinyl measuring mats will be accepted (no stickers, chilly bin lids etc). The vinyl measure may not be modified so it will affect the ability to measure the fish accurately from jaw to tip. A clear photograph of the fish, correctly placed on the measure will be critical to your entry into the competition. The image will be used to validate your entry in whichever category. Place your fish on the measure (as shown below) and take one or more digital photos that clearly show the fish placed side-on, on the measure with either the upper or lower jaw touching the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure. Mats will be available for purchase at the competition briefing. One valid photo per fish is to be sent in. All photo entries to be sent to tepunahuntfishclub@gmail.com . If photos do not meet the requirements, they will be declined.

Photo entry checklist

- Make sure the photo is of sufficient quality and suitable to enable the species and length to be verified.
- The photo submitted must be in landscape format.
- Take several photos just in case. Shadows can cause problems if the fish is placed on part sun/part shadow.
- The tip of either the upper or lower jaw must touch the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure. It is permissible to place a hand or have someone hold the fish on the measure or use damp cloth on the fish to settle it while a photo is taken, provided this does not obscure the fish significantly or prevent The NZ Fishing Competition administrators from being able to validate your catch.
- The V of the tail should be as close to the midline of the measure as possible. All fish must be placed side-on the measure.
- The measure should be placed on a flat surface.
- The jaw of the fish must not be distorted in an attempt to exaggerate the length.
- Fish must be measured fresh and must not be significantly cut in a manner that alters the length. We **strongly recommend** you **DO NOT** gut or gill your catch before taking the photo as generally it will render the fish ineligible for the competition. Photos with the fish clean of any blood are preferred and images with excessive blood may be declined.



Please note that your fish may not be eligible for entry into the competition if the above conditions are not met, however the organisers totally reserve the right to accept an entry on the basis that an appropriate reduction in length

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is made for any non-compliance and/or the Te Puna Hunting and Fishing committee reserve the right to disqualify any catch at their sole and absolute discretion for any reason whatsoever including but not limited to suspected measure tampering and false date submissions.

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

Random fish species: As meets the requirements for the particular species.

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 during this event.

It is expected that entrants will take full responsibility for their own safety and will at all times adhere to the laws and regulations governing the taking of fish within New Zealand.

Good luck: Have a great few days fishing. No fish is worth risking your life or well-being, so apply all the water and boating safety rules, and ensure entrants under your supervision are kept safe.