

# **WAGFA By-Laws**

## **1 Tournaments**

1.1 The Association may sponsor teams participating in Game Fishing contests and may authorise the use of the name the Association in connection therewith. The team selection shall be made by the Management Committee.

1.2 All open or invitational [game fishing] tournaments held by Member Clubs that include participation by anglers who are Members of other WAGFA Member Clubs must be sanctioned.

1.3 Angling tournaments or competitions shall incorporate a point scoring system which encourages the Tagging and Release of fish.

1.4 Member Clubs wishing to hold tournaments or competitions must apply to the Association at least three months prior to the holding of such tournaments or competitions for approval to conduct same and provide dates, rules, regulations and details of trophies or awards to be given.

1.5 The Association shall not approve a tournament or competition which offers a substantial award for a record catch or a specific fish other than the heaviest of species.

1.6 All tournament competitors must be financial Affiliate Members of the Association.

1.7 The Association shall not accept any record application for a fish captured in a non-sanctioned tournament other than a Member Club competition.

1.8 Tag & Release points shall only be allotted if the tag cards are correctly and fully completed.

1.9 All sanctioned tournament brochures and advertisements must carry the approved Association sanctioned tournament logo in a prominent position.

1.10 Perpetual Trophies – the Association may make perpetual trophy awards. All perpetual trophies shall remain under the control of the Association and shall remain in Western Australia. Suitable replicas of plaques may be struck and presented to the annual winners.

1.11 In all tournaments held by member clubs of the Association cash prizes shall not exceed a total cash pool of \$50,000 with a maximum cash prize of \$5,000.

1.12 Clubs running Association sanctioned tournaments must adhere to the current relevant statutory authority rules and regulations.

1.13 Delegates are responsible for having their major club competitions sanctioned through the Association as set out in Regulation 1 - Tournaments. Delegates are responsible for providing a written club report of their club's activities to the Secretary 14 days prior to each General Meeting.

## **2 Communications**

2.1 All written communications are to be addressed to the Secretary.

2.2 Political Affiliations – the Association shall have no local, national or international political affiliations.

2.3 Publicity – All publicity of the Association shall be approved by the President and released by the Secretary.

## **3 Public Comment.**

3.1 No Delegate, Member Club or Affiliate Member shall write, or infer, the Association's support for any position or policy without the written authority of the Committee. Support may be assumed when the support for a position or policy is explicitly consistent with a current published decision or policy of the Association. Members are not authorised to make any public statement whatever on the Association's behalf. Only the President, Secretary, or specifically authorised Delegate can speak or write on behalf of the Association