

GAME FISHING RULES & EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

The following Angling Rules and Regulations have been formulated to promote ethical and sportsman-like angling practices, to establish uniform regulations for the compilation of Australian Game Fish Records and to provide basic angling guidelines for use in fishing tournaments and any other group angling activities. The word angling is defined as catching or attempting to catch fish with a rod, reel, line and hook as outlined in the IGFA Angling rules and Equipment Regulations. However, there are some aspects of angling that cannot be controlled through rule-making. Angling rules cannot ensure an outstanding performance from each fish and Australian Records can not indicate the amount of difficulty in catching the fish. Captures in which the fish was not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect credit on the angler, and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the record. Only fish caught in accordance with IGFA Angling Rules and within the intent of these rules will be considered for weigh-in.

EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

A. Line

Only factory pretested lines are acceptable. Acceptable lines are Platapus monofilament Pretest, Black Magic monofilament Pretest & Berkley Big Game monofilament. These lines are factory pretested and have a written manufacturers endorsement to that affect. Any other line brands must be monofilament and have written endorsement that they are factory pretested.

B. Line Backing

1/ Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material.

2/ If the fishing line is attached to the backing the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the two lines. The backing may not exceed the 60kg line class and must be of a type of line approved for use in these angling rules.

