

19TH JANUARY – 17TH FEBRUARY 2019

VGFC KINGFISH TAG AND RELEASE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. ANGLERS

As per GFAV Bylaws: "Only members affiliated with GFAV, GFAA or overseas visitors affiliated with IGFA can fish a GFAA/GFAV sanctioned tournament". Anglers must provide proof of affiliation on request. Proof of affiliation will be required for allocation of prizes.

2. FISHING RULES

Fishing rules shall be the current G.F.A.A. rules for equipment, tag & release. G.F.A.V. By-laws must be adhered to. Only species listed below will be recognized.

Yellowtail Kingfish

3. LINE CLASSES

2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg,

"Braid or Gel-spun lines will be permitted for this tag and release tournament.

4. TAG & RELEASE

All tag cards must be marked with the time the fish was tagged. In the event of equal scores, the first angler to attain those points shall be deemed the winner. The VGFC reserves the right to request photographic evidence of a tag and released fish. Failure to produce may result in disqualification of the fish.

POINT SCORE:

Yellowtail Kingfish 2000 pts

MINIMUM LENGTH

Yellowtail Kingfish 70cm Short Length

5. WEATHER

As per GFAV By-laws: - "The declaration of a gale or storm force warning by the appropriate government weather authority will automatically require the suspension of any tournament or event conducted under the auspices of the Game Fishing Association of Victoria and its member clubs for the period of the current warning. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing and make way to port." As this tournament will be ran over the course of 4 weeks, anglers are advised to adhere to the above GFAV by-law relating to weather conditions.

6. WEIGHING

Any Yellowtail Kingfish weighed during the running of this tournament will be ineligible. Only fish tagged and released shall be eligible for prizes.

8. TACKLE

Anglers submitting tag cards may be asked to present their tackle for inspection.

PROTESTS

Any protests relative to the tag & release of a Yellowtail Kingfish must be submitted in writing by the angler to the tournament committee. Protests must be lodged no later than 4.00pm on 17th February 2019.

9. JUNIORS

A junior will be any person under the age of 16 years and small fry any person under the age of 11 years as at Midnight, 19th January 2019.

10. TROPHIES

Juniors are only eligible for prizes in the category they pay to enter. Only one category per angler.

11. GENERAL

The following **MUST** be undertaken in order for a tagged Yellowtail Kingfish to be deemed eligible,

- Yellowtail Kingfish must be photographed with tag visible on the fish measurer provided to each angler.
- The whole fish must be present on the fish measurer.
- The above-mentioned photograph, as well as a photograph of the completed tag card must be sent to kingfish@vgfc.com.au on the day of capture.
- All tag cards must be submitted to the VGFC recorder prior to the presentation evening on Sunday 17th February 2019.
- Fish are to be measured from nose to tip of tail.
- **Failure to complete any of the above will result in disqualification of the fish.**
- Yellowtail Kingfish must be captured within Victorian waters to be eligible.

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TOURNAMENT ITINERARY

Saturday 19th January 2019	7:00am	Tournament commences Start Fishing
Sunday 17th February 2019	3:00pm	Tournament ends Stop Fishing
Friday 6 April 2017	5:30pm	Tournament Presentation. VGFC Clubrooms

Times subject to change

* Lucky Tag Prize to be collected at Trophy Presentation