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NRSAA Competition Rules:

(These rules apply for interclub/national/international events held in Namibia)

1) Compliance.

- a) During all organized competitions the participating Anglers/clubs must comply with all the rules, including all current national fisheries regulations as promulgated by the authorities from time to time. All anglers will hold a current and up to date fishing permit for the recreational harvesting of marine resources.
- b) The control during the competitions will be handled through the Weigh master/Controlling officer for the day according to the policies and rules of the NRSAA.
- c) All participants must comply with the NRSAA's Code of Ethics at all times when they may be identified with the Association, and are encouraged to follow these ethics at all other times.
- d) The NRSAA may perform drug testing of participant/s as and where deemed necessary.

1.1) DISCLAIMER

The NRSAA accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any injury or damage caused to, or by, members or visitors whilst attending any Association event. The Safety of Anglers and Members is the responsibility of the individuals concerned and no liability is accepted by the NRSAA or any individuals who form part of the NRSAA.

1.2) Changing of rules

These rules will be applicable until changed at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting as convened in terms of the Constitution of the Namibia Rock and Surf Angling Association ("NRSAA").

All proposed amendments requested to be made to the Competition rules must be forwarded to (in writing) the Secretary and circulated to all Clubs as laid out in the NRSAA Constitution.

2) Officials

- a) The officials will be under the control of the NRSAA and must comply with all the procedures and requirements of the NRSAA Constitution
- b) Officials can and may inspect/measure line/hooks/tackle/bait/bait boxes and also inspect **Measuring tapes** at any time during any related event.
- c) Any angler found guilty of breaking any said rule will be disqualified immediately and forfeit all his/her competition points accumulated throughout the competition/event.
- d) The weigh master will determine whether sea conditions/angling areas are deemed safe and alter/advise/restrict proceedings accordingly.
- e) Officials reserve the right to pursue any irregularities within and up to 7 (seven) days after any event providing indication to do so is indicated to the

- weigh master on the current day of occurrence before competition ends.(closing of scales)
- f) Any other person/official who is part of a said team breaking any of the rules could lead to the disqualification of himself, the angler, the team.(Runner, driver, photographer etc. (Any person allowed and recognized to be part of the team)
 - g) The weigh master will be the official with highest authority during these events.
 - h) **A dispute committee will be appointed consisting of the chairman and two (2) additional members chosen by the anglers or club/team representatives.**
 - i) Should the chairman not be present any chosen NRSAA committee member may head this dispute committee.

3) Definition:

Any Person:

A person who is legally part of the event excluding participating anglers.

(Manager, runner, reserve, weigh master, driver, guide, etc, etc.)

Angler:

Team member physically participating by fishing with rod and reel.

4) Equipment/Tackle.

4.1) General:

- a) No artificial harness equipment except a rod bucket may be used while fishing.
- b) A harness or other equipment can only be used by a disabled person. Applications for this right must be forwarded in writing to the committee of NRSAA at least fourteen days (14) prior to the said event. A certificate providing details of the disablement must accompany such an application. Every application will be handled on merit.
- c) The use of boats, track skis, kites, wave drivers/riders, air cannons or any other artificial methods like balloons “floats or corks above the size of 64 cm³ (40 x 40 x 40 mm)” for the placing of bait will not be permitted.
- d) Only bait casting allowed, no spoons, poppers, artificial lures etc. to be used
- e) All flotation devices used in bait presentation have to be covered by the bait presented and not be visible from the outside upon presentation.(size as in (c)
- f) No angling is permitted from canoes, small boats or any other type of floating equipment.
- g) Rod stands/ rests may be used while fishing but under no circumstances may a fish be fought/ played while the rod is in the stand.(see exemption 4.9)

- h) A fixed trigger finger (bionic finger) is allowed. (Fixed spool reel casting)

4.2) Monofilament Lines

- a) No breaking strain or thickness limit is placed on this line – open to any dia. line.
- b) Mainline can be attached directly to the Swivel/coupling/knot of the trace. (No brake leader required).

4.3) Braided main lines

- a) No breaking strain or thickness limit is placed on this line – open to any dia.
- b) The braid can be attached directly to the Swivel/coupling/knot of the trace. (No brake leader required).

4.4) Backing line.

- a) The use of any backing material is allowed, and it may enter the water while the cast is made.
- b) Any form of backing may be used. (Mono/braid). (Seen 4.2 & 4.3)

4.5) Leader line.

- a) Leader line (Shock leader) not to exceed 9m (nine) in Length. (No limitations on thickness or breaking strain). Measurement is made from (and includes) mainline knot, up to (and including) total terminal trace. (From the knot on the Main line to the furthest point on the terminal tackle. (End of weight or hook point – whichever is longest)).

4.6) Hooks

- a) No more than 2 (two) single hooks or 1 (one) treble hook allowed to be used at any time for bait casting.

4.7) Slides

- a) No form of sliding of any bait permitted. (Sliding – making use of any means/gadgets to transport/slide bait down the mainline).

4.8) Rods

- a) Only (1) one rod per angler allowed to be fished with at any given time. (Line in water)
- b) At no time may an angler's rod be handled or held by any person while the line is in the water, or while being in the process of landing/playing/fighting a fish.**
- c) Each angler to cast for himself – no assistance allowed

- d) Alternative rods/traces may be baited up and readied but not casted before the fished rod's line has not been retrieved and is out of the water.
- e) Fished/Alternative rods and traces may only be baited after the start of competition/event has occurred. (After captains meeting)

4.9) Equipment failure

- a) Should an angler experience equipment failure (e.g. reel seize, broken rod) while fighting/landing a fish he/she may:
 - Place the rod in the stand, or on the beach.
 - Retrieve/land/fight the fish by handling his mainline.
 - He/she may not receive any assistance while performing this/these tasks. (see 4.8 b)

5) Classification/min weight of fish

ONLY measurement/weight chart allowed. (Edibles or sharks)

5.1) Classification.

5.1.1) Edibles:

- a) Cob, Steenbras, Galjoen or Blacktail) as described under 'size limits' of the National Fisheries.
- b) All fish conforming to the regulations of the Marine Resources Act will be weighed. (If it measures, it weighs.)
- c) Weights as indicated on the measurement/weight chart will be recorded.

5.1.2) Sharks. (Non edibles)

Strictly catch and release to be practiced here

- a) Classified as: Rays, Sand sharks, Sharks, Toby's, Swordfish, Billfish, Barbel, Elephant fish (St Joseph) and Eels.
- b) Minimum weight 1 kg (1 kilogram) will apply.(as per measurement/weight chart)

No deviation from the classification of the rules (5.1.1 & 5.1.2) regarding min sizes and species (both sharks and edibles) will be taken into consideration. (See 1.2)

Also subject to abide by rules and regulations during events from **hosting nations**, where criteria might differ.

5.1.3) Foreign species (No minimum size as / Ministry specified)

- a) E.g. Shad, Garrick, any (not mentioned in 5.1.1a & 5.1.2a), etc,

* Should the foreign specie have no prescribed size all edibles will be calculated from a minimum mass of 700g (0.7kg)

b) Weights and size as in (5.1.1 & 5.1.2) will apply.

c) Weight calculation see 15.2 & 15.3

d) All billfish/swordfish apply 5.1.2

6) **Measuring/recording of fish**

a) The measuring all fish (edible and sharks) during an interclub competition is allowed to be done only by NRSAA appointed officials. (or as decided by the Chief weigh master)

i) All anglers are to ensure that during the competition the measurement is recorded and entered onto his/her weigh card supplied by the NRSAA (or club score card – Approved by NRSAA) and signed by the official. **(Interclub).**

ii) The club Captain/representative has to verify these recording on the same card after the competition by countersigning it.(See (i))

iii) When recorded on the NRSAA measure cards same rules (See (i)) applies, only the weigh master has to sign.

iv) Blank cards (no scores recorded) also have to be signed and handed in after the (all) event.

v) All non-signed/altered/without details/pictures drawn on, etc will be discarded and the angler will forfeit the points gained here. (attendance and all other)

b) Only the NRSAA measure cards and the weigh masters appointed by the NRSAA are to be used for recording of catches **during national/international** events.

c) **Should any other form of recording catches or persons to record be decided on the captains meeting (with proposal from weigh master only) for the current competition – anglers and officials to abide by this.(See 6 (a) &(6 a (i)). (E.g. decided that opposition club members may record catches)**

6.1) **General Rules of Measuring/recording.**

a) All fish must be **clean** when brought for measuring

b) All fish to conform to Legal Authority regulations

c) Individual anglers fish to be kept separate for/during recording/measuring

d) All fish must be measured separately (one angler only), and a separate count of his/her quantity has to be done and recorded.

e) Bag limits/quota may be exceeded provided that all excess fish caught is measured, recorded on score card and returned to the sea unharmed under supervision of the person responsible for measuring.

i) During interclub – apply (6-a- i)

- ii) During national/international events – only NRSAA measuring system will apply.
 - f) Fish not being released is to be measured and recorded and tail marked by the weigh official only. (Edibles)
 - g) Any queries or suspect measured/size fish to be referred to weigh master.
 - h) In the case of 2 anglers hooking the same fish, the angler who has hooked the fish in the mouth will receive the points. If both anglers' hooks are in its mouth the catch will be disqualified.
- i) Any person/angler who forms part of the competition/event found with having more fish than the allowed bag limit/quota in his possession, will be disqualified from the competition immediately and forfeit all accumulated points for this competition. (also see 6.3.1(f) & 6.3.2 (d) (Excluding the fish which is in the process of being weighed and is to be returned)

6.2) Process/ in-Process of Measuring/recording.

6.3) Specie Rules:

6.3.1) Sharks.

- a) **Nationals, International competitions or any venue so classified**
 - A fish is deemed to be in the process of measuring/ recording once it has been removed from the said anglers hook and physically handed over to any person partaking in the comp, **who will either measure or transport said fish to recording/measuring facility.**
 - Sharks are to be handled with utmost care and be measured and released back into the water with in shortest possible time. **(It is the responsibility of the person/angler who brought the fish for measuring/recording to ensure this)**
- b) **Inter club competitions or any venue so specified**
 - A fish is deemed to be in the process of measuring/ recording once it has been removed from the said anglers hook and physically handed over to any official partaking in the comp, **who will measure/record said fish. The responsibility falls upon the angler to return said fish to the water after measure/recording**
- c) **A fish may be handed over to any person/angler/official while in the water (at any depth) but the angler must accompany any of these to dry land. (Current water level mark) Only then is the fish deemed to be in process of recording. (see 8.1 (e))**
- d) After complying with the above (a & b) only then may the angler cast his line into the water.
- e) Any of these persons named in (a & b) **may not** be in possession of more than 1 (one) fish of any 1 (one) individual angler at any given time.
- f) Any person named in (a & b) found with having more than the 1 (one) fish of any individual angler in his possession, will be disqualified from the competition immediately and the relevant Angler will forfeit all accumulated points of this competition.

- g) Any other person or angler who is part of a said team breaking any of the rules could lead to the disqualification of himself and the team.
- h) Any of the persons named in (a & b) may however be in possession of more than 1 (one) fish (one fish ea. of different anglers) as long as rule (e) is adhered to. These fish will be deemed as in process of measuring/recording. (Permission for this person/s has been obtained from the Ministry of Fisheries – competitions only)

6.3.2) Edibles.

- a) Any Angler may accumulate edible fish to the amount specified by Ministry of Fisheries quota or species specifications, but at no time may have more than the prescribed quota in his possession. (All NRSAA events) (Refer 6.1.i)
- b) Any angler may however exceed the amount of fish as specified by quota or species specification by practicing catch and release. (All NRSAA events)
- c) Any person may accumulate the fish of 1 (one) or more individual angler/s at any time, but not exceed quota or species specifications of any 1 (one) individual angler. (All NRSAA events)
- d) Any person may however have the specified quotas of more than one individual angler in his possession. These fish will be deemed as in process of measure/recording.(Exemption obtained by NRSAA from Ministry of Fisheries for National and International events)
- e) Any Angler found breaking these rules will be disqualified and forfeit all accumulated points for this competition/event.
- f) Any other person or angler who is part of a said team breaking any of the rules could lead to the disqualification of himself, the team or all.
- g) All fish to conform to Legal Authority regulations

7) Bait

- a) All baits to conform/comply to the National Fisheries Regulations regarding type/size/quantity.
- b) **Interclub Competitions** - Only the following baits are allowed and anglers must supply their own bait.
 - Sardine
 - Mackerel (not horse mackerel)
 - White Mussel
 - Mullet
 - Chokka/Squid (not octopus)
 - Black Mussel
 - Barbel.
 - Crayfish
- c) No sections/cutlets/portions or whole specimen of sharks, rays, St Joseph or any edible, local or foreign may be used as bait.
- d) **National/International** events/competitions organized/planned by the NRSAA - only bait supplied/quantified/issued by the NRSAA will be used.
 - Sardine
 - Mackerel (not horse mackerel)

- White mussel
 - Mullet
 - Any other bait as agreed upon by the organizing committee prior to the event.
- e) No dispersible additives may be used at any time.
 - f) All excess /unused/surplus bait to be discarded daily, and may not be carried over to the next day.
 - g) Only bait and quantity issued is allowed to be used.
 - h) No skirts, artificial lures etc is allowed to be added at any NRSAA event.
 - i) No other fish (any species) caught is allowed to be used as bait.
 - j) Issued bait may be exchanged between anglers during competitions, providing lawfully prescribed quantities are not exceeded. (e.g. 25 mussels/person)
 - k) No assistance may be rendered from a fellow angler or person to bait a hook.

7.1) Live baits

- a) Live baits may **NOT** be used. – (no exceptions)

8) Landing/assisting landing of fish.

A fish is considered landed when it is under such a control that it cannot return to the water without assistance from an angler or any other person.

8.1) Sharks

- a) No gaffing of any species of shark allowed. (See classification of sharks).
- b) Any person/angler partaking in the comp may assist in landing of a fish, providing permission is obtained from either the angler/ guide/manager.
- c) Only the leader may be handled during landing of a fish.(see 8.1(b))
 - d) No restriction on depth or distance entered into the water for landing/assisting landing is placed.
 - e) **Should a fish be landed at any distance from the beach the angler must accompany the person assisting him onto the beach before he can bait up and cast again. (See 6.3 (1 c))**
 - f) Should a fish be detached from the angler's line/hook or part from the line, only the angler may catch that fish by hand. (Dive for it)
 - g) During the event of the line parting while having a fish on and the line gets wrapped (tangled) on another anglers line, any person (body part) or manmade device (sand spike etc), which then prevents the fish from swimming away freely;
 - The angler whose line parted may not then retrieve the fish and claim the points
 - The angler into whose line the parted line got wrapped may land the fish but not claim the points.

- Should the line get wrapped around a non man made obstacle e.g. mussel, rock, kelp etc. only the angler (whose line parted) may retrieve and land the fish and claim the points.
- h) Should an angler not be using a leader at no time may his/her MAINLINE be handled.
 - i) When no leader is used only the terminal tackle may be handled.
 - j) At no time may the rod be handled by anyone else than the angler during the catch/fight/landing.
 - k) If a fish is landed and a “bunch” of tangled line is retrieved with the fish it must be made sure that the Anglers hook is in the fish and NOT the hook of the old tangled line.

8.2) Edibles

- a) No edible fish are allowed to be gaffed; however a lip grip may be used. (See classification of edibles)
- b) Any person/angler partaking in the comp may assist in landing of a fish, providing permission is obtained from either the angler/guide/manager.
- c) Only the leader may be handled at any time during the landing of a fish.
- d) No restriction on depth or distance entered into the water for assisting/landing is placed.
- e) Should a fish be detached from the angler’s line/hook or part of the line, only the angler may catch that fish by hand. (Dive for his fish).
- f) During the event of the line parting while having a fish on and gets wrapped (tangled) on another anglers line, any person (body part) or manmade device (sand spike etc), which then prevents the fish from swimming away freely:
 - The angler whose line parted may not then retrieve the fish and claim the points
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- j) If a fish is landed and a “bunch” of tangled line is retrieved with the fish it must be made sure that the Anglers hook is in the fish and NOT the hook of the old tangled line

9) Area

- a) The area that will be fished in during a competition will be determined at the Captains’ meeting or pre-decided by the Tournament Officials.

- The area between boundaries will not be less than five (5) kilometres and not more than (Ten) 10 kilometers.
 - Ladies area (when fishing separate will be determined prior to the event)
 - One fixed boundary will be agreed on and from there the 10km or agreed lesser distance will be measured.
 - This area will be clearly marked by means pointed out by the weigh master of official at the captains meeting.(e.g. Flags, road cones, etc.)
- b) The responsibility lies with the angler/manager/guide/representative to know/understand/point out the stipulated boundaries (as voted in at Captains meeting) to participating persons/anglers. (also see 11 c)
- c) Any person found fishing out of the stipulated area/s will be disqualified (immediately) from the event and forfeit all points accumulated.
- d) If areas decided on by Captains are non-productive, this area may be changed if majority Captains agree. A stopping and re-starting time must be agreed on, allowing enough time for moving of competitors and competition area.
- e) During internationals/National Competitions Ladies teams will fish
- Separate area adjacent to one boundary of the agreed area
 - Other area as agreed to by the weigh master.
 - Area to be determined at captains meeting or pre decided by tournament officials.
 - Ladies area will be sized according to amount of anglers participating.
 - (Rules 9 (b to d apply))

10) Clothing

- a) During competitions anglers **must** wear clothing that identifies and associates an angler with a specific team or club.
- b) No Namibian Colors are to be worn during Interclub and Nationals Competitions.
- c) During and for the duration of international events only the latest (current) issue of clothing must be worn to ensure uniformity.

11) GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

- a) Electronic communication equipment may be used during competitions.
- b) If a fish is hooked before the competition ends it may be fought until it is landed but the weigh master must be notified as soon as possible.
- c) All fish must be caught/hooked within the designated/stipulated area but may be followed out of the area once hooked. The weigh master must be notified as soon as possible.
- d) Any fish tagged and re - caught on the same day will count if hooked in the mouth.
- e) Any deformed catch which is legally caught will be weighed.
- f) No fish bitten in half will be recorded.

12) PARTICIPATION AND GENERAL ORGANIZATION

- a) Five Inter-club Competitions will be held annually along the coast where all affiliated clubs with any amount of registered NRSAA members/anglers may participate.
- b) Any club must participate in at least four of these competitions to be allowed to participate in annual nationals.
- c) Any angler must participate in at least four of the five competitions to receive yearly merits.(Juniors excluded)
- d) No Roll call shall be held. Handing in of measure/ recording cards will be regarded as an attendance to a Competition.
- e) All measure/recording cards of the day are to be handed to the Chairman, Club Captain or designated person of a Club that must be verified and signed by said person.
- f) If an Angler has caught no fish for the day his signed card constitutes an attendance to the Competition.
- g) No points will be added or altered after cards are handed to the records officer.
- h) No cards will be accepted at any later stage. (after departing from gathering area after competition/event)

13) CAPTAIN'S MEETINGS

13.1) Interclub Competitions

- will be held prior to event start, Location to be advised by the tournament official – (See annual angling calendar circulated)
- Captains meeting at 07h00
- Angling area to be determined within the predetermined zone by majority vote.

13.1.1) Attendance

- a) One member from each club (Club Captain) (unless otherwise requested by the weigh master)
- b) Tournament Officials, for administrative purposes only, as well as weigh officials
- c) The NRSAA Chairman and Exco Officials
- d) The Weigh master/Competition Official shall act as Chairman

13.1.2) Powers of Captains Meeting

(Captains meeting set time 07h00 - AGM)

- a) To share any announcements from NRSAA
- b) To determine the Venue and Boundaries for the competition

- c) Angling hours as agreed on. (See 13.1) If agreed by majority captains and weigh master an earlier starting time may be implemented.
- d) To discuss / implement any possible Nature/Sea Fisheries conservation matters
- e) To attain consensus on all decisions.
- f) Majority vote rules (one vote per club)
- g) Weigh master will have a casting vote.

13.2) National Championships

- a) Captains meeting will be held prior to commencement of the Championship at a venue and time stipulated by the NRSAA.
- b) Captains meeting will be held on completion of each day at a venue and time as determined on the opening Captains meeting.

13.2.1) Attendance

- a) Two members from each club (Manager and assistant Manager)
- b) Tournament Officials, for administrative purposes only, as well as weigh officials
- c) The NRSAA Chairman and Exco Officials
- d) The Weigh master/Competition Official shall act as Chairman
- e) The Chairman or any appointed member of the NRSAA may assist the Weigh master at all Managers meetings

13.2.2) Powers of Captains Meeting

- a) To share any announcements from NRSAA
- b) To elect three members to serve as the Competition action committee
- c) To determine the Venues for the duration of Championships or discuss pre-set venues as determined by the Chief weigh master.
- d) To determine the Boundaries for the competition or discuss (c)
- e) To decide on the competition angling hours
- f) To make bait arrangements
- g) To discuss / implement any possible Nature/Sea Fisheries conservation matters
- h) To attain consensus on all decisions
- i) To address any problems that may have arisen during the course of the competition day

14) POINTS SYSTEM

- a) There will be only one league.

- b) Registered Anglers from each club will participate against each other.
- c) Mass point shall mean the actual mass of Fish caught.(Edibles &Sharks)
- d) Competition point shall mean the recalculated points from the actual mass points where 1 (one) point per KG is awarded.
- e) League Points shall be allocated to the Ranking order of the complete Competition points list, from 300 descending down to 0, or to the last Angler that has gained points. The attendance (“Mombakkie point”) must also be listed.
- f) The attendance (Mombakkie point) is calculated at 25% of the lowest scored points starting at 300.

15) INDIVIDUAL SCORED POINTS

15.1) INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

- a) Each individual angler’s actual weight of catch expressed in kilograms will be noted and then be converted to competition points

15.2) Edible fish competition points:

- a) Competition points will be allocated on the basis of 1 (one) points for each kilogram point and will be calculated to a one (1) decimal point.

15.3) Non-edible fish competition points (sharks see 8.1):

- a) Competition points will be allocated on the basis of one point per kilogram or part there off. (E.g. 2.1 kg = 2, 1 points).

15.4) Points Allocation/Awarding

- a) The angler’s combined Competition Point (Edible and Non-edible) will determine his points for the day. (See 15.2 & 15.3)
- b) All Anglers Competition points for the day will be converted to League points (angler with highest Competition point gets top score eg.300 points, angler with second highest points get 299 and so forth)
- c) An angler that does not catch a fish in a competition gets an attendance League point. 25%oflowest scored point from 300 points).
- d) If two or more Anglers attain the same league points after all competitions points combined are calculated then the winner will be determined as follows. (4 best from 5 interclub’s attended)
 - ii) Grand total weight (kg)
 - iii) Biggest fish average(kg/amount of fish)
 - iv) Joint winners

15.5) Club points:

- a) Each club's top six anglers for the day's catches (league points of each angler) NOT MASS POINTS or competition points will determine the position of the club for the day. The team with the highest (top 6 anglers) league points gets the maximum league points for the day, the team second gets one league point less etc. (Mombakkie point not to be used)
- b) Teams that do not catch a fish will receive an attendance point. (50 (Fifty) fixed points
- c) If two or more teams attain the same grand total for any competition day then the following will be taken into consideration:
- i) Grand total weight (kg = kilogram)
 - ii) Biggest average fish (Kg = kilogram/amount of fish)
 - iii) Combined winners
- d) The grand total league points determine the position of a club for the year.
- e) If two or more clubs attain the same grand total for the year then the following will be taken into consideration
- i) Grand total weight (kg = kilogram)
 - ii) Biggest average fish (kg = kilogram/amount of fish)
 - iii) Combined winners.
- g) Juniors, and ladies points calculated as above (no alteration)
- h) Clubs are rated from a 50 point descending downwards.
- i) League/Competition points to be distinguished between men, ladies, juniors, veterans, master and grand masters for identifying ranking in individual categories.
- j) All anglers (regardless of category) will be tabled on the total ranking league list to determine the champion angler of the year.

15.6) Nationals/Internationals

Calculated on 1 point per fish per kilogram (Catches to comply with measurements as laid down Ministry of Fisheries)

- Edibles – if it measures it weights.
- Sharks (All) – min 1 kg
- Heaviest bag accumulated wins. (angler and team)
- Foreign species – min .7kg (700 gram)

16) TRANSPORT

Every team is responsible for supplying their own transport on the beaches and are subject to the regulations of the different authorities. These allocations of vehicles may change if so decided by the NRSAA committee.

a) **National competitions**

- No more than 2 (two) vehicles are permitted and allocated to a team consisting of maximum 6 anglers, 1 Junior angler U/21, 1 Junior angler U/16 a manager and an assistant manager/reserve.
- Ladies Teams fish in separate areas - 2 vehicles allocated to pre-determined team composition.

b) **International competitions**

- No more than 2 (two) vehicles are permitted and allocated to a team consisting of maximum 7 anglers a manager and an assistant manager/reserve.
- Ladies teams fish in a separate area – 2 vehicles allocated to pre-determined team composition.

c) Should an extra team of juniors or lady anglers be entered into the competition (apart from (a)) then a further 1 (one) vehicle will be allocated to this team. **(Min 3 anglers combined)**

d) Should the team entered in (a) exceed the number of eight, application has to be done to the NRSAA during the organizing of this event and these applications will be decided on merit. (Min 3 anglers combined)(see (c))

e) Only designated vehicles of a team are allowed to move and transport its team members during an event, unless otherwise agreed on at the captains meeting prior to the event. (Extra teams and vehicles not considered as part of (a or b))(only if prior agreed on)

- **Extra vehicles (see 16 (c and d) may not assist team (16 (a)) in transporting team members during a competition).**

f) During a medical emergency any vehicle may be used to assist any angler/person during the competition.

g) Speed not to exceed 40km/h.

h) All gear to be tied down.

i) Anglers to be kept safe at all times during transportation.

j) No reckless driving.

k) No driving between angler and water if lines in water.

17) CONSERVATION AND MARKING OF FISH

Emphasis is laid on CATCH and RELEASE

- a) All Edible fish must be kept in the shade as far as possible.
- b) Non-edible fish must be measured/recorded and returned to the water as soon as possible.
- c) A Shark must be measured/recorded or be in the process of recording first before an Angler may cast his next bait.
- d) No marking of fish (e.g. cutting off of fins or tails of fish or Rays) will be permitted. Only officials may mark fish (Edibles) after it is measured/recorded.
- e) Fish that are returned to the water (released) will not be marked.

18) COMPLAINTS

- a) Competition officials and the action committee (ex officio) must make sure that all rules are adhered to.

* Should a partaking angler be part of this committee and is involved in a dispute directly concerning him, he will stand down and another official will be appointed in his place regarding this specific dispute.

- b) **International Competitions.**

* If an Angler or a team is found guilty of contravening any rules by the Weigh master or Action committee (ex officio) and/or such angler or team is officially reported by any other angler before the scales close, the fish in contention must be measured/recorded and all aspects must be handled by the Weigh master and Action committee before the evening of such competition is over. The decision of the action committee is final and binding. The maximum penalty will be that the total catch of an angler or team can be disqualified for the day or could lead to the disqualification of the angler or team.

- c) **Interclub competitions.**

- i) All complaints (those of the Weigh master and action committee excluded) must be handed in, (**before the scales close**) in writing and the nature of complaints must clearly indicate the names of all interested parties and witnesses signed by the complainant and countersigned by the captain/chairman and secretary/manager of the relevant club. The letter must be handed to the Weigh master together with a deposit of N\$ 50.00. If the complaint is turned down, the deposit is paid over to the NRSAA. If the complaint is legitimate then the deposit is refunded to the complainant.

ii) Should a complaint be lodged and reported to an official during the competition the official will acknowledge and act upon this complain as soon as possible. The angler/person reporting will after the competition still comply as to (i)