

## **East Region WFSA Guidelines for Juniors Fishing Open Competitions & Regional events.**

- **The Health & Safety of the Junior/s is the full responsibility of the parent or guardian during in the event.**
- **The parent or guardian are responsible to ensure that they & Junior/s are aware of the competition rules.**
- **The age range for Juniors to enter events is up to their 16<sup>th</sup> year.**
- **Open Competitions will have a separate prize table for Juniors where entry fees are at the discretion of the organising body. No cash will be given as prizes in the junior prize table.**
- **Juniors may enter the senior prizes list & any pools in operation with permission from the parent or guardian & agreement with the organising club. Generally, this should be discouraged as there may very well be money involved which is classed as gambling & is illegal for individuals under 18. In the event of a junior winning a prize in the main event he/her will have the choice of taking that prize If or the junior prize on offer. They will not be allowed to take both prizes. In the event of the senior prize being cash then an equivalent amount will be awarded in tackle vouchers.**
- **Casting assistance for less abled juniors is allowed as long as prior permission is agreed with the organisers.**
- **Reeling in of fish must be attempted by the junior him/her self. Assistance may be given if it is seen that the junior is struggling were the parent/guardian may hold the juniors rod with one hand. On no account should the rod be taken from the junior & reeled in solely by the parent/guardian.**
- **Sharing of rod rests between the junior & parent/guardian is not allowed. In pegged matches a double peg will be allocated on request.**
- **General fishing skills such as casting & baiting up for themselves is a learning curve experience where it is expected they would be able to be proficient in these skills at some stage. There will be exceptions to the rules with some less abled juniors where special concessions should be agreed with the organisers of the event.**
- **All open competition & events by clubs & the East Region WFSA are catch & release. In some events under size fish are allowed to be weighed in by juniors within their own prize table& will be stated on the poster. In the case of Seamaster & shore league events where points are allocated to individuals. Juniors who catch in size fish will be awarded points dependant on the position they finish in the main event. I.e. Top twenty for Seamaster legs & top 100 for shore league events. Points will not be awarded for undersize fish & must be removed for the total catch weight of junior before the points structure of the event is allocated.**
- **Juniors who enter international fish off's & qualify for National/International selection will adhere to the Governing body rules which may differ from East Region WFSA guidelines.**