

**SOUTH AFRICAN LIGHT TACKLE BOAT ANGLING
ASSOCIATION BY-LAW "11" TO THE CONSTITUTION**



ANGLING RULES

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1. OBJECTIVES OF THE RULES

- 1.1. The Angling Rules of the Association is an attachment to the Constitution of the Association and as such subordinate, and subject to, the rules and regulations of the Constitution.
- 1.2. The Angling Rules are intended to be subject to these rules and regulations and provide, in terms of the Constitution, clarity and detailed explanations of policy issues where there is little information appearing in the Constitution of the Association.
- 1.3. The rules also aim to improve the management skills and efficiency of the Association by eliminating ambiguities and misunderstandings and ensure effective communication between the Association and its provincial members.
- 1.4. The Angling Rules are binding on Association members in as much as they contain direct references to the Constitution. Any changes to these Angling Rules can only be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.
- 1.5. The Angling Rules may be amended by a majority vote if notice of a proposed amendment was given. Certain rules as set out below can be amended at the captain's meetings at a National event by a majority vote. Certain rules as set out below can only be changed at an AGM by a majority vote.
- 1.6. These rules shall come into effect on the date of approval as listed under "Document Control" above under point "III Document Approvals" when signed, dated and published.

2. ANGLING RULES

2.1 General:

2.1.1 No ~~The following~~ rules ~~other than the following~~ may ~~not~~ be altered or changed at the Captains meeting before or during a competition:

2.1.1.1	Rule 4-3 , 2.2.3,
2.1.1.2	Rule 5-1 , 2.3.1,
2.1.1.3	Rule 5-3 , 2.3.3,
2.1.1.4	Rule 5-5 , 2.3.5,
2.1.1.5	Rule 5-17 , 2.3.17
2.1.1.6	Rule 5-24 , 2.3.24
2.1.1.7	Rule 5-25 , 2.3.25
2.1.1.8	Rule 6-2 , 2.4.2,
2.1.1.9	Rule 6-3 , 2.4.3,
2.1.1.10	Rule 7-1-9 , 2.5.1.9,
2.1.1.11	Rule 7-1-10 , 2.5.1.10,
2.1.1.12	Rule 7-2 , 2.5.2,
2.1.1.13	Rule 7-5 , 2.5.2.3,

2.2 Line:

- 2.2.1 Line used shall be restricted to 4,0 kg maximum breaking strain.
- 2.2.2 SALTBAAs shall provide or sell 4,0 kg maximum breaking strain line at national competitions and no other line than that provided or sold by SALTBAAs may be used at such competition or be on any reel or reel spool on board of any boat during the championships.

- 2.2.3 The Record or Tournament Officer may test any line submitted for record purposes or used at any LTB tournament by means of a line test machine.
- 2.2.4 If the test in 4.1 indicates a maximum breaking strain of over 4,0 kg or not within the manufacturer's specification or and is not of line supplied by SALTBA, the Records Officer may will refuse to record a record and the Tournaments Officer may must subject an angler to disciplinary proceedings, provided that such actions shall be suspended if the applicant or angler indicates that the line sample should be tested at his/her cost by the SA Bureau Of Standards.

2.3 Rods, Reels, Traces, Hooks and General Rules for Catching and Landing Fish/General Conduct of Anglers and Skippers:

- 2.3.1 All anglers must comply with all the applicable legislations.
- 2.3.2 Boats must be properly surveyed and carry the required safety equipment.
- 2.3.3 Anglers are only allowed to fish with a maximum of two rods and reels, no other rods are permitted on the boat unless a marshal is present on the boat. Spare reels may be on the boat if comply with angling rule 2.2.1.
- 2.3.4 Not more than two separate hooks may be used per rod.
- 2.3.5 Double or treble hooks may only be used if attached to a factory standard artificial lure.
- 2.3.6 A trace may be used and made of any material provided that the length does not exceed 153cm at any time. The total length of trace is measured from where the single 4kg line terminates to the end of the trace whether it is the hook or the sinker.
- 2.3.7 No float or bung exceeding 50mm in diameter in any direction shall be used in any competition.
- 2.3.8 Fish may only be netted from the boat on which the angler caught the fish.
- 2.3.9 Landing nets may not exceed a length of 2.5m from point to point. This measurement is when the net is unfolded or the handle extended to its fullest length.
- 2.3.10 Only fish on a hook can be netted.
- 2.3.11 The angler shall not receive any assistance in casting, hooking or playing a fish.
- 2.3.12 An angler may not receive any assistance from a person from another boat.
- 2.3.13 The angler may receive assistance in netting a fish from his boat partner or skipper for ladies and juniors.
- 2.3.14 An angler's rod may not be handled by anyone other than the angler his-himself/herself while the rod is alive. An angler's rod is considered alive when there is a hook or lure attached and the line is in the water.
- 2.3.15 In the event of two persons simultaneously hooking the same fish – the fish shall not be counted in any competition.
- 2.3.16 No boat may beach on the bank during competitions so that fishing can take place from that position. During any competition boats must be afloat at all times and be surrounded by water.
- 2.3.17 If fishing in an estuary, a boat may be beached if anglers are to collect bait i.e. to pump prawns, however, lines may not be in the water.
- 2.3.18 The angler, his partner or skipper may not leave the boat during the process of reel in, or netting of fish. The angler may only leave the boat in case of an emergency.
- 2.3.19 During competitions, no boat, angler, skipper or weigh marshal may go ashore or receive assistance from anyone ashore, to load or unload any items, other than at the designated launching site with the permission of the Tournament Officials.
- 2.3.20 A fish hooked, but not landed at the expiry time of the session may be played for one additional hour on condition that a marshal or the Tournament Officer is notified.
- 2.3.21 No foreign objects such as cages may be put or left in angling waters.
- 2.3.22 Anchors may not be left in water when moving to another spot or after a day's fishing.
- 2.3.23 Markers may however be used as prescribed in Rule 6 2.4.
- 2.3.24 In saltwater venues chum buckets may be used.
- 2.3.25 At Estuaries it is compulsory for all boats to have a suitable landing net.
- 2.3.26 Protest notes must be handed in to a marshal or the Tournament Officer within twenty-four (24) hours after lines up.

2.4 Markers:

Anglers are allowed to use markers at a freshwater competition under the following conditions:

- 2.4.1 The Tournament Officer shall supply a visible marked marker per boat at the captains meeting no other marker may be used.
- 2.4.2 If the anglers on a boat have placed their marker in the water, no other boat may place a marker within 100m from said marker. Boats may not anchor, place an anchor or anchor rope within 50m from another boat unless agreed between the boats.
- 2.4.3 If local rules permit, these markers may be left in the water for the duration of the competition including practice days.
- 2.4.4 At the end of the competition all markers are to be removed from the water.

2.5 To Weigh Fish:

2.5.1 At saltwater venues:

- 2.5.1.1 A team may only fish at such venue if a four-angler team (seniors, ladies and Juniors) provides at least two persons and in the event of two angler teams (veterans, ladies and juniors) at least one person to act as stewards during the competition. These stewards must be the reserve and manager of the senior team and in the case of SALTBAAs, Ladies and Junior teams where there is a non-traveling reserve the stewards will be the coach and the manager.
- 2.5.1.2 The Tournament Officer shall assign a steward to act as weigh master and Marshal for every boat, provided that a steward shall not be assigned to a boat of a member association to whom he is affiliated.
- 2.5.1.3 No Gaffs allowed; Fish should be netted.
- 2.5.1.4 Fish shall be measured and released and a weight shall be allocated to such fish according to a scale drafted by the SALTBAAs Executive Committee.
- 2.5.1.5 All fish must preferably be released alive, provided that each angler shall be allowed to retain two edible fish for consumption purposes per day which will count towards his points, provided further that fish for the purpose of claiming a record may be retained and weighed after a prescribed session. The measuring weight shall count for point purposes.
- 2.5.1.6 The minimum age for a steward is sixteen (16) years and older and must be affiliated through their respective provinces.
- 2.5.1.7 A steward may not assist an angler with baiting, hooking or landing a fish, but may assist with the measuring/weighing and releasing of a landed fish.
- 2.5.1.8 A steward may not catch bait.
- 2.5.1.9 Fish that count towards points on your weigh sheet may not be used for bait.
- 2.5.1.10 No Tobi, Octopus, Crustaceans, Shellfish, Sea Barbel, Eels, Dory's or any freshwater fish shall be legible for weighing.
- 2.5.1.11 Fish measured incorrectly will be disqualified.

2.5.2 At freshwater competitions all fish will be weighed after a prescribed session.

- 2.5.2.1 Every catch must be audited and signed for by the angler or his/her representative.
- 2.5.2.2 The team score card must be signed by the team captain / manager.

2.5.2.3 All fish caught at a freshwater national, stay the property of SALTBAA. At sea nationals the angler is allowed to take two fish for personal consumption as per ordinance.

2.6 Rules for Skippers

- 2.6.1 A skipper must firstly operate and be in control of the boat, he may assist in anchoring the boat, netting a fish, baiting of hooks, take a fish off the hook and place the fish in a keep-net or bag or release it after the fish has been landed.
- 2.6.2 While the rod is alive, the skipper may not handle the angler's rod in any way whatsoever. The skipper may also not cast a rod for any angler. A rod is alive when there is a hook or lure attached to the line and the line is in the water.
- 2.6.3 Skippers must have access to or be in possession of a boat that complies with all legal requirements laid down.
- 2.6.4 There may only be one non-angling person on the boat, namely the skipper, and such a person must be a member of the Member Association of the specific team, except if angling is done according to the catch and release system and a steward is used on the boat.