



Record Claim Rules

- 1/ All claims must be on an official Saltwater Flyrodders Club Record Claim Form, and all compulsory fields marked * must be filled in. Only Saltwater Flyrodders club members are eligible to claim a club record.
- 2/ All claims must be lodged with the records officer or another committee member within 1 (one) calendar month of the capture, use e-mail if you need to.
- 3/ All claims will be considered by the committee at the club's monthly committee meeting and will be passed by unanimous vote only. A quorum of 6 committee members or more is required for the vote to be valid. The committee will be duty bound not to pass any record if there is any doubt as to the species or validity of the claim in any way whatsoever, or if the claimant member is un-financial.
- 4/ It is the anglers responsibility to provide sufficient clear photographic evidence to identify difficult species (for example take a clear side view photograph of flathead tails or close up photos of shark teeth and backs of sharks to determine if there is a skin ridge between the dorsal fins etc) etc. Keeping the frozen specimen is also another method that is acceptable.
- 5/ The records officer will liaise with the committee to keep all fish species names up to date with the latest official names. Sea fishes of Southern Australia and Sea Fishes of Tropical Australia and South East Asia books will take precedence as will information from The Museum of Western Australia.
- 6/ The committee may request to test the measure used against a measure of known accuracy, such as a tradesman's (Stanley) tape measure. The committee may decide to round down the size of the fish by whatever extra amount is deemed necessary if the fish is measured on a measure of known inaccuracy.
- 7/ A witness to the measurement of the capture will be required unless clear photographic evidence of the fishes size is photographed (fish next to measure). A digital photo of the fish next to an accurate rule will be required if there is no witness who is a current or past club member. The witness must be a current or past club member, so if that is not the case with your fishing partner, photographic evidence please.

8/ The club record will be based on length in Centimetres rounded down to the nearest half cm. If there is more than one capture at the same length, the first capture will remain the club record until surpassed by a specimen at least 5 mm longer.

9/ The measurement will be from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail (longest lobe) in a straight line; this will include sharks. Garfish and Billfish will be measured from the tip of the short jaw, to the tip of the tail. In other words the measurement is the longest possible for any given fish, except garfish and Billfish. Stingray species will be measured across the wings at the widest point; we suggest great caution if you do decide to measure a "Ray".

10/ No fish under 25cm will be allowable for a record claim and all fish must be a clear 5cm longer than the legal limit to qualify for a club record. Any fish claimed in the unlimited leader size division must be 3 times the length in centimetres of the actual tippet size as stated on the leader spool in kilograms and if the spool states only pounds a conversion will be calculated. For example, if your tippet is 40kg the minimum allowable length of fish for a record claim would be 120cm.

11/ The class tippet (the lightest section in the leader) must be a minimum of 15cm long from each connecting knot and must be of a single strand of either nylon monofilament or fluorocarbon. Braid and other materials are not legal for this purpose. There are 4 (four) class section in each division;

- a/ Up to 3kg Tippet
- b/ Up to 6kg Tippet
- c/ Up to 10kg Tippet
- d/ Unlimited.

The bite tippet must be no longer than 45cm and this will include any wire tip as well. Wire is allowable in the bite tippet section in addition to Nylon Monofilament or Fluorocarbon. The length of the tippet sections will be regulated by an honesty system although if it comes to light that the claimant has withheld information regarding the legality of the leader, all his or her past records may be cancelled by committee discretion.

12/ Stated breaking strains of the tippet section in the record application will also be by the honesty system. It is important for the angler to know exactly what breaking strain and other details are stated on the spool, if there is any uncertainty or strains don't match manufacturers specified details for the stated brand and range of leader material, the committee will be forced to disallow the claim.

13/ The maximum number of hook points per fly will be 2 (two) and the maximum number of flies per leader will be 2 (two). That means that treble hooks are not allowed, double hooks are, but if using a double assist style hook, when the fly has been tied on a standard hook, the main hook point will need to be cut off.

14/ The fly must be commercially tied and marketed as a fly, or a fly tied privately. Flies will be disallowed if they contain a component such as a whole commercial lure (for example a soft plastic lure, lure body or complete squid skirt). This outlaws Jelly Bellies and a few others. Also no fly is legal if it uses the actual material from the animal or plant it is intended to imitate. For example you cannot use dried mussel shell to make a mussel fly, or a real crab claw to make a crab fly.

15/ The fly must not have scent added, the natural smell of a material is acceptable and blood and slime from a previous capture is also allowable so long as it is not added deliberately. Baiting a fly is not allowed.

16/ The Rod must be an accepted "fly rod", committee discretion in the case of custom built rods on non-fly rod blanks. These will generally be ok so long as they are constructed in the fashion of a "fly rod".

17/ The line must be an accepted "fly line". Lead cores etc. that have traditionally been used as fly lines will be accepted.

18/ The reel must be a "fly reel", not a reel made for other purposes. Similar reels such as centrepins, sea reels and hand lines will be considered at the discretion of the committee.

19/ A reasonably good quality digital photograph of each fish claimed is compulsory. No claim will be passed without it, and a claim may be rejected if it is not of a standard that allows positive identification of the fish or if it is not of a quality or taste to allow for public viewing to The Saltwater Flyrodders of WA's standards, as all current club record photographs will be posted on the club's website. blood and guts photo's may be disallowed.

20/ The fish must be hooked in or around the mouth, and must definitely not be deliberately jagged.

21/ Any committee member may nominate a particular species of fish that has been passed as a club record as an "All Divisions" record. If passed by majority vote that species will from that point on be noted in the records list as "All" which will signify that only one record will apply to this species, in other words all line class divisions will become void. This is so that minor species that have more scientific or statistical interest than angling merit will not be multiplied many times over on the species list. A member may at any time request a committee member to present a species for consideration.

22/ The committee may, by Quorum vote at a monthly committee meeting, change, modify, add or remove any rule here and likewise for the record claim form. Changes may be applied retrospectively if deemed necessary by quorum vote.

23/ The committee's decision on any record claim is final, and no further correspondence or debate will be entered into; however, if a club member is not happy with the outcome of any club record claim either his/her own or that of another club member, for any reason, he/she may submit one only written request for review to the committee, who will then take all circumstances into account, and may invite that member and/or the record claimant to the committee meeting to discuss the issue. Any review decision made by the committee will be final.

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