

# New Zealand Diving Spear fishing Competition Rules

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## General

1. Each member of a team may carry one spear gun.
2. Guns must be loaded by muscular force. Cartridge type, compressed gas guns and power heads are not permitted.
3. Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Knife, Weight belt, Torch, and protective clothing may be used.
4. Flashers, Flasher rigs, Fish attraction devices may be used.
5. Each team must tow one Red, Yellow or Orange coloured float or Plat. This Float or Plat must be a minimum size of 10 litres. This equipment must be fitted with a divers flag of at least 15 x 20cm and be self-righting.
6. Attached to the Float or Plat will be two lines. One being no more than 4 meters. The other being a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 40 meters. Either line may be bungee or part bungee.
7. When in the water, divers must always be in a pair.
8. Spare gear may be carried. (Caution: No guns or shafts may be carried hanging vertically in the water)
9. Every team must carry an 'Orange Safety Sausage' or 'Smoke Flare'.
10. Divers under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult
11. The use of scuba tank is not permitted in the competition.
12. Fish are to be auctioned off at the end of the competition for the local coastguard
13. Any fish caught inside the local marine reserves will mean all persons on the boat concerned will be disqualified.

## Weigh In and Scoring

1. The minimum weight for all eligible fish will be 500 grams.
2. Each team shall 'Present' only eligible fish in size, weight, species and number as specified for that competition. Otherwise they will be liable for 100 penalty points for any of the following breaches:
  - Undersize fish will be disqualified
  - fish that are less than 80% of the minimum weight
  - an ineligible specie
  - fish that do not meet the MOF regulations, or
  - more than the allowable number of any species is presented.

## Scoring:

- 100 points per eligible fish
- 100 points per kilogram
- Maximum weight to be scored for each fish will be 8 kilograms.

## Eligible Species List

2. The host club will be responsible for preparing the eligible species list. In doing so, they will ensure that **no** MOF limits or regulations are infringed.
3. The eligible species list may include more than one fish per eligible species.
4. The eligible species list will be provided to competitors at the time of registration

## Eligible Species List

As an indication, this is the species list and number of fish allowed to be caught for each species

Kingfish x 1	Snapper x 2
John Dory x 2	Tarakihi x 2
Trevally x 2	Kahawai x 2
Butterfish x 2	Boarfish x 2
Blue Mao Mao x 2	Pink Mao Mao x 2
Blue Moki x 1	Koheru x 2
Hapuku or Gamefish x 1	

## Competition Area

All competitors must launch from Omaha boat ramp. The designated area will run from Cape Rodney (outside of the marine reserves), across to Little Barrier and around to Kawau (Fairchild's reef).

## Last Boat

A boat will be nominated on the day as tail end Charlie, last boat to return.

## Safety Boats

There will be several marshal/safety boats present on the day. A radio channel frequency will be confirmed prior to the event for communication during the day.

In the event of a life threatening MayDay request, please follow standard protocol and use channel 16.

## Registration

Registration must be before the start of the competition. No registrations will be accepted once the contest has commenced. Registration forms will be available on our website [www.nzdiving.co.nz](http://www.nzdiving.co.nz) & at our dive centre. Address at the beginning of the form. Incomplete forms will be disregarded. All forms must accompany a registration fee of **\$25 per person.**

## Dates and Times

The start time of the competition is Saturday April 11th 07:30. **Last weigh in will be 16:00**

## Charity Auction

Once the competition prize giving has completed a charity fish auction will be held to raise funds for the local Coastguard. All fish caught will be entered into the auction at the discretion of the organisers.

## Reserve Date

Sunday April 13th

## Final Reserve Date

In the event of poor weather the date will be moved back to: Sunday April 19th

## Entries

No entries will be accepted on the day. All competitions must registrar their names, boats and number of passengers. It is the responsibility of the boat master to ensure that all of his passengers and crew return safely.

## Cancellation

Notice of cancellation will be posted on the website, at the dive centre and recorded on the dive centre telephone system.

## Refund

Refund is only available in the event of final reserve date cancellation.

## Disputes

The judge's decision will be final in all matters