



QGFA RECORD CLAIM GUIDE

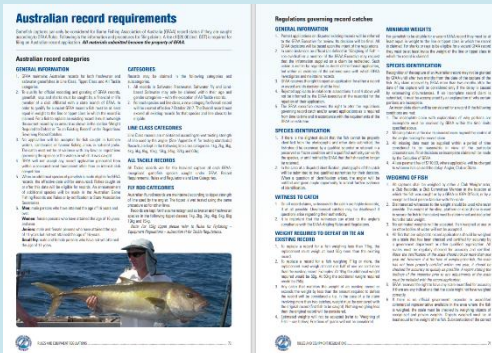


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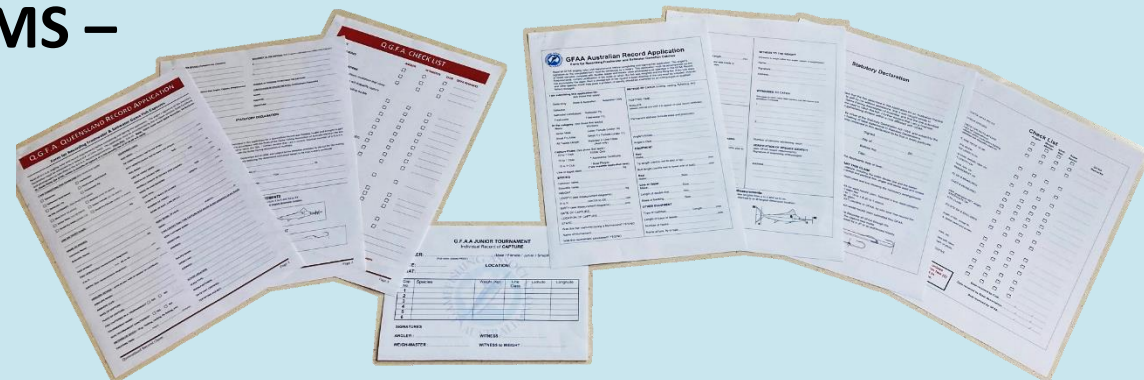
- READ IT!! -

(there are 4 pages on how to prepare the record claim located between the fishing rules and the current records in the GFAA Journal)



PRINT OUT YOUR APPLICATION FORMS – QLD, AUST, IGFA

(you may need all 3 application forms– as these are separate claims to submit (all forms to be included in one submission as there is only 1 line sample))





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STEP 1 - PHOTOS

BEFORE YOU BOTHER FILLING OUT ANY FORMS, TAKE PHOTOS OF ALL MEASUREMENTS AND ITEMS YOU NEED – THEN USE THE PHOTOS TO FILL OUT THE FORMS – IF YOU CAN'T FILL OUT THE FORMS FROM WHAT YOU READ IN THE PHOTOS GO AND TAKE A NEW PHOTO

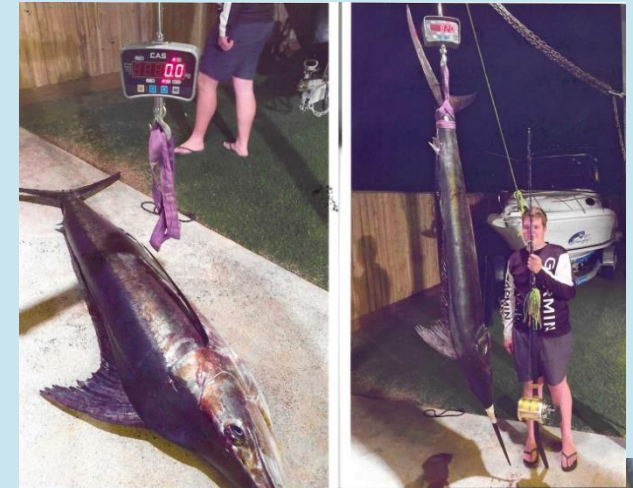
THE PHOTOS YOU WILL WANT ARE:-

WEIGHING THE FISH – TAKE THESE PHOTOS

1) INSTALL LANYARD AND ZERO SCALES – TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS (Make sure the background will be suitable for photos when setting up the scales)

2) WEIGHT OF FISH – This photo should include:- the whole fish, the reading on the scales, the angler holding the rod & reel, a board with the capture details filled out if you have one.

(if you can't get 1 photo of all those details submit 1 overall photo and then more photos as you work your way in closer, until your photo can show the reading on the scale and the fish still hanging on the scale (a close up just showing numbers on a scale is not suitable as it doesn't show what you are weighing, similarly if no photos you submit can show the scale reading these photos are also not suitable)





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RECORDING THE FISH DETAILS – STILL TAKING PHOTOS

3) IDENTIFY SPECIES – TAKE A PHOTO OF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FISH (make sure any identifying features are evident – eg fins, teeth, etc.. – also take a close look at this side of the fish, any scars or mutilations should be photographed while you are looking at this side of the fish)

4) IDENTIFY SPECIES – TAKE A PHOTO OF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FISH (make sure any identifying features are evident – eg fins, teeth, etc.. – also take a close look at this side of the fish, any scars or mutilations should be photographed while you are looking at this side of the fish)

5) MUTILATIONS/ SCARS – TAKE A PHOTO OF ANY (scars or mutilations may be old scars, gaff wounds, bite marks, propellor damage, missing fins, etc.. all of these will need to be explained in the record application)

6) FISH LENGTHS – TAKE A PHOTO OF SHORT LENGTH AND LONG LENGTH (take a photo showing overall length how the tape is laid out and then one zoomed in showing the actual length measurement – this may need a few photos to show these 2 measurements being made)

7) FISH GIRTH – TAKE A PHOTO (photo to show the actual girth measurement)



SCALES WITH SCALE:
"TARE" - SET TO ZERO
- ALSO SHOWS RIGHT LEFT
SIDE OF FISH WITHOUT
DAMAGE OR SCARS

RIGHT SIDE OF
FISH & SHOWING NO
DAMAGE OR SCARS
- NONE SMALL PROTRUSION
CLUSTER NEAR ANAL FIN
ONLY





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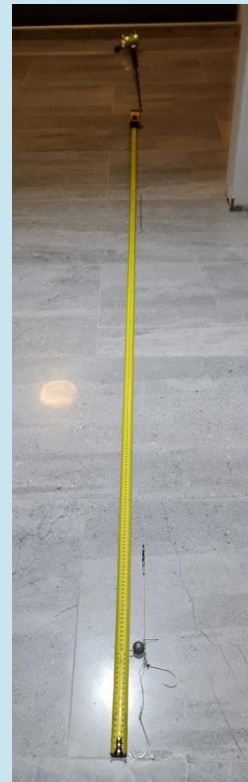
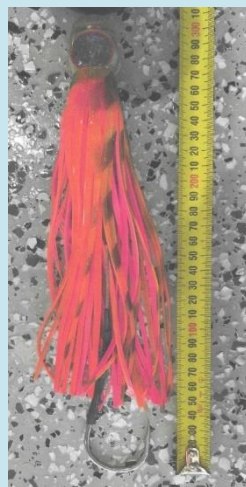
RECORDING THE TACKLE – STILL TAKING PHOTOS

8) TACKLE & LEADER LENGTHS – TAKE AN OVERALL PHOTO (lay the hook on something and straighten leader out, lay a tape beside the hook/leader/double arrangement (with 0 at the hook) place a marker at the end of leader, and one at end of double and take an overall photo)

9) HOOK ARRANGEMENT – TAKE A PHOTO beside the tape (now move in and take a photo showing the hook arrangement, lure skirt laying, etc... all beside the tape measure that is already laying beside it from the overall photo – this photo should be able to check skirt lengths against hooks and be able to measure distances between hooks for confirming if arrangement is legal)

10) LEADER LENGTH – TAKE A PHOTO (show the length along the tape where the leader is sitting (you should have set a marker beside it – still not moved from the original overall photo you took))

11) DOUBLE LENGTH – TAKE A PHOTO (show the mark on the tape where the double is sitting (this will be the combined leader and double length) - still not moved from the original overall photo you took) - when you go to fill the claim form in, the double length will be the combined leader & double length (11) minus the leader length (10))





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RECORDING THE EQUIPMENT – STILL TAKING PHOTOS

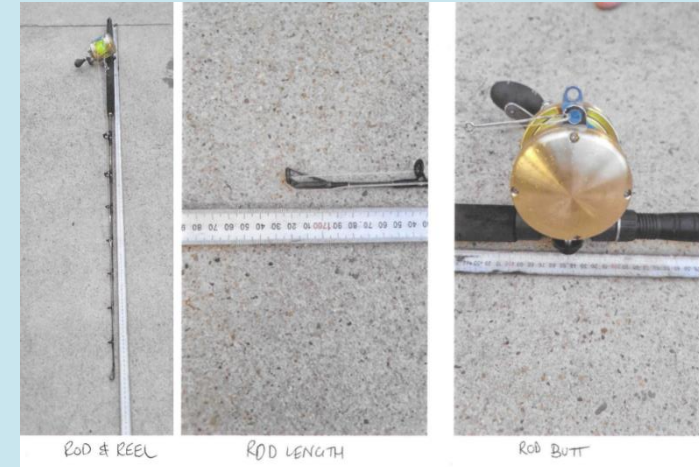
12) ROD & REEL LENGTHS – TAKE AN OVERALL PHOTO (lay the rod & reel beside a tape and take an overall photo)

13) BUTT LENGTH – TAKE A PHOTO (Show a zoomed in photo showing the measurement on the tape)

14) TIP LENGTH – TAKE A PHOTO (Show a zoomed in photo showing the measurement on the tape)

15) GAFF/ NET LENGTHS – TAKE A PHOTO (Show overall length laying out beside a tape and then a zoomed in photo showing the measurement on the tape)

16) SCALES CALIBRATION CERTIFICATE – TAKE A PHOTO (Most clubs keep the scales calibration certificate with the scales – the scales need to have had a certificate issued within the last 12 months)



BRISWEIGH Calibration Test Report
TEST PROCESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NIST 817-1

TWEED COAST SCALES
Weighing Equipment Test Report

REPORT NO: 22108 DATE: 06/06/22 PAGE: 1

Model: Q20-500 Capacity: 500kg
Serial No: A121318077 Graduation: 0.0kg
Type: Q20-500 Accuracy Class: 3
Customer: Gold Coast Game Fishing Club Inc, PO Box 972, Paradise Point QLD 4216
Test Report # 0065

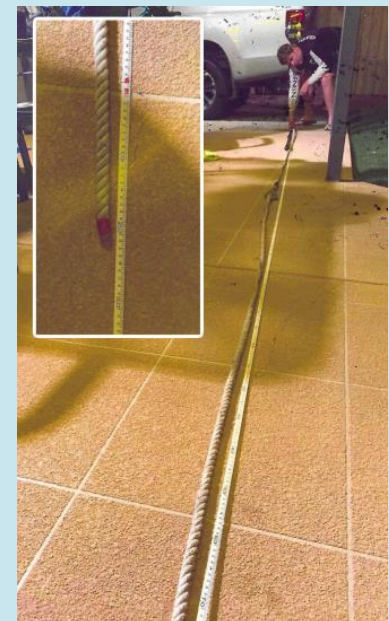
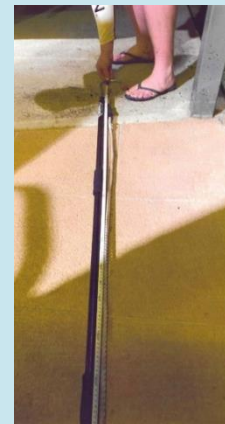
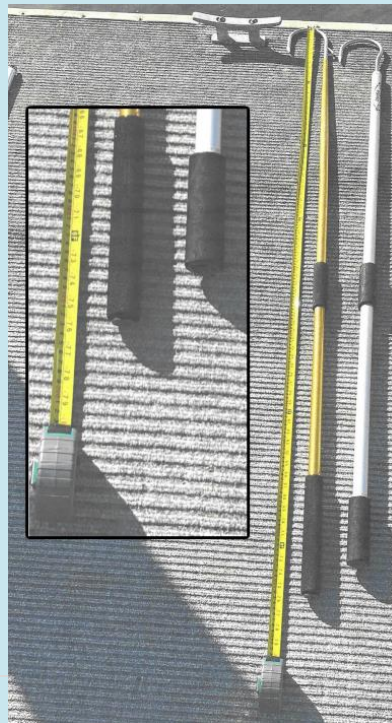
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5.00 kg	5.00	5.00	5.00
10.00 kg	10.00	10.00	10.00
15.00 kg	15.00	15.00	15.00
20.00 kg	20.00	20.00	20.00
25.00 kg	25.00	25.00	25.00
30.00 kg	30.00	30.00	30.00
35.00 kg	35.00	35.00	35.00
40.00 kg	40.00	40.00	40.00
45.00 kg	45.00	45.00	45.00
50.00 kg	50.00	50.00	50.00

COMPLIANCE: 1.05 kg

ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE TRACEABLE TO NATIONAL STANDARDS

Tested By: Mr. J. Ash Approved Signature: [Signature]

Date Tested: 21/06/2023 Calibration Due Date: June 2024





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STEP 2 – FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORMS

BEFORE PACKING AWAY THE SCALES & LETTING EVERYONE LEAVE

Use the values from the photos you have taken – if you can't read the photo go and take a photo you can read as these are the photos that are going to accompany your claim. – Make sure the values on your applications match those in your photos – that is why it is easier to take the photos first and fill the application out using the photos.

Have **everyone** involved in the capture and weighing **sign the application forms** while they are all together.

Once the form is filled out **double check the forms are completely filled out** and everyone has signed in the correct places

Collect the leader with the 16+m of line sample and neatly wrap it on a card and write on it:- Angler Name, Line class and make, and the record claim being applied for (Eg Fred Smith, 8kg momoi, Qld & Aust M8 Blue Marlin)





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STEP 3 – COMPILE YOUR RECORD CLAIM

ANGLER & WEIGHMASTER CHECK LISTS

DO NOT JUST TICK A BOX - The check lists are there for a reason – so the angler & weighmaster check that everything is included and all the tackle and equipment are within the rules requirements. Check the item on your application are within the rules and then check that box and move to the next item.

Any mutilations photographed or issues that need explaining with the application need to be noted on the application forms or an additional supporting documents added (eg mutilation report, confirmation of species email, etc..)

Make your online payments to QGFA, GFAA & IGFA as required (these amounts and bank details are in the GFAA Journal) – print a copy of your receipt and include this in the application

Take your completed application to a JP or notary to sign and complete the statutory declaration part of the claim

Compile your photos with your claim

- QGFA record application can supply photos in electronic form or colour hard copy
- Australia record claims require all photos supplied in colour as a hard copy
- IGFA accept photos in electronic form or hard copies





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STEP 4 – CHECK THE RECORD CLAIM & SEND

CLUB CHECK LISTS

DO NOT JUST TICK A BOX - The check lists are there for a reason –the club representative confirms the application is complete, everything is included and all the tackle and equipment are within the rules requirements. If there are any questions please contact the QGFA Recorder – Ian Meads.

SEND TO QGFA RECORDER

Forward the completed applications to:-

QGFA RECORDER

IAN MEADS

34 AMHURST ST,

SLADE POINT, QLD 4740

0429 068 296

The image shows a 'Q.G.F.A. CHECK LIST' form. It has columns for 'ANGLER', 'W/MASTER', and 'CLUB'. The form includes sections for 'CHECK GFAA RULES', 'CHECK SPECIES', 'CHECK FOR MUTILATIONS', 'LINE IN ONE PIECE', 'DOUBLE LENGTH OK', 'LEADER LENGTH OK', 'HOOK ARRANGEMENT OK', 'ROD & REEL MEASURED & OK', 'GAFFS CHECKED/MEASURED & OK', 'WEIGHING (nearest LOWER graduation NET weight)', 'SCALE TEST CERTIFICATE OK & ENCLOSED', 'CAPTURE CERTIFICATE OK & ENCLOSED', 'PHOTOS', and 'FISH IDENTIFICATION POSTIVE'. There are checkboxes for each item and handwritten signatures and dates. At the bottom, it says 'DATE RECEIVED BY CLUB: 21/08/2021' and 'DATE RECEIVED BY QGFA: 10/9/2021'. A note at the bottom states: 'NOTE: Claims MUST be received by QGFA within two (2) months of capture or a \$210.00 late fee will apply.'





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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER QGFA RECEIVES A CLAIM



QGFA RECORDER RECEIVES THE RECORD CLAIMS, THEN ISSUES A QLD RECORD CLAIM REFERENCE NUMBER & CHECKS THROUGH QGFA CHECKLIST ON EVERY RECORD APPLICATION— The checks at state level are exactly the same as the angler, weighmaster and club follow.

FOR QLD RECORDS ONLY — the line sample is sent to GFAA for line testing – QGFA pay a line test fee for this service. GFAA advise QGFA RECORDER of line test results, successful claims then have a QLD record certificate issued for the angler to their club to then give to the angler.

FOR QLD & AUST RECORDS — the QLD record application is checked and kept by the QGFA recorder. GFAA record application is forwarded with the complete line & leader sample to GFAA for GFAA scrutineering. QGFA RECORDER is then advised if the Australian record claim is approved, rejected or more information required. Any Australian Record certificates are issued to QGFA recorder to then issue a QLD record certificate and forward all the certificates back to the club to then give to the angler.

FOR QLD & AUST & IGFA RECORDS — the QLD record application is checked and kept by the QGFA recorder. GFAA & IGFA record application is forwarded with the complete line & leader sample to GFAA for GFAA scrutineering. GFAA retain the Australian record application and forward the IGFA record application with the complete line & leader sample to IGFA. IGFA send any record certificates back directly to the angler, GFAA continually monitor IGFA site for record acknowledgement and issue an Australian Record certificate to QGFA recorder to then issue a QLD record certificate and forward all the certificates back to the club to then give to the angler.





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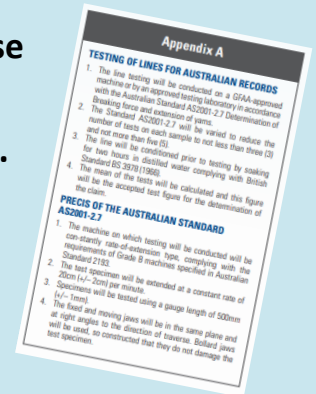


WHY DID MY CLAIM GET REJECTED?

REJECTION NOTICE — Legal advice has been given to GFAA & QGFA executive that we are not to give reasons for the rejection of a claim, so the only rejection advice you will get is that the claim has been rejected.

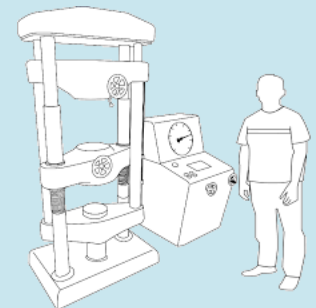
THE LINE TEST SHOULD BE THE ONLY DIFFERENCE — THE QGFA & GFAA RECORDS OFFICERS use exactly the same check sheet as the angler, weighmaster and club. If the checks are completed correctly by the angler, weighmaster and club only the line test should be the reason for rejection once the claim has left your club.

LINE TESTING –GFAA JOURNAL EXPLAINS HOW LINE TESTS ARE COMPLETED. Line diameters are also measured and compared to known tables of line diameters to also check what line samples have been submitted, however, the actual averaged breaking point of the line tests is what is used for the line test results.



HOW CAN LINE FAIL A TEST?

- 1) OVER TEST** – The line test average must not be greater than the breaking strain claimed.
- 2) UNDER TEST** – The line test average must not be less than the line class below that line class claimed for. (eg if a claim was submitted for a 10kg line class record, and the line test average came back less than 8kg this record could not be granted a 10kg line class record).





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WHAT DO I DO IF I AM NOT SURE?

IF YOU ARE ASKED TO HELP PREPARE A RECORD CLAIM FOR A MEMBER WITH A POTENTIAL RECORD FISH AND YOU ARE UNSURE ON WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PUT THE CLAIM TOGETHER.

- **READ THROUGH THE GFAA JOURNAL.**
- **CHECK THROUGH THIS DOCUMENT**
- **IF YOU ARE STILL UNSURE AND NEED SOME ADVICE CONTACT THE QGFA RECORDS OFFICER (IAN MEADS – 0429 068 296) WHILE YOU ARE STILL LOOKING AT THE FISH AND DOING THE WEIGHING – DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AFTER YOU HAVE PROCESSED THE FISH OR CUT THE LEADER OR LINE SAMPLE TO WORK OUT YOU NEEDED MORE INFORMATION OR DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS REQUIRED.**

