

Notice of alterations to Requirements for NSW Records.

Many anglers are now fishing using backing attached to the main line, commonly known as using a top shot. In many instances this involves the use of multifilament line as the backing.

GFAA Rules and Equipment Regulations state the following under Equipment Regulations:

(a) Line

1 Monofilament, multifilament and lead core multifilament lines may be used.

2 Wire lines are prohibited

(b) Line backing

1 Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material.

2 If the fishing line is attached to the backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the two lines. The backing may not exceed the 60kg line class and must be of a type of line approved for use in these angling rules.

The NSWGFA POLICY FOR THE USE OF MULTIFILAMENT LINE.

(e) In the event the capture submitted is also the subject of a New South Wales, Australian or World record claim a separate line sample to that submitted with the claim will be taken and submitted to the New South Wales Records Officer.

Due to the above the NSWGFA Executive has determined the following:

All Record claims where a top shot is used and attached to the backing both the top shot and backing will be tested to determine which is the heavier and that will be the line class determined for the record claim. To this end both the top shot line and the backing will be required to be submitted with the claim. This will involve the usual 16m of the line attached to the terminal tackle as well as 16m of the backing including 1m of the top shot still attached to the backing.

As two (2) line tests are required there will be the usual fee of \$35.00 (Inc. GST plus an extra claim fee applicable which has been determined at \$25.00.

This means a total of \$60.00 (Inc. GST) for this type of claim. The payment is to be made out to NSWGFA Inc.

This is authorized by the NSWGFA Executive and will apply as at 14th June 2016.

For and by

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