

SIMON BROS. CATCH & RELEASE TROPHY RULES

1. Measuring requirements -

- a. Fish must be measured at the site of capture on a measure board that:
 - i. is rigid and remains flat when a fish is placed on top of it;
 - ii. includes a ruler correctly calibrated and marked in centimetres; and
 - iii. has a rigid nose stop at right angles to the ruler at the zero mark.
- b. If a ruler which is not rigid is used to create a measure board, it must be affixed to a rigid surface such that the ruler cannot be moved on that surface, or be bent or crinkled.
- c. In measuring a fish, the fish must be lying flat on top of the measure board, with the fish's snout touching the nose stop. The measurement must be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout to the rear centre edge of the tail.
- d. All measurements must be recorded in centimetres.
- e. Fish that measure between centimetre increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 45 and 46 centimetres will have a recorded length of 45 centimetres.

2. Release requirements - After measurement, the fish must be released at the site of capture so that it swims away on its own. If the fish dies or does not swim away on its own after release, it shall be ineligible for entry in this contest.

3. Evidential requirements -

- a. The angler must submit video, photographic and/or other media capture evidence of the following to a TKFC Weighmaster :
 - i. the measurement of the fish, clearly showing the position of the fish's snout and tail on the ruler;
 - ii. the angler releasing the fish, with the fish swimming away on its own; and

- iii. the date the fish was caught and released - for example by date stamp on the recording, or the angler stating the date in the video recording.
- b. The TKFC Weighmaster may require the angler to:
 - i. produce the measure board that the angler used to measure the fish, to enable the TKFC Weighmaster to verify that the measure board complies with Rules 1a and 1b above; and/or

[Explanatory note: The intention of Rule 3b.i above is that if it appears from the video recording that a measure board that is recognised as acceptable has been used (eg a Hungry Fish measure board), there is no need for the Weighmaster to require the angler to provide the measure board to the Weighmaster. However, if it is doubtful whether the measure board used complies with Rules 1a and 1b (eg a home-made one-off), the Weighmaster may require it to be produced so it can be checked for compliance with Rules 1a and 1b.]

- ii. provide additional evidence to verify that the matters referred to in Rules 3a.i - 3a.iii above are satisfied. Regarding Rule 3a.iii above, the date stamp on the recording and/or the date of capture and release stated by the angler in the video recording shall be sufficient evidence of the date the fish was caught and released unless there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the fish was not caught and released on the date claimed.

[Explanatory note: The first sentence of Rule 3b.ii above is to allow the Weighmaster to require additional evidence from the angler if the Weighmaster is not satisfied with the evidence presented concerning the measurement of the fish, and/or release of the fish, and/or the date of the catch / release. The intention of the second sentence of Rule 3b.ii above is that the Weighmaster should accept at face value the date stated on the recording (if any), or the date the angler claims the fish was caught / released on, unless there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the fish was not caught and released on that date. In this case, the Weighmaster may require additional evidence to verify the date of the catch / release. It is expected that additional evidence will be very rarely required where the date is recorded or the angler states the date in the video.]

- c. If the TKFC Weighmaster is satisfied that the measure board used complies with Rules 1a and 1b, and that the requirements in Rule 3a

above are satisfied, the fish shall be eligible for entry in this contest. In this case, the name of the angler, length of the fish, and the date the fish was caught and released shall be recorded in TKFC's record of eligible entries for the Simon Bros. Catch & Release Trophy.

d. Decisions of a TKFC Weighmaster in relation to these rules shall be final.

4. **Conversion of length to weight for TKFC club points** - For the purpose of recording TKFC club points, the length of a fish caught and released by a TKFC member in accordance with these rules shall be converted to a weight applying the following **length to weight conversion chart**.

Fork Length (cm)	Weight (kg)	Fork Length (cm)	Weight (kg)
30	0.6	62	4.5
31	0.7	64	4.9
32	0.7	66	5.4
33	0.8	68	5.8
34	0.9	70	6.3
35	0.9	72	6.9
36	1.0	74	7.4
37	1.1	76	8.0
38	1.2	78	8.6
39	1.3	80	9.2
40	1.3	82	9.8
42	1.5	84	10.5
44	1.7	86	11.2
46	2.0	88	12.0
48	2.2	90	12.7
50	2.5	92	13.5
52	2.8	94	14.4
54	3.1	96	15.2
56	3.4	98	16.1
58	3.8	100	17.1
60	4.1		