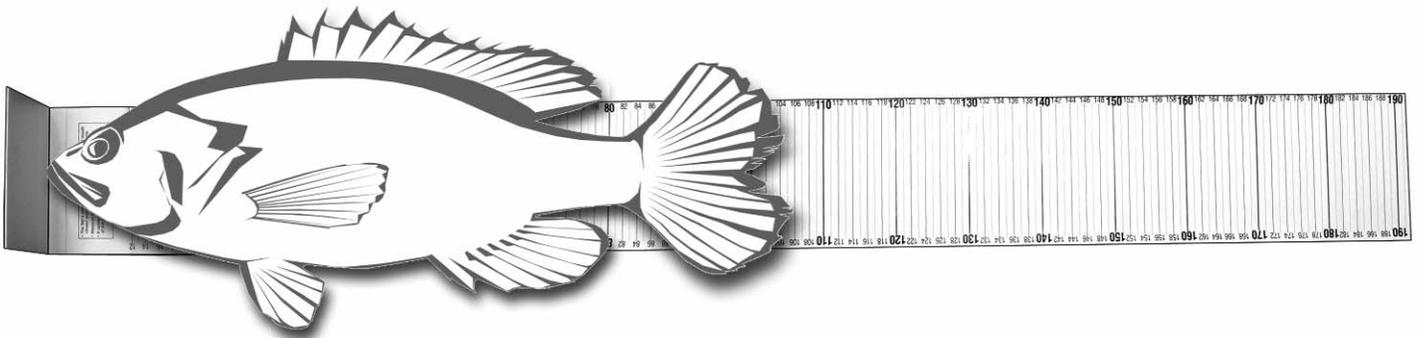

INTERNATIONAL GAME FISH ASSOCIATION

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL-TACKLE LENGTH RECORDS



The International Game Fish Association is a not-for-profit organization committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices through science, education, rule making and record keeping.

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General Information

All fish entered for Length Records must be measured by anglers at the site of capture and released so that it swims away on their own and in good condition. Fish should be revived by moving it forward in the water to ensure a healthy release. **Fish caught and entered for length records are not eligible for weighing and submission for other record categories.**

Rules and Equipment Regulations

All IGFA rules and equipment regulations stipulated for fishing with conventional and fly tackle in fresh and salt-water shall apply with the exceptions below. All angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is measured and released alive.

A. GAFFS & NETS

1. The use of gaffs to land fish is prohibited.
2. Nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 8 feet (2.44 meters) in over all length. (When fishing from a bridge, pier or other high stationary structure, this length limitation does not apply.)
3. The use of knotless, rubber coated nets or other similarly designed nets that minimize slime and scale removal is strongly recommended.

B. MEASURING DEVICE

1. All fish must be measured using an official IGFA measuring device.
2. The measuring device mat may be shortened by cutting it, but it may not be rejoined after it has been shortened.

Angling Regulations

The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with IGFA equipment or angling rules.
2. If the fish dies during the documentation process, or does not swim away on its accord after release

Length Record Requirements

All fish entered for Length Records are subject to the same requirements stipulated for other record categories with following additions and exceptions.

A. MEASURING REQUIREMENTS

1. Fish must be measured using an official IGFA measuring device.
2. The fish's snout must be touching the nose stop with the mouth closed and free of lures or lifting devices.
3. With the fish lying on top of the measuring device, measurements will be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout with the mouth closed to the rear center edge of the tail.
4. All measurements will be made in centimeters.
5. Fish that measure between centimeter increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 45 and 46 centimeters will have a recorded length of 45 centimeters.

B. MINIMUM LENGTH REQUIREMENTS FOR VACANT RECORDS

Fish entered for vacant record categories must measure within the top half of that species maximum recorded length, as shown in the eligible species list.

MINIMUM LENGTH REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO DEFEAT OR TIE EXISTING RECORDS

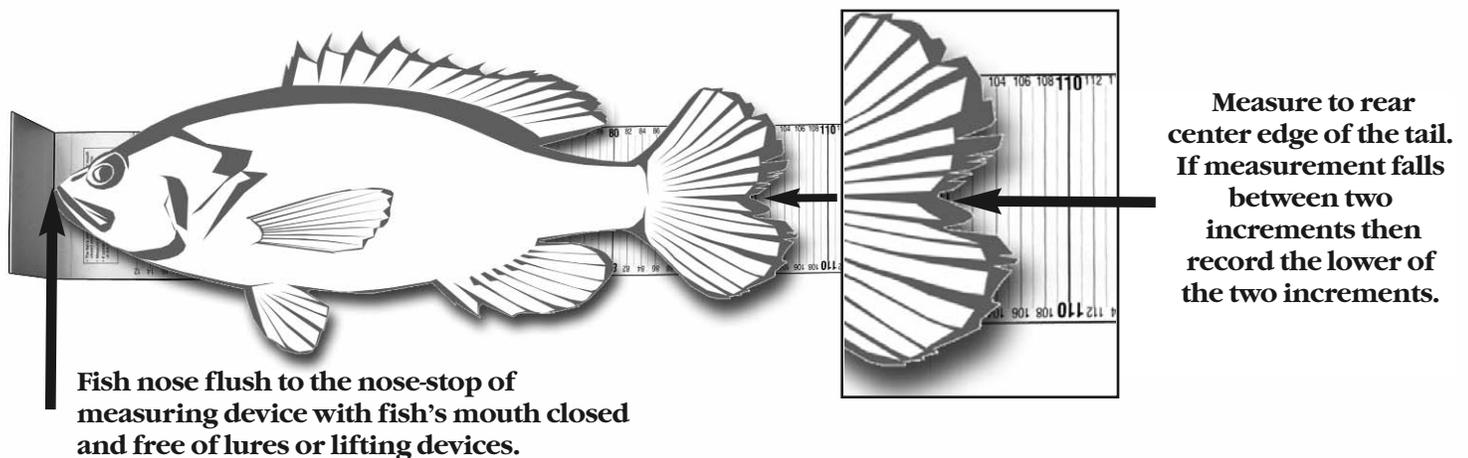
1. To defeat an existing record, the fish must measure at least two (2) centimeters longer than the existing record
2. A catch which matches the length of an existing record or exceeds the length by less than 2 centimeters will be considered a tie. In the case of a tie claim involving more than two catches, length must be compared with the original record (first fish to be caught). Nothing measuring less than the original record (first fish to be caught) will be considered.

D. PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS

Photographs included with applications must contain the following information.

1. The full length of the fish on the measuring device clearly showing the position of the mouth and tail. The fish may be held in position, but must be done in a manner that does not obscure the view of the fish on the tape.
2. A close up showing the position of the fish's nose and tail on the measuring device.
3. The angler with the fish.
4. The rod and reel used to make the catch.

MEASURING REQUIREMENTS



GENERAL BEST HANDLING PRACTICES

To remove your fish from the water to document it for record purposes, anglers should use either hands or a knotless, rubberized landing net to minimize slime and scale loss. Lip gripping devices may be used to help subdue fish. However, large fish should not be hoisted vertically out of the water, as this can cause damage to jaw muscle and bone as well as to internal organs. The best method for removing fish from the water by hand is to grip the fish or the lower jaw and support the fish's underside. Again, the point is always to hold fish horizontally and not vertically.

Documentation

IGFA records require pictures, measurement and/or weighing of the catch. All of this takes time, so you should have the necessary equipment ready before landing the fish. If the documentation process takes longer than several minutes, periodically place the fish back in the water or place in a live well to allow it to breath.

Releasing

Considerable time and care should be exercised when releasing fish. Fish should be placed in the water and held by the base of the tail. If the fish does not swim away from your grasp on its own, gently move it forward in the water to get water flowing over the gills. For best results, move the fish in the forward direction only instead of back in forth. A fish's gills somewhat resemble the pages of a book and are designed for water flow in only one direction. Moving the fish in a slow circle or gently towing it behind the boat will accomplish this.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES AND MINIMUM LENGTHS FOR ALL-TACKLE LENGTH RECORDS

SALTWATER

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Albacore | <i>Thunnus alalunga</i> | 61 cm |
| Amberjack, greater | <i>Seriola dumerili</i> | 92 cm |
| Bass, black sea | <i>Centropristis striata</i> | 33 cm |
| Bass, European | <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> | 46 cm |
| Bass, kelp (calico) | <i>Paralabrax clathratus</i> | 33 cm |
| Bass, striped | <i>Morone saxatilis</i> | 67 cm |
| Bluefish | <i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i> | 59 cm |
| Bonefish | <i>Albula spp.</i> | 50 cm |
| Bonito, Atlantic | <i>Sarda sard</i> | 42 cm |
| Bonito, Pacific | <i>Sarda spp.</i> | 49 cm |
| Cobia | <i>Rachycentron canadum</i> | 85 cm |
| Corbina, California | <i>Minticirrhus undulatus</i> | 33 cm |
| Drum, black | <i>Pogonias cromis</i> | 67 cm |
| Drum, red | <i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i> | 72 cm |
| Grouper, gag | <i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i> | 66 cm |
| Grouper, red | <i>Epinephelus morio</i> | 42 cm |
| Halibut, California | <i>Paralichthys californicus</i> | 66 cm |
| Jack, almaco | <i>Seriola rivoliana</i> | 80 cm |
| Jack, crevalle | <i>Caranx hippos</i> | 57 cm |
| Jack, horse-eye | <i>Caranx latus</i> | 50 cm |
| Jack, Pacific crevalle | <i>Caranx caninus</i> | 50 cm |
| Kahawai (Australian salmon) | <i>Arripis trutta</i> | 41 cm |
| Kawakawa | <i>Euthynnus affinis</i> | 47 cm |
| Ladyfish | <i>Elops spp.</i> | 39 cm |
| Leerfish (Garrick) | <i>Lichia amia</i> | 61 cm |
| Mackerel, narrowbarred | <i>Scomberomorus commerson</i> | 100 cm |
| Mackerel, Pacific sierra | <i>Scomberomorus sierra</i> | 49 cm |
| Mackerel, Spanish | <i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i> | 39 cm |
| Meagre | <i>Argyrosomus spp.</i> | 30 cm |
| Permit | <i>Trachinotus falcatus</i> | 52 cm |
| Pollock | <i>Pollachius virens</i> | 56 cm |
| Pompano, African | <i>Alectis ciliaris</i> | 58 cm |
| Queenfish, talang | <i>Scomberoides commersonianus</i> | 60 cm |
| Rockfish, black/blue | <i>Sebastes melanops</i> | 31 cm |
| Roosterfish | <i>Nematistius pectoralis</i> | 81 cm |
| Samson fish | <i>Seriola hippos</i> | 75 cm |
| Seabass, blackfin | <i>Lateolabrax latus</i> | 47 cm |
| Seabass, Japanese (suzuki) | <i>Lateolabrax japonicus</i> | 63 cm |
| Seabass, white | <i>Atractoscion nobilis</i> | 83 cm |
| Seatrout, spotted | <i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i> | 50 cm |
| Shark, bonnethead | <i>Sphyrna tiburo</i> | 50 cm |
| Skipjack, black | <i>Euthynnus lineatus</i> | 42 cm |
| Snapper (squirefish) | <i>Pagrus auratus</i> | 47 cm |
| Snapper, cubera | <i>Lutjanus cyanopterus</i> | 69 cm |
| Snapper, Guinean | <i>Lutjanus agennes</i> | 69 cm |
| Snapper, mullet | <i>Lutjanus aratus</i> | 58 cm |
| Snapper, mutton | <i>Lutjanus analis</i> | 45 cm |
| Snapper, Pacific cubera | <i>Lutjanus novemfasciatus</i> | 67 cm |
| Snapper, red | <i>Lutjanus campechanus</i> | 48 cm |
| Snapper, yellowtail | <i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i> | 34 cm |
| Snook, Atlantic | <i>Centropomus spp.</i> | 25 cm |
| Snook, Pacific | <i>Centropomus spp.</i> | 25 cm |
| Tarpon, oxeeye | <i>Megalops cyprinoides</i> | 75 cm |
| Threadfin, giant African | <i>Polydactylus quadrifilis</i> | 100 cm |
| Threadfin, king | <i>Polydactylus macrochir</i> | 83 cm |
| Trevally, bigeye | <i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i> | 44 cm |
| Trevally, bluefin | <i>Caranx melampygus</i> | 58 cm |
| Trevally, giant | <i>Caranx ignobilis</i> | 76 cm |
| Trevally, golden | <i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i> | 48 cm |
| Tripletail | <i>Lobotes surinamensis</i> | 48 cm |
| Tuna, blackfin | <i>Thunnus atlanticus</i> | 52 cm |
| Tuna, longtail | <i>Thunnus tonggol</i> | 72 cm |
| Tuna, skipjack | <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i> | 49 cm |
| Tunny, little | <i>Euthynnus alletteratus</i> | 53 cm |
| Weakfish | <i>Cynoscion regalis</i> | 48 cm |
| Yellowtail, California | <i>Seriola lalandi dorsalis</i> | 80 cm |
| Yellowtail, southern | <i>Seriola lalandi lalandi</i> | 78 cm |

FRESHWATER

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Arawana | <i>Osteoglossum bicirrhosum</i> | 41 cm |
| Barramundi | <i>Lates calcarifer</i> | 62 cm |
| Bass, Australian | <i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i> | 27 cm |
| Bass, largemouth | <i>Micropterus salmoides</i> | 48 cm |
| Bass, smallmouth | <i>Micropterus dolomieu</i> | 34 cm |
| Bass, striped (landlocked) | <i>Morone saxatilis</i> | 65 cm |
| Bass, white | <i>Morone chrysops</i> | 24 cm |
| Bass, whiterock | <i>Morone saxatilis M. chrysops</i> | 44 cm |
| Bluegill | <i>Lepomis macrochirus 1</i> | 19 cm |
| Bowfin | <i>Amia calva</i> | 45 cm |
| Carp, common | <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> | 55 cm |
| Carp, grass | <i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i> | 66 cm |
| Catfish, blue | <i>Ictalurus furcatus</i> | 73 cm |
| Catfish, channel | <i>Ictalurus punctatus</i> | 60 cm |
| Catfish, redbtail (pirarara) | <i>Phractocephalus hemiliopterus</i> | 69 cm |
| Catfish, sharptooth | <i>Clarias gariepinus</i> | 85 cm |
| Char, Arctic | <i>Salvelinus alpinus</i> | 51 cm |
| Crappie, black | <i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i> | 24 cm |
| Crappie, white | <i>Pomoxis annularis</i> | 24 cm |
| Dolly varden | <i>Salvelinus malma</i> | 50 cm |
| Dorado | <i>Salminus maxillosus</i> | 55 cm |
| Gar, Florida | <i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i> | 42 cm |
| Gar, shortnose | <i>Lepisosteus platostomus</i> | 38 cm |
| Grayling | <i>Thymallus thymallus</i> | 25 cm |
| Grayling, Arctic | <i>Thymallus arcticus</i> | 37 cm |
| Kokanee | <i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i> | 32 cm |
| Muskellunge | <i>Esox masquinongy</i> | 76 cm |
| Nembwe | <i>Serranochromis robustus</i> | 27 cm |
| Oscar | <i>Astronotus ocellatus</i> | 19 cm |
| Payara | <i>Hydrolicus scomberoides</i> | 53 cm |
| Peacock, blackstriped | <i>Cichla intermedia</i> | 26 cm |
| Peacock, butterfly | <i>Cichla ocellaris</i> | 33 cm |
| Peacock, speckled | <i>Cichla temensis</i> | 45 cm |
| Perch, white | <i>Morone americana</i> | 21 cm |
| Perch, yellow | <i>Perca flavescens</i> | 18 cm |
| Pickereel, chain | <i>Esox niger</i> | 39 cm |
| Pike, northern | <i>Esox lucius</i> | 68 cm |
| Salmon, Atlantic | <i>Salmo salar</i> | 64 cm |
| Salmon, Atlantic (landlocked) | <i>Salmo salar</i> | 46 cm |
| Salmon, chinook | <i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> | 53 cm |
| Salmon, chum | <i>Oncorhynchus keta</i> | 48 cm |
| Salmon, coho | <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> | 53 cm |
| Salmon, pink | <i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i> | 39 cm |
| Salmon, sockeye | <i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i> | 35 cm |
| Shad, American | <i>Alosa sapidissima</i> | 35 cm |
| Snakehead | <i>Channa spp.</i> | 29 cm |
| Sorubim | <i>Pseudoplatystoma spp.</i> | 52 cm |
| Taimen | <i>Hucho taimen</i> | 78 cm |
| Tigerfish | <i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i> | 43 cm |
| Tigerfish, giant | <i>Hydrocynus goliath</i> | 64 cm |
| Trahira, giant | <i>Hoplias macrophthalmus</i> | 26 cm |
| Trout, brook | <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i> | 34 cm |
| Trout, brown | <i>Salmo trutta</i> | 51 cm |
| Trout, bull | <i>Salvelinus confluentus</i> | 51 cm |
| Trout, cutthroat | <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> | 44 cm |
| Trout, golden | <i>Oncorhynchus guabonita</i> | 35 cm |
| Trout, lake | <i>Salvelinus namaycush</i> | 74 cm |
| Trout, rainbow | <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | 54 cm |
| Walleye | <i>Stizostedion vitreum</i> | 52 cm |
| Zander | <i>Stizostedion lucioperca</i> | 43 cm |

Length of double line: _____

Make of backing (if used): _____ Size: _____

OTHER EQUIPMENT:

Type of gaff: _____ Length: _____

Length of trace or leader: _____

Number and type of hooks: _____

Name of lure, fly or bait: _____

BOAT (if used)

Name: _____

Make: _____ Length: _____

Captain's name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Mate's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

SCALES (note: IGFA can certify portable scales for members for \$15, including return shipping charges)

Location of scale: _____

Type/Manufacturer: _____

MM/DD/YY certified: _____

IGFA Certification #: _____

Person and/or agency that certified scales:

Weighmaster: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

WITNESSES:

Witness to weighing (other than angler, captain or weighmaster):

Address: _____

Witnesses to catch (other than captain). List two names and addresses if possible.

1. _____

Phone #: _____

2. _____

Phone #: _____

Number of persons witnessing the catch: _____

**VERIFICATION OF SPECIES IDENTITY
(See world record requirements.)**

Signature of examining ichthyologist:

Title, degree or qualifications: _____

Address: _____

Anglers are encouraged to write a detailed description of the catch. In some cases this may be required. The description may be used in a future IGFA publication.

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, hereby take oath and attest that the fish described in this application was hooked, fought, and brought to gaff by me without assistance from anyone, except as specifically provided in the regulations; and that it was caught in accordance with IGFA angling rules; and that the line submitted with this application is the actual line used to catch the fish on the stated date. If applying for an all-tackle length record, I declare that the fish I caught was released back into the water alive and in good health. I further declare that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that IGFA reserves the right to employ verification procedures such as polygraph tests. I agree to be bound by any ruling of the IGFA relative to this application. **Materials submitted with application become property of IGFA and can be used at IGFA's discretion.**

Signature of angler: _____

Sworn before me this _____ day of _____ the year _____

Notary signature and seal: _____

When completely filled out and signed, mail this application with photos and line sample by quickest means to:

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Note: All items must be filled in. If an item does not apply, write "none used". Do not leave any spaces blank.