

Rules for Judges

1. **Speed limit on ALL beaches is NOT to exceed 15 mph.**
2. Introduce yourself to each team you are judging and give cell # when possible.
3. Check cooler for scorable fish before start and cut or punch tails if necessary.
4. Have measuring board, girth tape, scissors, knife or punch for cutting or marking tail of scored fish and have pen and clipboard for score sheets.
5. Score sheets are carbonized, only one on clipboard when writing. Initial any corrections or cross outs of scores or overwrites that appear on other (wrong) score sheets. Check score sheets for overwrites before handing in.
6. Have a copy of legal fish sizes (tournament rules and/or NJ Regs.) in your truck for a reference.
7. To measure fish, put head toward "0" end of measuring board, with tip of snout barely touching and mouth closed: measure to tip of tail. Do not push or squeeze fish's snout against the board. Do not squeeze the tail!!!! You may sweep the tail.
8. Girth fish **only** when requested by angler, you may not ask or suggest to girth. Circle or box girth on score sheet. NO girthing of 1 point fish.
9. Girth around the widest part of fish; flatten fins, one side of flounder (no fins).
10. Ask if fish is being kept or released, mark (cut or punch) tail (so fish can't be scored a second time) or watch release of fish back to ocean.
11. Have a copy of current ASAC fishing rules or head judge should have a copy.
12. Respond when called on cell phone or waiving, if already measuring for another team, let fisherman know that you are aware of their request and will respond.
13. Have team captain sign sheet at end of each session and give them a copy. If fish are caught before the end of the session and after you have had the captain sign the sheet, make sure you get the sheet back from the captain so the fish may be recorded on all sheets. Check with all teams for un-scored fish **before** handing in sheets.
14. Ask the captain to look the sheet over before signing, because by signing the sheet, they are verifying that the information is correct.
15. Send or take the score sheets back to headquarters as soon as possible after a session ends. If you cannot leave the beach right away, send the sheets back with another judge.
16. If a judge needs to leave the beach for any reason (medical, bathroom or personal) the head judge should be notified so a temporary judge can be assigned or neighboring station judges are instructed to cover the positions.
17. Sound horn at beginning and end of session. (Wind direction affects sound.)
18. Any disputes, call your head judge or an ASAC officer.
19. If fish bags, stringer or bucket are utilized, each angler must have his/her own. (No angler may deposit or attach his fish to any other angler's fish bag, bucket, cooler or stringer.)
20. In order to facilitate scoring during the last 30 min of a session, any angler who has 5 (five) unscorable fish must have them scored **before** the end of the session. If time remains in session after the fish are scored, angler may resume fishing with the use of his fish bag, stringer, bucket or cooler for keeping his catch.
21. Try not to stay in one place, move often. Do not park in dunes.
22. When scoring fish, ask if angler is in calcutta and which calcutta (most or largest).
23. Write legibly. Please use decimals eg. 12.25, 12.5, 12.75. Use ordinals (hash marks) when listing sharks, eg 1111 slash.
24. **No wading beyond WAIST deep. This means where a wave would hit the angler, so still water is less than waist deep. This means gullies also.**
25. Encourage the teams to leave the position as clean as or cleaner than it was prior to the team's arrival. Do a final sweep of your judging area upon completion of the final session and pick up any trash, bait remains, etc. to ensure there are no fish, scorable or otherwise that may have washed back up along the waterline.