



MERCURY BAY GAME FISHING CLUB (INC.)

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT 3 - 18 April 2026

Dear Team Captain

Welcome to the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club's 2026 Junior Tournament. We invite you to enter. Enclosed is all the information you will need to enter all the anglers fishing on your boat for the tournament and all other relevant information that we need to make this a successful tournament. Please fill all the necessary sheets out and return them to us as soon as possible.

PLEASE READ ALL THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION CAREFULLY

ENTRIES

You can enter anytime however during the tournament, starter packs are available from the office during office hours, prior to fishing.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be in the Clubrooms on Thursday 2nd April, from 1100 until 1800. Please try and register early to avoid pressure on staff. Any entries received after 2nd April and during the competition can collect their starter packs from the office. The office hours are 9 -4pm Monday to Friday (office closed Easter Weekend)

All anglers fishing must be members of the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club or affiliated members and be under 18 on 18 April 2026

Junior Membership valid until 30.06.26 is only \$15 for 16 years and under as at 18.04.26

Intermediate Membership valid until 30.06.25 is only \$30 for 17 years as at 18.04.26

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$40 per angler.

NZSFC Youth Nationals

This new Sportfishing Council initiative supporting junior anglers runs from April 3rd to 18th April. All members of MBGFC who enter the Junior tournament will automatically be entered into the Junior Nationals. For full details visit: <https://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/nzsfsc-youth-nationals-2026/> A copy of the Rules can be collected from the office.

VENUE

The venue for the Junior Tournament prizegiving is in the blue lagoon Saturday 18th April at 6.00pm. Dinner for juniors only will be provided.

RULES

The Tournament Rules are on the club website – www.mbgfc.co.nz .

CANCELLATIONS

The tournament will not be cancelled due to weather. Whether or not to fish is not the responsibility of MBGFC, and must be based solely on the teams own judgement, taking into consideration the prevailing conditions, the seaworthiness of their vessel, the status of safety equipment on board, and the crews seamanship skills.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Please read the enclosed radio communications policy and complete and return the information sheet with your registration form. All information supplied will remain confidential to the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club tournament radio operators.

GOOD LUCK & GOOD FISHING
MBGFC



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**MERCURY BAY GAME FISHING CLUB (INC)
2026 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT
ENTRY FORM**

VESSEL NAME: Landbase Fishing Allowed

SKIPPER: **MOBILE:**

EMAIL ADDRESS (Please write clearly)

ANGLERS NAMES	MBGFC m/shp #	Age	Date of Birth
1.....			
2.....			
3.....			
4.....			
5.....			
6.....			

\$40 X anglers (incl Nationals Entry)	
MEMBERSHIPS	
\$15 X per angler 16yrs and under as at 18.04.26	
\$30 x per angler 17yrs as at 18.04.26	
TOTAL PAYMENT	

DO YOU REQUIRE A GST TAX INVOICE YES / NO

PLEASE RETURN PAYMENT TO: **MERCURY BAY GAME FISHING CLUB (INC)**
Email: office@mbqfc.co.nz
PHONE 07 866 4121

MBGFC Bank Account for Direct Credit - 03 1578 0038675 00

Please state your name and boat name in the reference



JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

I have entered into the above fishing competition. I understand and accept that it involves a certain degree of risk to be associated with fishing either land based, from personal watercraft or from any sized vessel. Hazards that I could encounter whilst involved in this activity may include and is not limited to weather conditions, sea conditions, underwater obstructions, channel markers, other vessels, navigating, anchoring, traveling during darkness, mooring, and all other matters related to the sport of fishing and boating in general.

1. All skippers must sign a copy of this document prior to commencing the tournament.
2. Where possible it is recommended that all skippers should attend a tournament briefing.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Skipper to advise his/her other team members of the information given at the briefing.
4. It shall be the responsibility of the Skipper to advise the correct authority of their intended fishing area and estimated time of return. – Coastguard Channel 63
5. In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify their nearest Coastguard or radio operator.
6. All participants agree and accept:-
 - To enter this Tournament at their own risk;
 - That boating and fishing involves a risk;
 - Not to hold Tournament organizers, Officials, Sponsors or any other person involved with the Tournament liable for any loss or injury to person or equipment incurred during the Tournament;
 - Notwithstanding any representations made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations and by-laws related to (but not limited) to boating and fishing are complied with;
7. All participants agree to have read and understood the Tournament Rules.

SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the skippers responsibility to decide whether or not to put to sea on any one day, taking into consideration the prevailing conditions, the seaworthiness of their vessel, the status of safety equipment on board, and the crews seamanship skills.

- I have the necessary skill, knowledge and qualifications to safeguard all on board.
- My vessel & all equipment are properly maintained.
- My vessel carries all the necessary safety equipment.
- We have a minimum of two means of communication; i.e. VHF marine radio, cellphone, flares etc.
- Each passenger has a correctly fitting buoyancy aid.
- My passengers are briefed on the location and use of all safety equipment.
- My vessel is loaded within its limit and all equipment is securely stowed.

I agree that neither the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club (Inc) nor any parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that may arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or my crew, from my intended or actual participation in the event or related activities.

I have made my crew aware of these conditions and have authority to sign on their behalf.

SIGNED: _____ NAME (Print) _____

SKIPPER/BOAT OWNER

Boat Information: Name:

Length:

VHF Call Sign:

Colour: Deck/Roof:

Colour: Hull above waterline and sides: