ZAMBEZI RIVER ALL SPECIES TOURNAMENT 2016 SCORING SYSTEM

The Zambezi River All Species Tournament is a Tournament comprising two parts:

- 1. Points and Weight Fish. Brought in daily for weigh-in.
- 2. Points only fish. Photograph only¹

The principles are to offer competitors a fair and competitive manner of scoring fish whilst keeping to the best practice of catch and release. Up to the daily bag limit *every* fish caught will score points.

Points and Weight Fish. Table 1.

These fish Species are to be brought in daily for weigh-in and counting. Do not exceed the daily bag limit.

Points Only Fish. Table 2.

These fish Species are *photograph only* and are to be IMMEDIATELY released alive unless the Competitor wishes to stake a claim for a ZSFA record, in which case the fish is to be brought to the weigh-in station. Although for the record claim the fish may be dead or alive, any dead fish submitted will score half points as per the Competition rules.

See final page for guidance on measuring and scoring points only fish correctly.

Dead fish

All submitted dead fish will attract half points, starting from the top points and downwards. For example, a Competitor submits six Chessa of which the smallest is dead. Irrespective of size the points awarded are 5,9,8,7,6,5 for a total of 40 points (opposed to 10,9,8,7,6 for total 45 points if all fish are submitted alive). And so on down the order.

¹ Except in the instance of claiming for a ZSFA record fish

TABLE 1. POINTS AND WEIGHT FISH – MUST BE BROUGHT TO WEIGH IN EACH COMPETITION DAY

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	IMAGE	MINIMUM SIZE	POINTS PER FISH										POINTS PER WEIGHT	DAILY BAG	QUOTA BONUS
				10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
CHESSA	Distichodus schenga		200 gms											1 POINT PER KG OR PART THEREOF	10	10
NKUPE	Distichodus mossambicus	>	200 gms											1 POINT PER KG OR PART THEREOF	5	10
IMBERI	Brycinus imberi		N/A											N/A	10	10
SQUEAKER	All Species		N/A											1 POINT PER KG OR PART THEREOF	10	10
BREAM AND TILAPIA	All Species		200 gms											1 POINT PER KG OR PART THEREOF	10	10
SILVER CATFISH	Scilbe intermedius	0)2	200 gms											1 POINT PER KG OR PART THEREOF	5	10
DWARF CITHARINE	Hemigrammocharax machadoi	Married Married	N/A											N/A	5	10
BARBS, ROBBERS, MINNOWS	ALL SPECIES NOT INCLUDED ALREADY	3 800	N/A											N/A	5	10
ELECTRIC CATFISH	Malapterurus shirensis		N/A											1 POINT PER KG OR PART THEREOF	3	10
UNUSUAL SPECIES	Any Species not included already		N/A											N/A	ONE OF EACH SPECIES	10

TABLE 2. POINTS ONLY FISH – PHOTOGRAPH ONLY

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	IMAGE	MINIMUM SIZE	POINTS PER FISH	DAILY BAG LIMIT	QUOTA BONUS
TIGER FISH	Hydrocynus vittatus		See tape	AS PER TAPE MEASURE BAND	3	10
VUNDU	Heterobranchus Iongifilis	VXC VXC	See tape	AS PER TAPE MEASURE BAND	2	10
SHARPTOOTH CATFISH	Clarias gariepinus	this	See tape	AS PER TAPE MEASURE BAND	2	10
CORNISH JACK	Mormyrops anguilloides	Later Control	See tape	AS PER TAPE MEASURE BAND	2	10
EASTERN BOTTLENOSE	Morymyrus Iongirostis	30	See tape	AS PER TAPE MEASURE BAND	2	10

HOW TO SCORE YOUR TABLE 2 POINTS ONLY FISH

- 1. LAY THE FISH FLAT ON THE BANDED TAPE MEASURE. PREFERABLY, TO MAXIMISE THE CHANCE OF A SUCESSFUL LIVE RELEASE, THE FISH SHOULD BE LAID ON A DAMP, COOL SURFACE (A STRIP OF CANVAS WORKS WELL) AND HANDLED AT ALL TIMES WITH WET HANDS.
- 2. PHOTOGRAPH THE FISH SUCH THAT THE ENTIRE FISH CAN BE CLEARLY SEEN. ANY DIGITAL DEVICE MAY BE USED TO TAKE THE PHOTO BUT THE PHOTO MUST BE DATE AND TIME STAMPED BY THE DIGITAL DEVICE. Most users should be able to set up their digital camera or smart phone to date and time stamp the photo. If not please ask around at Captains Meeting.
- 3. PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO RELEASE YOUR FISH ALIVE UNLESS YOU WISH TO CLAIM A ZSFA RECORD FISH. IF YOU WISH TO CLAIM YOU MUST BRING THE FISH TO THE WEIGH IN BAY, WHICH IS OPEN THROUGHOUT COMPETITION HOURS. THE ZSFA RECORD CLAIM WILL STAND IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE FISH IS ALIVE OR DEAD. HOWEVER, IF THE FISH IS DEAD, ONLY HALF COMPETITION POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE FISH.

