



KZNCAU SURCASTING RULES 2021-2022

A. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the framework within which the KZNCAU has introduced the SURCASTING ANGLING series into the union with its own independent rules and format to the current Rock and Surf angling structure.

B. Registration

The SURCASTING ANGLING League competitions are open to members who are members of the KZNCAU or registered members of any other SASAA member associations, who may wish to participate in this facet in KZN until such time as the exco needing to put a cap on numbers.

C. League

The SURCASTING ANGLING calendar year will be aligned to the KZNCAU Shore Angling calendar, to cater for anglers that wish to participate in both the Shore Angling and PEGGED ANGLING facets.

Note: In the event of extreme weather or security risks, the venue may change with a week's notice to accommodate better fishing grounds. The calendar is also subject to change to accommodate lockdown restrictions or other applicable laws as per the COVID-19 pandemic.

D. Categories

Separate divisions in SURCASTING ANGLING i.e., Masters, Seniors, Ladies and Juniors (U16 & U21) will be catered for. Members will participate in their individual capacity and not as teams or member clubs until such change is deemed necessary by the exco. A selection document is available on request which details the criteria used to select the individual members who qualify for KZN colours.

E. RULES FOR SURCASTING ANGLING

1. The duration of each competition will be 5 hours.
2. Angling with a rod and a reel is obligatory.
3. Only one rod may be connected to a trace and in use at any one time.
4. The accepted maximum length of the rod is 5 meters. The rod must have a minimum of 3 rings on the blank and one top ring.
Any number of extra rods are allowed in the area and may be connected to a clip or swivel on the main line only (i.e., no trace). Extra rods to be placed at the back of your peg with the rod tip facing away from the water.
5. The competitor may only cast his trace and bait into the water using a rod and reel. No other form of getting bait into the water is permitted.



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6. There are no limitations with regard to the main line, the leader or trace line.
7. Only hooks with an outside gape width of more than 7mm are permitted. Any competitors found with smaller hooks in their possession will be disqualified immediately.
8. A maximum of 3 single hooks is permitted per trace.
9. Any number of traces can be prepared and baited.
10. Coloured feathers, sequins and floating or non-floating pearls are permitted only on the hook snoot. The maximum size of a floating pearl or float is 15mm long and 15mm wide. The maximum number is one float per snoot. One can therefore have three on a trace. The maximum length of the floats or pearls per trace is 15mm. In other words, one 5mm pearl can be used on each hook snoot, or two on one and one on another with a maximum of 3 x 5mm pearls per trace
11. Only bait that is issued for the tournament may be used. Anything contrary to this will result in instant disqualification
12. No additives whether odorous or not is permitted on the bait.
13. The rod holders/stands should be set on the dry shore of the sea, approximately in the middle of the drawn angling place.
14. The convenor has the right to remove any suspicious bait from a competitor's box and replace this with substitute bait in order to test or analyse the bait that the competitor was using.
15. In a case of a big fish being hooked, the competitor is permitted to follow the fish into the adjacent areas.
16. Other competitors are not permitted to disturb or hinder the angler landing a fish in any way.
17. For casting and landing fish permission to enter the water for a short time may be granted but at no stage is the angler allowed to go any deeper into the water than his knees.
18. Competitors may not cast should the adjacent anglers be standing in front of them in the adjacent peg.
19. The competitor may only cast into his allocated 20 metre area.
20. Pendulum style casts are permitted but the convenor or official may insist on a strong shock-leader being used for safety reasons.
21. There is no restriction on size or shape of sinker other than the fact that it may not weigh less than 2 oz.
22. The competitor must have suitable measuring equipment as in pegs, tape, pen and clipboard. He must also have a suitable hook remover so as not to damage or injure the fish.
23. Fish that qualify must be placed in a bucket filled with seawater until the catch has been verified. The angler is permitted to clip on a new trace and cast as soon as the fish just caught has been placed into the bucket.
24. All fish must be returned alive to the water. Should a fish die, it may not be kept and must be returned to the ecosystem.
25. Should a fish be hooked by more than one competitor, the competitor whose hook is in the fish's mouth will account for this catch.
26. Should a fish have two competitors' hooks in its mouth still connected to the rods, it shall not count for either competitor.
27. Intentional "jigging", "jagging" or deliberate foul hooking will result in disqualification of the competitor.
28. At the end of the competition the competitor must retrieve the line immediately and quickly unless playing a fish.
29. Should a competitor's line break while playing a fish the fish will be disqualified unless it is already on the beach.



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30. The use of any electronic communication is not permitted during the competition. However, permission may be obtained from an official in a case of an emergency.
31. Competitors are not permitted to stop fishing before the end of the competition without permission from the convenor.
32. Should a competitor require to leave the competition area for a short period for whatever reason it may only be done with the consent of the adjacent competitors or the convenor.
33. At the end of the competition the competitor must remain in his area until the convenor or official has checked the results.
34. The competitor is required to verify his results by signature. Should there be any element of doubt a signed and dated remark or protest must be made on the competition card with full details and it must be handed over to the convenor immediately at the end of the competition.
35. The use of landing nets, gaffs, etc., is not permitted when landing a fish.
36. If the competitor can prove within the first hour of the competition that his allocated area presents a considerable disadvantage to him due to unforeseen circumstances, the convenor must assign another area to the competitor. No additional fishing time will be allowed.
37. The convenor may stop the competition in the case of extreme weather conditions or security risk. Should this occur within the first half of the competition the competition must be annulled and reconvened. Should it happen in the second half of the competition the results up until that point will qualify.
38. Points will be scored as per the FIPS-M scoring system:
 - a. Fish will be measured by total length.
 - b. Rays and skates will be measured by disk width.
 - c. The fish will be measured on a measuring mat or by the use of two pegs placed in the sand
 - d. The minimum size is a total length of 15 centimetres or 150 millimetres (149.99 does not count)
 - e. For qualifying fish (i.e., 15 cm or above), the measurement will be rounded up to the nearest centimeter
 - f. All sharks that have **teeth** also known as toothy sharks shall not count for points.
 - g. All fish are subject to the standard conversion as used by the KZNCAU FIPS-M division regardless of the specie. This will continue until such time as members can positively identify our many small fish and that SASAA has weight conversions for all of them.
 - h. 1 (one) point per centimetre will be awarded for every fish that meets the minimum size requirement plus an additional 10 points per fish caught.
 - i. In the case of points being tied, the competitor with the greatest number of fish will be placed above the other. Should there still be a tie, then the angler with the greatest total length of fish will be placed above the other.
 - j. KZNCAU policy, competition rules and governing environmental laws apply with regard to protected species, number of fish permitted to be weighed and closed seasons that apply.
 - k. Fips-M international rules to supersede any omission from this document.