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TO: ALL PROVINCIAL CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES

SADSAA LIGHT TACKLE BILLFISH PROVINCIAL 2026

Northern Gauteng Deep Sea Angling Association is proud to invite you to the Light Tackle Billfish Provincial. We request that you send teams, consisting of 3 [Three] anglers of which can be an angling skipper, to participate in the 2026 Light Tackle Billfish Provincial to be held at Sodwana Bay, Kwazulu-Natal.

VENUE: Sodwana Bay

DATES: 8 October 2026 – 10 October 2026 [Fishing days]

REGISTRATION

AND BRIEFING: 7 October 2026 Sodwana SBC @ 15:00

OPENING: 7 October 2026 Sodwana SBC @ 18:30

Team photos will be taken before the opening.

PRIZE GIVING: 10 October 2026 Sodwana SBC @ 18h30

DRESS CODE: National step-outs. Non Angling Skippers dress: smart casual

RULES: IGFA/SADSAA point scoring system and rules.

[Full release tournament]

- LINE CLASS: 10kg IGFA
- ENTRY FEE: R8608.00 per team [3 anglers plus non-angling skipper]
- INCLUDED: Opening, Closing functions and Happy hours at weigh-in and goody bag.
- EXCLUDED: Boats, Fuel, travelling, skippers, accommodation, meals that is not mentioned. Boat packs/drinks for your boat.
- BOAT PACKS: Boat packs can be pre-ordered at:
Richard Scott, 082 575 7797, leather@mweb.co.za
- BAIT: Teams to supply own bait
- CLOSING DATE: **3 September 2026**

SADSAA TOURNAMENT RULES

HIGHLIGHTED RULES

1. 2.8 In the case of Senior National Tournaments, teams will consist only of SADSAA registered deep sea anglers who have been selected on merit by their member Provincial Associations. The U/19 SADSAA teams will be chosen for the Tuna, Game-fish and Bottom-fish Nationals only.
2. 2.9 In the case of Inter-Provincial, All Coastal and All Inland Tournaments, teams will consist only of SADSAA registered deep sea anglers who have been selected on merit by their Provincial Associations.
3. 6.4 Each boat will carry only one Skipper [being the first crew member] and one angling team. No guests are permitted on any Tournament boat apart from National Selectors. No gillies allowed in the National Tournament.
4. 6.6 The Skipper of the boat will be bound by IGFA Rules except that he may not assist the competitors in the making up of terminal tackle or rigging of baits whilst at sea.
5. 6.8 All vessels must be fitted with an electronic GPS that is capable of recording the day's movements by means of tracks. No skipper shall be asked by any angler or member of a team to switch off their GPS when boarding the craft.
6. 7.6 SADSAA will not issue any line to anglers for tournaments as in the past.
7. 7.9 The use of offset circle hooks is not allowed in any facet.

8. 7.12 The use of strip bait on a double or single hook arrangement, with or without a lure, as fully described in the IGFA rules is allowed during the Light Tackle and Heavy Tackle Tournaments.
9. 7.13 A strip bait in a Kona is permissible as per IGFA rules.
10. 8.1.4 All Billfish Tournaments are to be a Full Release Tournament.
11. 9.6 There will be an extra 5 points for a caught and release fish on a non-offset circle hook in the Light Tackle and Heavy Tackle Tournament.
12. 9.7.1 The new SADSAA Billfish scoring system will apply in the tournament.
13. 9.7.2 The recognized international "First Last Fish" rule will be the tie break for Billfish Tournaments where an equal number of releases by different teams have been made.
14. 12.2 For the fish to qualify for release points, the swivel or, in the case where no swivel is used, the leader knot must touch the rod tip, or bill in hand. Points will be scored irrespective of subsequent occurring events after the qualification has been met, unless the fish is not released in a humane manner, which must be verified by the skipper of the boat, who is acting as SADSAA's referee.
15. 12.4 Digital camera evidence or cellular phone footage, of the tip, the Billfish [identifiable], color band in one photo or a continues video footage with the date and time appearing in the digital photograph or video will only be accepted for a release to count.
16. 14.1 Heavy and Light Tackle tournaments will be allowed an extra 2 [two] hours normal days and 1[one] hour on the last day as they are full release tournaments, and this will not influence the times of the prize giving.
17. 14.5 Should the decision be taken to call the Tournament to a halt by the on-sea or land-based Safety Committee, then all boats will immediately proceed to their base. Any boats fighting fish will immediately cut the line and proceed to base.
18. 14.6 If the Tournament is called off due to weather [subscribed by the SADSAA regulations] or a safety call then no boats taking part in the tournament will be allowed to proceed to sea on their own accord, or if the tournament is called off whilst at sea then no boats participating in the tournament will be allowed to stay out at sea and continue fishing.
19. 15.4 The angler shall be required to exhibit the bait [lures], rod, reel and any relevant tackle with which the fish was caught, to the Weigh-master, if the Weigh-master so deems necessary. Terminal tackle that was used when releasing the Billfish, must be removed after the fish was released and will accompany the rod and reel to the weigh in.
20. 18.1.2 Cellular telephone communication, wherein any matter related to the Tournament, other than the weather conditions, is discussed, is strictly prohibited.

21. 18.2.2 No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed or be allowed on the Tournament Boats during the Tournament while at sea.
22. 18.7 Each Province must supply a flag/Provincial banner to be flown during the Tournament.
23. 18.9 Acceptances/non-participation to the invitation must be returned by Email, no later than the final date specified by the invitee.
24. Provinces who won't be sending teams to the LT Nationals/Provincial Tournament are requested to inform us at your earliest convenience of such decision in order for us to notify other Provinces who might be able to send an additional team.

BANKING DETAILS: ACCOUNT NAME NGDSAA - STANDARD BANK
MENLYN
CURRENT ACCOUNT
ACCOUNT NUMBER – 012151491
BRANCH CODE – 012345
Reference – Province & Boat Name

Proof of payment and completed forms to be sent to: Hans du Preez
hansdupre@gmail.com 082 923 7008

The right of admission will be reserved

We look forward to seeing SADSAA and all Provinces at the Tournament

Best Regards,

Hans du Preez

Chairman NGDSAA

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SADSAA LIGHT TACKLE BILLFISH PROVINCIAL 2026

TEAM INFO

PLEASE INDICATE: PROVINCIAL TEAM:

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TEAM MEMBERS ARE NEW CAPS.

PLEASE FILL IN FULL NAME AND SURNAME

SKIPPER _____ **SHIRT SIZE:** _____

CELL NR AND EMAIL: _____

ANGLER 1: _____ **SHIRT SIZE:** _____

CELL NR AND EMAIL: _____

ANGLER 2: _____ **SHIRT SIZE:** _____

CELL NR AND EMAIL: _____

ANGLER 3: _____ **SHIRT SIZE:** _____

CELL NR AND EMAIL: _____

CAPTAIN INFO

NAME: _____ **SURNAME:** _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

TEL[W]: _____

CELL NR: _____

E-MAIL: _____

6.

BOAT INFO

BOAT NAME: _____

SKIPPER NAME: _____

BOAT NR: _____

MEDICAL & NEXT OF KIN INFORMATION

TEAM

NAME: _____

BOAT NAME: _____

BOAT NR: _____

SKIPPER

NAME AND

SURNAME: _____

CONTACT NR: _____

MEDICAL AID

SCHEME: _____

MEDICAL AID NR: _____

ALLERGIES: _____

NEXT OF KIN

NAME: _____

CONTACT NR: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

CREW 1

NAME AND SURNAME: _____

CONTACT NR: _____

MEDICAL AID SCHEME: _____

MEDICAL AID NR: _____

ALLERGIES: _____

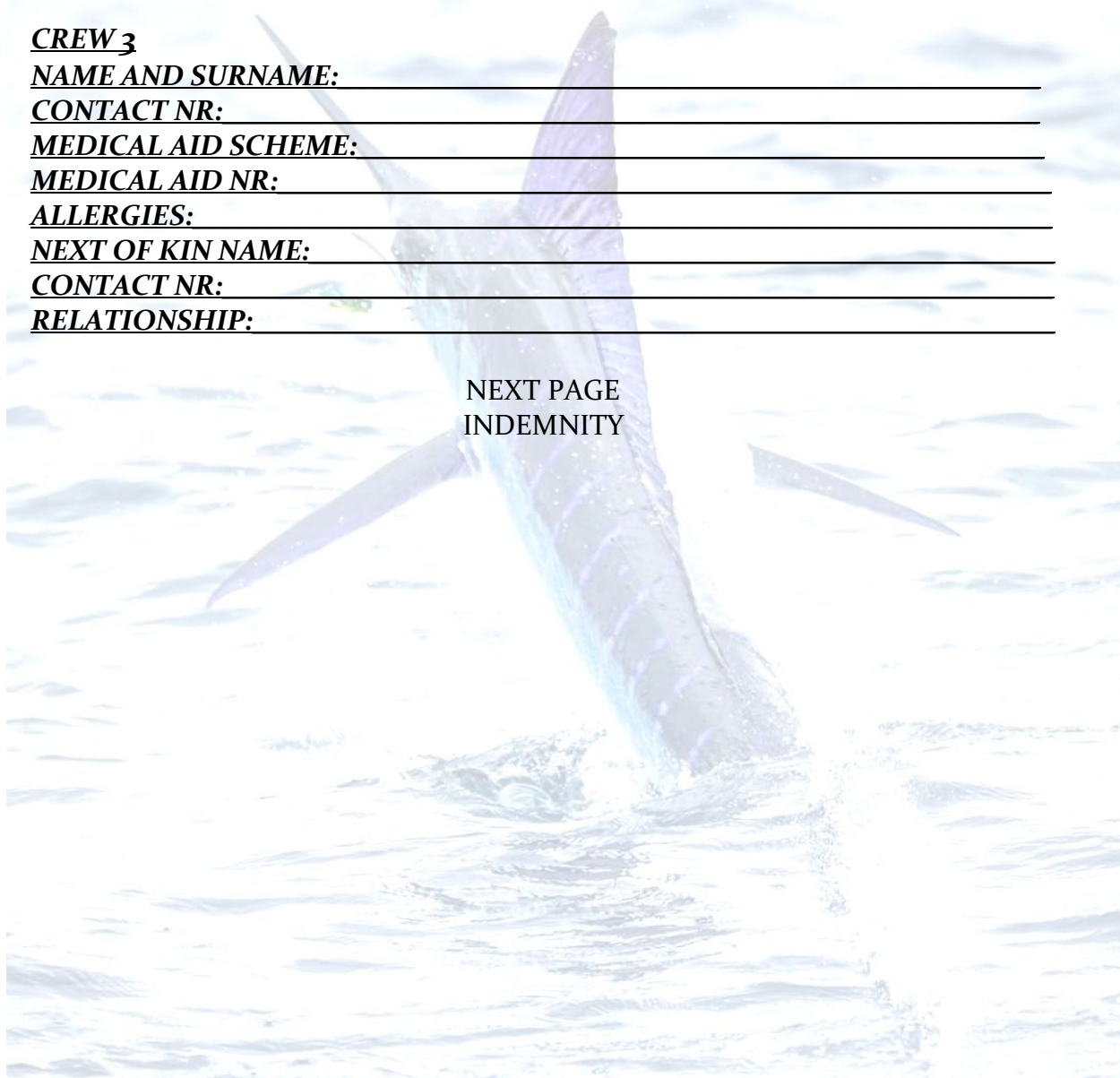
NEXT OF KIN NAME: _____

CONTACT NR: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

CREW 2**NAME AND SURNAME:** _____**CONTACT NR:** _____**MEDICAL AID SCHEME:** _____**MEDICAL AID NR:** _____**ALLERGIES:** _____**NEXT OF KIN NAME:** _____**CONTACT NR:** _____**RELATIONSHIP:** _____**CREW 3****NAME AND SURNAME:** _____**CONTACT NR:** _____**MEDICAL AID SCHEME:** _____**MEDICAL AID NR:** _____**ALLERGIES:** _____**NEXT OF KIN NAME:** _____**CONTACT NR:** _____**RELATIONSHIP:** _____

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INDEMNITY



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INDEMNITY FORM

In respect of participating in the LT Billfish Provincial Tournament 2026 as organized by Northern GDSAA in Sodwana Bay.

Do hereby acknowledge and declare that we are participating at our own risk and on express condition that Northern GDSAA, member clubs, members, it's office or the owners of any hired vehicle / aircraft / ship / boat, the driver or conductor of such vehicle, the pilot-in-command, or any member of the crew of such aircraft, master, skipper or any member of the crew of such ship or boat and/or SADSAA, shall be liable to us for any damage arising out of bodily injuries suffering by us or for any loss or damage to our property or estate arising out of any accident or which may occur during or as a result of our participation.

Furthermore, do indemnify and hold harmless the Isimangaliso Wetland Park Authority, its members, officers, servants and agents from liability from all or any claims that could accrue to them or their heirs, executors and administrators above against any claims whatsoever the same may arise.

I/We acknowledge that I/we have read the tournament rules and will adhere to such rules.

I/We consent that photos and/or videos can be shared during and after the event.

Boat: _____

Team: _____

Signed at: _____ **Day of:** _____ **2026**

Skipper: _____

Crew 1: _____

Crew2: _____

Crew3: _____

Crew4: _____