**MEASURING YOUR CATCH FOR WB&FC FISHING COMPETITIONS**

A clear photo of the fish, correctly placed on an official club measure, is critical for your entry into the competition. It is your responsibility to provide an image we can use to validate your entry.

**How length is determined**

The innermost point of the tail V must touch or exceed the line on the measure to qualify for that 0.5cm increment. *For example, if your fish is just over 50cm but does not reach the 50.5cm mark then the length recorded will be 50.0cm.*

Please ensure your fish is placed so the tail is evenly spread and the middle of the tail is along the midline of the measure. If the tail appears to be squeezed together, a deduction in length will be made.

**Photo checklist**

1. The photo submitted must be in landscape format.
2. The measure should be placed on a **flat surface** and **rolled out straight**.
3. Make sure the photo is of sufficient quality and suitable to enable the species and length to be verified.
4. Take the photo from directly above the fish looking down on it rather than from the front or side. Take several photos just in case. Shadows can cause problems if the fish is placed on part sun/part shadow.
5. The tip of either the upper or lower jaw must touch the edge of the measure. It is permissible to place a hand or have someone hold the fish on the measure or use a damp cloth on the fish to settle it while a photo is taken, provided this does not obscure the fish significantly or prevent the measure master from being able to validate your catch.
6. The V of the tail should be as close to the midline of the measure as possible. All fish must be placed side-on onto the measure. Fish with a straight or convex tail edge should have the tail evenly spread across the mat to clearly show the tail midpoint.
7. The jaw of the fish must not be distorted in an attempt to exaggerate the length.
8. Fish must be measured fresh and must not be significantly cut in a manner that alters the length. We strongly recommend you DO NOT gut or gill your catch before taking the photo as generally, it will render the fish ineligible for the competition.

Please note that your fish may not be eligible if the above conditions are not met, however the WB&FC Committee reserve the right to accept an entry on the basis that an appropriate reduction in length is made for any non-compliance and/or the WB&FC Committee reserve the right to disqualify any catch at their sole and absolute discretion for any reason whatsoever including but not limited to suspected measure tampering and false date submissions.

**UPLOADING YOUR CATCH:**

**Submit your photo via email to** **waipuboatandfishingclub@gmail.com** **OR post to the** [**Waipu Boat & Fishing Club – Members**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1372018283328840) **Facebook page.**

**Please include the angler’s name if posting for another member. Once your catch has been approved by the Measure Master it will appear on the club’s Leader Board.**



*Photo example from 2019* [*www.fishingcomp.co.nz*](http://www.fishingcomp.co.nz)