



ANSA Rules and Regulations for ANSA NSW

The following is a summary of the ANSA National rules and how they are apply to NSW State Records, Masters Awards, Tagging Awards and the NSW State 12 month competition post 1 July 2008

Extracts from National Rule Book - EQUIPMENT AND REGULATIONS ALL DIVISIONS

Except for special provisions in some Divisions (i. e. IGFA Gamefishing and Flyfishing) equipment used shall be as follows

Lines

- a) **Non-metallic lines** in natural or synthetic only, are permitted, with the only exception to this rule being lines containing a core of the base metal, lead. Wire lines are prohibited.
- b) **Signature Pretest Line:** This type of line is identified by the appearance of a signature on the spool and a written certification at what weight the line actually broke on testing.
- c) **Factory Pretest Line:** This type of line will be identified by a statement on the spool to the effect that it is “tested” or “rated” but will not bear a signature or a certification at what weight the line broke on testing. These lines will generally be endorsed with a statement such as “suitable for all ANSA/ IGFA pretest competitions” or “tested to meet IGFA line class requirements etc”.
- d) **Standard Line:** This type of line includes any product that does not meet the definition of either Signature Pretest or Factory Pretest line.

Breakaway Combinations -

- e) **Main Line:** Same as for (a) – includes braid and does not need to be pretested. Must be of a heavier breaking strain than the breakaway line.
- f) **Breakaway Line:** Must be a pretested line and used in conjunction with a main line which must be of heavier breaking strain than the breakaway line. The breakaway line must be of a minimum length of 0.5 metres and a maximum length of 1.5 times the rod length or 1.5 metres when used with a handline.

Nb 1) Members using Standard line have the option of submitting their line to the National Recorder for official testing prior to use. This line may then be categorised as Signature Pretest line for the breaking strain as determined by the National Recorder. Use of this line will require no further action to confirm line class.

2) If Standard line is used which has not been previously accredited by the National Recorder, then any Record claim must be accompanied by a 15 metre sample of the line used for the capture.

3) When using a breakaway line combination for line class events it is a requirement that the breakaway line component of the combo’ rig must extend beyond the rod tip for a capture to be eligible.

4) If a claim for a world Record is to be submitted to IGFA then the criteria for IGFA record claims must be complied with regardless of what type of line is used.

Combination Main line and Breakaway line

When a breakaway line is used in conjunction with a main line the entire combined line will be accepted by ANSA at the breaking strain of the breakaway line for all Divisions and Records (Line Class) and Masters Awards. Existing criteria for the combined length of doubles, leaders and traces will be as per this Rule Book eg

<u>Main Line</u>	<u>Knot/swivel</u>	<u>Breakaway Line</u> (min 0.5M – max 1.5 times rod length or 1.5M for hand lines)	<u>Knot/swivel</u>	<u>Double/ leader/trace</u> (As per Rule Book) or <u>Hook/lure</u>
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Nb The use of a double/ leader/ trace is optional.

DIVISION 7. ALL TACKLE DIVISION “NON LINE CLASS”

This Non Line Class division has been introduced to enable the compilation of an All Tackle heaviest fish record chart and for members to participate in the All Tackle “Length Only” Masters Awards and All Tackle “Length Only” National Records

Record claims for the All Tackle Division – Non Line Class may be made using any legal tackle and any class of line (as defined in this rule book) to a maximum of 60kg, and with any fish from the list of eligible species.

A line sample is not required, as line testing is not applicable to this division. Braid and break away combination lines are eligible tackle for this division.

Claims for Australian and NSW State Records

For **Line Class** Records a 15 metre sample of the ACTUAL line used in the capture, or in the case of Flycasting Claims, the full leader and fly must be submitted to the State / National Recorder for testing. The sample must be in one piece. Where a double line was used, the entire double, including the knot must also be submitted.

Where a record capture is made on Signature Pretest line (as defined in this rulebook) or line which has previously been submitted to ANSA for testing and is categorised as “Signature” pre test line it will not be necessary for the line sample or the double to be submitted - such line will be accepted at the manufacturers stated line breaking strain specification.

Where a record capture is made on a “Break Away” line combination, the breakaway line must be “Signature” pre test or other line which has been previously submitted to ANSA for testing and categorised as “Signature” pre test line. “Factory” pre test does not meet the eligible criteria for Australian and NSW State Line Class records. Due to the restrictions imposed on the minimum and maximum length of the breakaway line it is not possible to test the breakaway line post capture.

For **Non line Class** records (eg All tackle weight records under Division 7 or All Tackle Length Only Records), there is no requirement for the use of pretested line or for any line to be tested. The only limitations are those described in Division 7 detailed above.

MASTERS AWARDS - LINECLASS / ALLTACKLE “LENGTH ONLY”

Eligible Line. Non metallic lines in natural fibre or synthetic only are permitted with the only exception to this rule being lines containing a core of base metal, lead. Wire lines are prohibited.

Signature pretest, Factory pretest and standard line may be used for Masters captures. Such line will be accepted at the manufacturers stated line breaking strain specification. The use of braid and breakaway combination lines (as defined) are eligible with the qualification that the breakaway line may be standard (non pretest) line.

TAGGING AWARDS

Eligible line is the same as for Masters Awards. In the interest of conservation Members are encouraged not to use light line when tagging.

NSW 12 MONTHLY COMPETITION

For Line Class Divisions

Captures must comply with ANSA NSW rules for line eligibility. Captures made on “Signature” or “Factory” pre test line do not require a 5 metre line sample to be submitted. Captures made on “Standard “ line will require a 5 metre line sample to be submitted unless the line has previously been submitted to ANSA for testing in which case the designated/tested breaking strain will apply and the line categorised as “Signature” pre test line.. Captures made on “Break Away” line combinations must comply with ANSA NSW rules for use of “Break Away” line combinations – the breakaway line must be “Signature” or “Factory” pre tested line.

Nb Members attention is drawn to the different application of rules in NSW governing the eligible use of “Factory” pre test line for the 12 monthly competition as opposed to Australian and State records where only Signature pre test line can be used without submission of a 15 meter line sample post capture

For fly-fishing the class tippet must conform to ANSA National rules. If not, the complete leader and fly should be submitted for line testing. If the results of line testing are required, a stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included with the entry.

For Non Line Class Divisions

There are no restrictions on line used for captures other than those detailed under Division 7.

SUMMARY OF LINE SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS

Line Sample Requirements	Signature Pretest (eg: Platypus Pretest)	Factory Pretest (eg: Berkley, IGFA, Sun Line, Castaway)	Standard	Breakaway Combinations
National Records Only	No line sample required	Line sample required	Line sample required	Breakaway must be signature pretest line only
NSW Records Only	No line sample required	Line sample required	Line sample required	Breakaway must be signature pretest line only
Masters Records National & NSW	No line sample required	No line sample required	No line sample required	Breakaway can be either signature or factory pretest or standard line
NSW 12 Month Competition Only	No line sample required	No line sample required	Line sample required	Breakaway must be signature or factory pretest line only

TROPHY LENGTHS FOR ELIGIBLE SPECIES

NSW Branch has received approval from ANSA National to vary the Trophy lengths for the following species –

Bonito.	Leaping	40cm
	All others	60cm
Mangrove Jack		50cm
Snapper		70cm
Tailor		50cm
Trout.	Brook	40cm
	All others	60cm
Tuna.	Frigate Mackerel	45cm
	Mac Tuna	80cm
	Striped Tuna	70cm
	All others	100cm

Further information can be found at www.ansa.com.au/ansa-rules-2 or by contacting your State Recorder.