



**Note: All items must be filled in. If an item does not apply, write "none used". Do not leave any spaces blank**

Length of double line: \_\_\_\_\_

Make of backing: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER EQUIPMENT:**

Type of gaff: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of trace or leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Number and type of hooks: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of lure, fly or bait: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOAT (if used)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SCALES** (note: IGFA can certify portable scales for members for \$13, including return shipping charges)

Location of scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date last certified: \_\_\_\_\_

Person and/or agency that certified scales: \_\_\_\_\_

Weighmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESSES:**

Witness to weighing (other than angler, captain or weighmaster): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses to catch (other than captain). List two names and addresses if possible.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons witnessing the catch: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION OF SPECIES IDENTITY  
(See world record requirements.)**

Signature of examining ichthyologist: \_\_\_\_\_

Title, degree or qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Anglers are encouraged to write a detailed description of the catch. In some cases this may be required. The description may be used in a future IGFA publication.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, the undersigned, hereby take oath and attest that the fish described in this application was hooked, fought, and brought to gaff by me without assistance from anyone, except as specifically provided in the regulations; and that it was caught in accordance with IGFA angling rules; and that the line submitted with this application is the actual line used to catch the fish on the stated date. I further declare that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that IGFA reserves the right to employ verification procedures. I agree to be bound by any ruling of the IGFA relative to this application.

Signature of angler: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ the year \_\_\_\_\_

Notary signature and seal: \_\_\_\_\_

When completely filled out and signed, mail this application with photos and line sample by quickest means to:  
**IGFA FISHING HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM, 300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach, FL 33004 USA**  
**PHONE: (954) 927-2628 WEBSITE: www.igfa.org EMAIL: IGFAHQ@aol.com FAX: (954) 924-4299**

# How to Fill Out an IGFA World Record Application

*These step-by-step instructions will make completing the record application much easier than catching the fish!*

**I am submitting this entry for:** For which record(s) do you qualify? If the fish is heavier than the current all-tackle record, or if that species has yet to be submitted, check the "An all-tackle world record" box. If the fish is recognized as a line class species and is heavier than the current record for the line class used, check the "A world record in the following line class" box. For saltwater species, check your catch versus the men's or women's record appropriately. If you were fly-fishing and your catch is heavier than the current fly-fishing record for the tippet class used, check the "A fly rod record in the following tippet class" box. If you caught a freshwater fish in the United States, it may qualify for a State Freshwater Line Class record. Contact IGFA for the state's qualifying species and current records. If your fish qualifies, check the "State Freshwater line class" box.

There are clubs for which your fish may qualify. If your fish is a snook weighing more than 25 lb, or a bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted or peacock) weighing over 10 lb, we have a club for you.

**Species/Scientific Name:** List the common and scientific names for the fish.

**Weight:** Was the fish weighed on a scale reading lb or kg? Check the appropriate box. Underneath, list the pounds and ounces, or the kilograms on the appropriate lines. If the scale weighed digitally, list the exact readout on the appropriate line. Take care to note if the scale readout is in pounds and ounces or decimal pounds.

**Date of Catch:** You have 60 days after the date of catch to submit your world record for line or tippet categories (90 days outside the continental U.S.). All-tackle submissions have no deadline, but the longer you wait, the more difficult it may be to get important information.

**Place of Catch:** List the body of water, point of departure, state and/or country- anything telling us where the fish was caught.

**Length/Girth:** There are two length measurements- the fork length (fork of tail to tip of lower jaw) and total length (extension of tail to tip of upper jaw or bill). The girth is the measurement around the body in front of the dorsal fin.

**Method of Catch:** What method of fishing was used to catch this fish? Some popular methods are trolling, bait fishing, bottom fishing, jigging, fly-fishing, casting and spinning. List the method best describing how you caught your fish.

**Fighting Time:** The time it took to catch the fish from hook-up to landing.

**Angler Name/Address:** Print your name neatly, and how you want it to read on certificates and in

the book. Your entire mailing address and daytime phone number are required. A fax number or e-mail address is helpful.

**Equipment:** Everything in this section must be filled in. If it does not apply to your record, enter "N/A" or "None Used." Anything left blank could result in a delay in processing your application.

**Rod- Make/Tip length/Butt length:** List the manufacturer's name and any other name associated with the rod. If it is a custom rod, list it either as custom, or by the name of the company or person who customized it.

The tip length is measured from the center of the reel seat to the tip end of the rod, and must be at least 40 inches. The butt length is measured from the center of the reel seat to the butt end of the rod, and must be no longer than 27 inches. A photograph of the rod being measured is helpful.

**Reel- Make/Size:** List the manufacturer and the model number or name.

**Line or Tippet:** List the manufacturer of the line used, and the size as stated on the label in lb or kg. The line strength dictates the line or tippet class for which the record will qualify. If your line class is between two categories, list the higher category. Do not arbitrarily choose a category based on which current record is lighter than your fish. We base all maximum limits for records on the kilogram breaking strength, not the pounds. See the listing in the rules section for more assistance.

**Length of Double Line:** This is the entire length of double line used.

**Backing/Size:** If used, list the manufacturer as well as the size of the line used as backing.

**Other Equipment- Gaff/Net, Leader, Hooks, Lures/Fly/Bait:** If used, list gaff or net here along with its length. If you weigh a fish in the net in order to release it unharmed, list the weight of the empty net as measured immediately after the fish was weighed. Photographs are very helpful.

List the trace or leader length here. For maximum size limits on leaders and double lines, please see the rules section.

List the hook manufacturer and size (if known), and number of hooks used, as well as the lure, fly or bait.

**Boat (if used):** List all boat information here, as well as names, signatures and addresses of captain and mates. If no boat was used, write "N/A" next to Name and make a single line mark through this section.

**Scales:** Location: Where the fish was weighed, or where the scale was located. The fish cannot be considered for a record if weighed on a boat, except in the case of Junior World Records.

Type: What kind of scale was used- handheld digital or spring, platform, hanging, etc. The manufacturer of the scale must be listed, along with its maximum load and weight increments. For example, if the scale has a maximum load of 50 lb, and weighs with increments every half-pound, then list it as 50 lb x 8 oz.

The date last certified must be in the 12-month period prior to the catch. A copy of the scale certification sheet, if available, is very important. List the name of the company or person who certified the scale where appropriate.

The weighmaster is the person who weighs the fish and reads the official weight. If the scale reads between two measurements, as in the case of non-digital scales, the lower reading is the official reading. Estimations are not allowed.

**Witness to Weighing/Catch:** Anyone witnessing the catch or the official weighing of the fish should be asked to list their names and addresses. Although not required, it is best that witnesses be disinterested parties. If no other witnesses to the weighing are available, list "none." List the number of witnesses to the catch where appropriate.

**Verification of Species Identification:** If an ichthyologist or biologist identified the fish, a signature, address and title is required here.

**Application Fees:** If you are an IGFA member, each application for world line class or tippet class record is \$10 US. State Freshwater records and Junior applications are free. If you are not an IGFA member and do not wish to join, the fee for each application is \$35 US. If you are not an IGFA member, but wish to join with your record application, the fee is \$45 US. Mark the appropriate box and include a check, money order, credit card number, or US funds for the amount. If you wish to have additional record certificates, the fee is \$5 US per duplicate.

**Affidavit:** For all anglers 18 years of age and older, a signature is required, along with that of a notary.

**Additional Requirements:** Photographs are required for each catch. A clear picture of the side view of the entire fish is mandatory for proper species identification. Photographs of the fish being weighed and measured are helpful, as well. If you are applying for an all-tackle record, this is all that is required. For line class records, a 30-50 foot section of line used is required. Wrap the line around a square of cardboard or on a spool. For fly-fishing applications, the entire leader- from the fly to one inch of the fly line- is required. It must be intact and wrapped on a square of cardboard. A complete description of the catch from hook-up to landing may be required.

This should cover everything you need to know to fill out an IGFA record application. If there are any questions, contact IGFA.