



Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board 100 Year Celebration Fishing Competition

Competition Rules & Regulations

1. Entry

- By entering this competition, each entrant is deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by these rules and regulations.
- The promoter is Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, 67 Horomatangi Street, Taupō 3330.
- Entry is open to registered members of the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, their spouse, and their tamariki.
- Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board employees are not eligible to participate.

2. Eligibility

- Entry is open to registered members of the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board who hold a current Taupō Fishing Licence.

3. Tournament Entry Fees

- Complimentary entry for all registered members.
- Complimentary 24-hour fishing licences will be provided to registered members who do not currently hold a licence.
- Free fishing licences are available for registered tamariki.

4. Registration

- All anglers must hold a current Taupō Region Fishing Licence and comply with all licence conditions throughout the competition.
- A current and valid fishing licence must be presented at weigh-in.
- Registrations must be received before 1:00pm Thursday, 15 October 2026.
- Registered entrants must present themselves at Pukawa Marae on Saturday, 17 October 2026 for in-person registration verification. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility for prizes and prize draws.

5. Fishing Area

- Lake Taupō and its fishable tributaries only.
- Excludes: Waikato River & Lake Otamangakau
- Anglers are encouraged to take photo evidence of catches showing location and timestamp.

6. Fishing Times

- Starts: 5:00am Friday, 16 October 2026
- Ends: 3:00pm Saturday, 17 October 2026
- Fishing must comply with Taupō Region Fishing Licence rules.

7. Fish Rules

- All fish must be caught in accordance with Taupō District Fishing Licence regulations.
- Minimum size: 35cm
- Length measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.
- Maximum daily bag limit: 8 trout per angler per day.



8. Prize Categories

Tamariki (Junior) Under 11	Rangatahi (Youth) 12-17	Pakeke (Adult) 18+	Overall
1st Heaviest	1st Heaviest	1st Heaviest	Tamariki & Rangatahi - Heaviest Limit Prize (8 combined)
Best Condition	Best Condition	Best Condition	Pakeke - Heaviest Limit Prize (8 combined)
Average Condition	Average Condition	Average Condition	Ugliest
Average Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight	Longest
			Best Wahine Fish
Various Spot Prizes available			

9. Fishing Methods

- All fishing must comply with the methods, tackle, and regulations specified in the Taupō District Fishing Licence.

10. Check, Clean, Dry

To help protect Lake Taupō and its waterways from invasive pests and freshwater diseases, all competitors are encouraged to follow the Check, Clean, Dry principles when moving between waterways.

- Check all fishing gear, boats, trailers, nets, waders, clothing, and equipment for aquatic plants, mud, and debris before leaving a waterway.
- Clean all equipment thoroughly using an approved cleaning method before entering another waterway.
- Dry all equipment completely before reuse wherever possible.
- Particular care should be taken with boats, anchors, ropes, fishing tackle, kayaks, paddleboards, and any equipment that comes into contact with water.
- Competitors must comply with any regional or national biosecurity requirements in force during the competition.
- The Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board encourages all participants to help protect the mauri of Lake Taupō and its tributaries by practising good biosecurity habits at all times.

11. Weigh-In Rules

- Each angler must present their own fish for weigh-in.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Fish must be fresh, green and ungutted.
- Frozen fish will not be accepted.

Weigh Stations

- Nukuhau Marae
 - Friday 16 October 2026, 3:00pm to 5:00pm
- Pukawa Marae
 - Friday 16 October 2026, 3:00pm to 5:00pm
 - Saturday 17 October 2026, 10:00am to 3:00pm



12. Prize Giving

- Held at Pukawa Marae, 5:00pm Saturday, 17 October 2026.
- Spot prize winners must be present to claim prizes; otherwise, prizes will be redrawn.

13. Weighmasters

- Mark Venman (Department of Conservation)
- Peter Shepherd (TMTB)

14. Disputes

- Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board's decision is final.
- No correspondence will be entered into regarding disputes.

15. Privacy & Promotion Conditions

- All entries become the property of Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board.
- Entrants agree that TMTB may contact them by email after the competition, subject to privacy laws.
- Personal information is managed in accordance with the TMTB Privacy Policy.