



How to Fill Out the IGFA World Record Application

If you're seeking a record or think you may have potentially caught a record, make sure you are familiar with the IGFA's International Angling Rules and World Record Requirements. Applications must be filled out in their entirety. Any portions of the World Record application that don't apply to your catch should be filled in with "N/A" or "None Used." Incomplete applications may result in delays in processing your application or rejection. The following information is intended to help anglers complete a World Record application.

What Record Category?

The IGFA keeps World Records in the following categories:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All-Tackle | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All-Tackle Length | <input type="checkbox"/> Tippet Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Smallfry |

Make sure you check all applicable record categories for your catch. Depending on the situation and weight of the fish, a single catch may be eligible for multiple record categories. The only exception is that fish measured for All-Tackle Length records are not eligible for other record categories.

Common and Scientific Name

Wahoo

Acanthocybium solandri

Record both the common name and the scientific name of your catch.

Weight



Make sure you record the weight in the format that the scale registered it. For example, scales that weigh in kilograms should have the weight recorded as such. The IGFA will make the necessary conversions from kilograms to pounds and vice versa. If

you are using a digital scale, make sure to indicate if the scale reads in pounds and ounces or in fractions of a pound.

Length and Girth



Accurate length measurements made on the official IGFA Measuring Device are mandatory for All-Tackle Length records. However, length and girth measurements are also necessary for all other record categories.

Catch Date



The date of catch is important, as applications for catches made in the United States continental waters must be received by the IGFA within 60 days of the date of catch. Catches made outside of the United States continental waters

must be received within 90 days of the date of catch.

Catch Location



List the body of water, point of departure, state and/or country—where the fish was caught.

Kept or Released



Record if your catch was released or not for all IGFA record categories. All fish caught for All-Tackle Length World Records must be released alive.

Personal Information



Print your name exactly how you want it to appear on your World Record certificate. This will also be how your name appears in the IGFA's online record database and in our publications. Mailing address, a daytime phone number and an email address are also required.



Equipment Used



Complete all portions of this section that apply to your catch. Record the manufacturer and stated breaking strength of the line. Be sure to accurately record the length of the rod used, as well as length of the leader and double line, if used.

Method of Catch



Methods of catch include fly fishing, trolling, bait fishing, jigging, casting, etc. List the method that best describes how you caught your fish.

Scale Used to Weigh Catch



Be specific about where your catch was weighed. Except for Junior records, all fish must be weighed on land. Record the scale manufacturer, the date the scale was last certified and who certified the scale. Include the name and contact information of the person who weighed your fish. Scales must be last certified in the 12-month period prior to the catch.

Boat and Captain



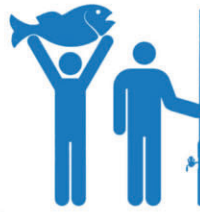
If you fished on a boat, record the necessary information and include name and contact information for the captain and mate. If you did not fish from a boat, but used a guide, please include their information where indicated.

Verification and Species Identity



In most cases, the IGFA can determine the species of your catch with good photographic documentation. However, for obscure species, we recommend having your fish identified by a local or regional fisheries biologist. Please record the name and contact information of the biologist that verified your fish.

Witnesses



Witnesses to your catch and weighing of your catch are highly desirable, as unwitnessed catches may be rejected if there are questions regarding the legitimacy of the catch. Please record the names of witnesses and provide their contact information.

Affidavit



By signing the affidavit in front of a notary you are attesting that the information on your application is correct and that your catch was made in accordance with IGFA International Angling Rules. Your application must be signed in person before a notary or designated official.

Terminal Tackle



All applications for fly fishing records must be accompanied by the fly and entire leader connected in one piece. All other applications must be accompanied by the entire leader (if used) including the hook(s), the double line (if used) and at least 5 meters (16.5 feet) of line closest to the double line, leader or hook.

Photographs



Photographic documentation is required for all applications. Photographs showing the full length of the fish, the rod and reel used to make the catch, and the scale used to weigh the fish must accompany each record application. A photograph of the angler with the fish is also required.

Catch Description



Although not required, the IGFA strongly recommends that anglers submit a written description of the catch from the time the fish is hooked until caught and weighed or measured.