



Exmouth Game Fishing Club – Fishing Tournament Wind Policy

When considering the extent to which an EGFC fishing competition is safe having regard to local or forecasted wind conditions, the EGFC must consider and comply with this policy.

Exmouth Game Fishing Club Weather Guidelines

At times where fishing tournament wind conditions are or are predicted to have the speed referred to in column 1, then, as a minimum, the EGFC must impose the restrictions referred to in column 3 and consider the issues in column 4.

| Forecast Wind Speed (knots) | WMO Classification | Minimum Restrictions | Minimum Considerations |
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| 17 – 21 | Fresh Breeze | Those restrictions referred to in the tournament risk register | Swell height, wind direction, currents and tides |
| 22 – 26 Or Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Strong Wind Warning | Strong Breeze | Monitor official forecast (BOM) at each update for any increase in forecast wind – any increase to 27 knots or above and fishing is cancelled | Swell height, wind direction, currents and tides Specific risks for specific participants (e.g. juniors) Obtaining official advice (e.g. from WA Police, BOM etc.) Consider fishing in gulf or west coast only (i.e. whichever is the leeward side, if any) |
| 27 and above Or BOM Strong Wind Warning | Near Gale | Fishing cancelled for the relevant day | N/A |
| Cyclone | Hurricane | Tournament cancelled until all clear given. | N/A |

EGFC must inform all skippers of imposed restrictions.



The Beaufort Wind Scale

| Force | Wind (Knots) | WMO Classification | Appearance of Wind Effects | |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|--|--|
| | | | On the Water | On Land |
| 0 | Less than 1 | Calm | Sea surface smooth and mirror-like | Calm, smoke rises vertically |
| 1 | 1-3 | Light Air | Scaly ripples, no foam crests | Smoke drift indicates wind direction, still wind vanes |
| 2 | 4-6 | Light Breeze | Small wavelets, crests glassy, no breaking | Wind felt on face, leaves rustle, vanes begin to move |
| 3 | 7-10 | Gentle Breeze | Large wavelets, crests begin to break, scattered whitecaps | Leaves and small twigs constantly moving, light flags extended |
| 4 | 11-16 | Moderate Breeze | Small waves (1-4 ft) becoming longer, numerous whitecaps | Dust, leaves, and loose paper lifted, small tree branches move |
| 5 | 17-21 | Fresh Breeze | Moderate waves (4-8 ft) taking longer form, many whitecaps, some spray | Small trees in leaf begin to sway |
| 6 | 22-27 | Strong Breeze | Larger waves (8-13 ft), whitecaps common, more spray | Larger tree branches moving, whistling in wires |
| 7 | 28-33 | Near Gale | Sea heaps up, waves (13-19 ft), white foam streaks off breakers | Whole trees moving, resistance felt walking against wind |
| 8 | 34-40 | Gale | Moderately high waves (18-25 ft) of greater length, edges of crests begin to break into spindrift, foam blown in streaks | Twigs breaking off trees, generally impedes progress |
| 9 | 41-47 | Strong Gale | High waves (23-32 ft), sea begins to roll, dense streaks of foam, spray may reduce | Slight structural damage occurs, slate blows off roofs |



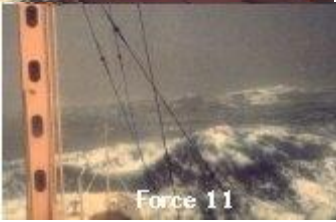



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| | | | On the Water | On Land |
| | | | visibility | |
| 10 | 48-55 | Storm | Very high waves (29-41 ft) with overhanging crests, sea white with densely blown foam, heavy rolling, lowered visibility | Seldom experienced on land, trees broken or uprooted, "considerable structural damage" |
| 11 | 56-63 | Violent Storm | Exceptionally high (37-52 ft) waves, foam patches cover sea, visibility more reduced | |
| 12 | 64+ | Hurricane | Air filled with foam, waves over 45 ft, sea completely white with driving spray, visibility greatly reduced | |

Example Images

| Wind speed categories | Beaufort scale |
|---|----------------|
| <p>Strong - 26 to 33 knots</p> <p>Probable wave heights around 3 to 5 metres</p> | |
| <p>Gale - 34 to 47 knots</p> <p>Probable wave heights around 5 to 8 metres</p> | |



| Wind speed categories | Beaufort scale |
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| <p>Storm force - 48 to 63 knots</p> <p>Probable wave heights around 8 to 11 metres</p> |   |
| <p>Hurricane force - at least 64 knots</p> <p>Probable wave heights around 11 metres or more</p> |  |

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