

If you want to homologate a Brazilian Record captured by a foreigner, you must be aware of the BGFA rules and be properly prepared when you finally hook your trophy. Being familiar with the rules and proper processes of measurement and classification of category is essential for your fish to be certified.

1. Modality: BGFA currently only has the LENGTH modality.

- **Length:** this modality only concerns the length of the fish hooked. There are rules and equipment for this process.

2. Categories: after choosing which modality to frame or submit the possible Record, the candidate must now understand the framework of the categories to be chosen. These basically relate to the type of place, equipment that was used to capture the fish, as well as the age and gender of the fisherman.

2.1. Regarding the Location:

- **Absolute:** sea, rivers, watercourses and dams (all of public and unrestricted access). Rivers and watercourses that are protected by specific legislation (environmental, indigenous, etc.), but that fishing is possible through the granting of the appropriate authorizations/licenses/consents by the competent bodies, will also be characterized in this category. As for the equipment, in this case artificial and natural baits will be validated, as well as hand rods, reels and reels.

2.1.1. Under no circumstances will it be allowed to submit fish records that have been caught in prohibited fishing areas, protected by specific legislation (environmental, indigenous, etc.), in which there is no proof of the granting of the appropriate authorizations/licenses/consents by the competent bodies.

2.2. Equipment:

If the capture has not been carried out in the conventional way, it can only be classified into the following special categorie:

- **Fly Fishing:** in this case, only Records caught with exclusively Fly Fishing equipment will be validated.

Therefore, the main categories are: **Absolute** and **Fly Fishing** (absolute)

2.3. Title:

For foreign fishermen, the BGFA has two title possibilities, intended for such fishermen:

- **Brazilian Record for Foreigners:** this Record is intended for people born in any country, with the exception of Brazilians, who have also caught the fish in Brazilian territory.
- **Personal Recorde:** Personal best catch are also recognized as "Trophy Certificate". As the name implies, it is a personal record only. To obtain it, it is necessary to follow all the rules of a common record, including the measurement according to regulations and release of the specimen. A special Certificate is included, with engraving of the species and BGFA seal, in a framed form.

2.4. Age and Gender:

- **Junior Male** – 0 to 15 years old.
- **Male** – 16 years and above.
- **Junior Female** – 0 to 15 years old.
- **Female** – 16 years old and above.

The age shall be that considered at the time of capture. After homologation, there will be no change of category if the fisherman turns 16 years old.

GENERAL RULES:

Who can submit a Record?

Anyone, of any age and gender, according to the rules of each specific category.

Can I take turns fighting with the fish?

No. The fish submitted to Record must have been hooked and fought, exclusively, by a single fisherman. It will not be allowed to help in the fight with the fish, or to take turns with another person in the fight. Only third-party help

will be allowed to free the fish from any entanglements and to board it.

What species of fish can be homologated as a Record?

Any species, without exception, freshwater or saltwater, as long as it is a valid species with a recognized scientific name. The fish must be identifiable based on photos. The approval of hybrids will be analyzed individually and if it is possible to identify the two sire species, according to the characteristics present in the fish caught (hybrid).

Can I only approve fish caught in Brazil?

As mentioned above, for the Brazilian Record captured by a foreigner, the capture must take place in Brazil.

Does the fish need to stay alive?

Yes, our main and most important rule is that the fish must return to the water alive. Specimens that have been slaughtered or that have not returned to the water in condition to survive will not be admitted.

What does it take to homologate a Record?

An Official BGFA Ruler* is required. Comply with all the rules determined for each modality and category, without any exception. Submit the application for approval to the BGFA for review.

*IGFA rulers will also be admitted for length measurement, only, upon payment of an extra fee. No others will be admitted.

How much does it cost to homologate a Record?

Refer to the BGFA.

I paid for the analysis of the Record, is it automatically homologated?

No. The amount paid is intended only for your application to be submitted for analysis and approval by the BGFA. It does not guarantee that your Record will be homologated. If the rules have been followed, your Record may be homologated, at the sole discretion of the BGFA, at no extra cost. If your application does not meet the minimum requirements, it may be

rejected and, in this case, there will be no refund of the amount paid.

What is included in the homologation?

Includes a) admission to our Hall of Fame; b) your Record included on our Official website and Instagram profile and certificate in digital format (PDF). In addition, you will be able to purchase one of the beautiful Certificates of Homologated Record, available in our online store.