BOLAND UNDERWATER FISHING ASSOCIATION

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Boland Ranking System

The Boland Ranking System is used by the Boland Underwater Fishing Association (BUFA) to guide the selection of Boland Provincial teams for Nationals and to encourage consistent competitive participation. The ranking uses results from designated Huguenote Spearfishing Club competitions and is updated after each qualifying ranking competition. Eligible paid-up members of BUFA-affiliated spearfishing clubs may be included in the ranking.

How the Ranking Works

The ranking is calculated using competition results over approximately a two-year cycle—from one Nationals event to the next, excluding the final two months before the coming Nationals. These intervals are referred to as Period A and Period B.

1. Ranking Periods and Scoring

To ensure fairness for divers who may miss events, only the top results in each period are counted:

Period A (Earlier Period): The sum of a diver's two highest qualifying Boland-ranking competition scores.

Period B (More Recent Period): The sum of a diver's three highest qualifying Boland-ranking competition scores.

2. Competition Weighting

Each competition carries a weighting factor based on its difficulty and relevance to Nationals. Period B events are weighted approximately 10% higher because they reflect more recent performance. The Huguenote Open receives the highest weighting due to its broad species range and strong similarity to Nationals conditions.

Score Calculation: (Competition Result Percentage × Weighting Factor)

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Competition, Weighting factor percentages

Period of comp	Name	Open Closed	Type	Period A	Period B
Mar-Apr	Hottieshoot Open	Open to all	Boat	105%	115%
May-Jul	Gallieshoot	Closed	Shore	100%	110%
Oct-Dec	Crackerrun	Closed	Boat	115%	125%
Nov-Dec	King of the Kelp	Closed	Shore	125%	135%
Feb	Huguenote Open	Open to all	Boat	155%	170%

3. Protea and Provincial Divers

Divers who have represented South Africa (Protea) or their province (Provincial Colors) receive a once-off experience bonus. This bonus decreases annually over a five-year period and falls away completely thereafter. These points do not accumulate year after year; they are rewarded only once.

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	Time Period	Details	Points
		Bonus Points	
2019	1 year ago	Extra Points Protea Colours	0.500
2019	1 year ago	Extra Points Provincial Colours	0.250
2018	2 year ago	Extra Points Protea Colours	0.400
2018	2 year ago	Extra Points Provincial Colours	0.200
2017	3 year ago	Extra Points Protea Colours	0.300
2017	3 year ago	Extra Points Provincial Colours	0.150
2016	4 year ago	Extra Points Protea Colours	0.200
2016	4 year ago	Extra Points Provincial Colours	0.100
2015	5 year ago	Extra Points Protea Colours	0.100
2015	5 year ago	Extra Points Provincial Colours	0.050

4. Membership Eligibility

The official Boland Ranking includes paid-up members of BUFA-affiliated spearfishing clubs in the region, including Huguenote Spearfishing Club (which now includes former Bonito members) and Maties Underwater Sport, provided their membership status can be verified. Competition results are retained even where a diver was not yet an eligible member when the competition took place.

If that diver later becomes an eligible paid-up member, any qualifying results already achieved that still fall within the active Period A or Period B ranking window may then be included retrospectively. Results that have already fallen outside the active ranking period are not brought back into the ranking. This gives new members credit for relevant performances already on record while applying the same ranking periods and scoring rules to all divers.

Example:

Example: if “Diver 1” gets a King of Kelp competition result of 48.775% in Period B, we multiply that by the 135% weighting = 0.6584625. If this result falls within the diver’s top three Period B scores, it is included in the final ranking score.

Any questions regarding the Boland Ranking System may be directed to the BUFA Spearfishing Officer at bolandspear@gmail.com.