



THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

RULE CLARIFICATION - SOFT BODY LURES

Context

The use of silicone type lures is becoming increasingly popular with many styles and rigs being promoted. There are restrictions on hook placement that in some instances make the rigs non-compliant affecting scoring and record claims for those using them.

There have been claims from one manufacturer that these comply with GFAA rules – beware!

The rules

GFAA Rules and Equipment Regulations

Clause (h) 1.

“When using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing material, no more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader or trace. The hooks need not be attached separately. The eyes of the hook must be no less than an overall hook’s length (overall length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 30.48cm (12in) apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. The trailing hook may not extend more than a hook’s length beyond the skirt of the lure. A photograph or sketch showing the hook arrangement must accompany the record application. Clarification: If a hook is cut, then the length of the hook will be deemed to be to the cut – anything beyond the cut will be deemed as leader. “

Examples



Legal – the second hook is within the body of the lure



Legal – the single hook is within the body of the lure



Illegal – the second hook is outside the body of the lure