



INSHORE COMPETITION RULES 2012



As a requirement of Club's Constitutional Rules, each boat must have an operational 27Meg/hz Marine Radio on board when taking part in Club outings.

All competitors taking part in any outing are expected to conduct themselves in an honest and fair manner and promote the objects of the Club.

NOMINATIONS FOR EACH COMPETITION :-

All competitors must register preferably with the Competition Secretary or, in unforeseen circumstances, the Captain by 7.30pm on Thursday prior to any Club competition.

WEIGH-OUT PROCEDURE -

Competitors are required to attend the designated weigh-out area 30 minutes prior to start time. If unable to attend the weigh-out by the scheduled time, please contact either the Captain, Vice-Captain or Competition Secretary as early as possible. Coastguard should also be contacted.

Should a competitor choose to leave from an area other than the designated weigh-out area, the Competition Secretary or Captain is to be notified at time of nomination. Contact the Captain by radio is essential immediately on launching vessel. Late starters must contact the Captain by radio on launching their vessel. If unable to contact Captain ensure you contact one of the inshore committee members who will pass on your message.

If it is necessary to leave the competition early, contact the Captain and Coastguard when safely back to shore.

The Captain can designate new boundaries for the competition or cancel the trip in the event of bad weather conditions. This decision will be made at the weigh-out time. All competitors must contact the captain prior to departure to confirm fishing boundaries and the status of the trip.

WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES -

All fish are to be in weigh-in area by the designated time to be eligible for points to be recorded. In the case of extenuating circumstances it will be up to the Inshore Captain to make a decision in regards to weighing in or not. Competitors can weigh their catch earlier if the Weighmaster agrees and is at the weigh-in area. Captain or Vice-Captain must also be present in case of any disputes.

NOTE: Competitors who do not weigh in must declare "NO FISH" to register as taking part in the competition. All fish to be weighed in whole. Mutilated fish will not be accepted for weighing.

Any undersized fish presented to the Weighmaster will receive a 25 points penalty per fish. Should four or more undersized fish be presented the total catch will be disqualified. All penalty points will be deducted from total points accrued to date. There are no exceptions. All fish are deemed to be presented when placed in the Weighmaster's bin. All visitors must declare their catch. Any visitor taking part in three or more trips is expected to lodge an application for membership with the Club. Competitors must know the species of all fish presented and its legal and club length.

FISHING LINES -

A maximum of 3 lines per angler in the water at any one time. This includes hand lines.

BOUNDARIES OF INSHORE COMPETITION -

All waters entering or connecting to Moreton Bay.

Northern Limit – Comboyuro Point to Skirmish Point – up Pumicestone Passage to bridge.

Southern Limit – Inside of the entrance to Southport Seaway Bar.

**Eastern Limit – Swan Bay to North Western Tip of South Stradbroke Island
Inside South Passage Bar (Amity Point to Reeders Point).**

Impoundments are Out of Bounds.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:-

SPECIES	BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH	BONUS WEIGHT
Bream	10	26cm	.80kg
Mangrove Jack	2	35cm	2.0kg
Jew	5	75cm	5.0kg
Luderick	5	26cm	1.0kg
Mackerel	5	60cm	2.0kg
(Spanish)	5	75cm	2.0kg
Morwong	5	30cm	1.5kg
Parrot	5	30cm	1.5kg
Squire/Snapper	4	35cm	1.5kg
Grass Sweetlip	5	30cm	.90kg
The trophy for heaviest Sweetlip will no longer be limited to Grass Sweetlip. Any species of Sweetlip will now qualify. Legislated minimum sizes apply.			
Tailor	10	35cm	.80kg
Whiting	10	25cm	.40kg
Cobia	2	75cm	5.0kg
Cod	N/A	Min length 38cm – Max Length 800cm	
Sole	5	25cm	N/A
Flathead	5	Min length 40cm – Max length 75cm	1.5kg

NOTE - There will be a bag limit of 5 for all other species and no bag limit points will apply. Fish such as Gar, Yellowtail Pike, Scad and all baitfish, including mullet, are excluded from weigh-ins. Only 1 Cod will be allowed per trip for weigh points only.

All other species must be a minimum of 25cm, (or longer as per Fisheries Regulations) and scale bearing to be eligible for weight points. **If in doubt consult Fisheries Regulations.**

POINTS SYSTEM

Maximum points for any one fish	150 points (excluding 50 points for species of trip)
Maximum points for any one species	250 points (excluding 50 points for species of trip)
Weight	1 point per 100gms (10 points per kilogram)
Species	10 points per species
Fish	1 point per fish
Bonus weights	20 points per bonus weight achieved
Bag Limit Achieved	20 points per bag
Species of the Trip	50 points to heaviest fish of nominated species

SPECIES OF THE TRIP

A designated **Trip Species** and a **Back Up species** will be nominated on the itinerary and the heaviest of that species caught on the trip will attract an extra 50 bonus points. Any competitor fishing the inshore overnight trips are eligible to win the species of the trip. Ladies, Juniors and PreJuniors will receive 20 points each for winning species of the trip on Ladies/Juniors day competitions. Should neither species be caught a random draw from a list species that have been caught will be made and the competitor with the heaviest fish of this species will be awarded the 50 points.

HANDICAPS-

The trip winner will be handicapped 20 points per trip and will accrue to end of the Fishing Year, but **will not affect the total points for Club Trophies**. EG. Winner of trip will need to accrue 20 points on subsequent trips before he/she begin to accumulate trip points. Should that same member win the subsequent trip with the 20 point handicap he/she will be handicapped another 20 points (40 point total) for subsequent trips etc. Ladies/Juniors days competitors will attract a 10 point handicap under the same circumstances.

All competitors (Senior Men, Ladies, Pre Juniors and Juniors) will fish under the above rules and points system.

TIED COMPETITION

Should a TIE eventuate at the end of the Fishing Year, the Trophy will be awarded to the Competitor with the least number of fish caught during the year. This will acknowledge those members who caught quality fish.

INSHORE COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Competitions are as follows;

- Senior Men -** Men aged over 16 years at 1st February all overnight trips will score points towards Senior Men's Champion
- Ladies -** Ladies aged over 16 years at 1st February all overnight trips and Ladies/Juniors days will score points towards Ladies Champion.
- Juniors -** Juniors shall be at secondary school or be under the age of 16 years at 1st February. All overnight trips and Ladies/Juniors days will score points toward Junior Champion.
- Pre Junior -** Pre Juniors shall be at primary school or younger. All overnight trips and Ladies/Juniors days will score points toward Pre Junior Champion.
- Rookie -** Eligible rookies will score points toward Rookie of the Year. To qualify as a rookie the competitor must –
- Be in their first 3 years at the club
 - Not have won the rookie section before
 - Not have exceeded 500 points in one season before

Artificial Bait- Consists of two trips per season open to all competitors using soft plastics, lures etc only. This is a separate competition and points will not count toward the above five competitions. Points will count toward Senior Men, Ladies, Juniors and Pre Juniors Artificial Bait Champion.

Fishing overnight is not compulsory and competitors can fish any hours during the allotted times provided they log on and off with the club captain as they depart and return.

Trophies will be awarded to Champion Angler and Runner up in each competition category.

INSHORE TROPHIES

Heaviest Species trophies to be awarded to the heaviest of the following species caught during the season:-

Bream, Flathead, Jew, Luderick, Mangrove Jack, Morwong, Parrot, Pelagic, Squire/Snapper, Sweetlip, Tailor, Whiting.

All senior men, ladies, juniors and pre juniors are eligible for the largest of species trophies. Fish caught on artificial bait and ladies/juniors days are also eligible for largest of species trophies. Fish caught on offshore or beach trips do not qualify for largest of species trophies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR TROPHIES

Senior Men must accrue 5 points to qualify for any trophy. Points are obtained as follows;

Inshore Trip (Including Artificial Bait trips)	1 point per trip
Offshore Trip	1 point per trip
Beach Trip	1 point per trip
Boat Skipper on Ladies/Juniors day	1 point per trip
Raffle Selling	1 point each raffle
Club Committee Member	1 point for year

Ladies, Juniors and Pre Juniors do not have any minimum qualification criteria.



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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Bag limits will attract a bonus of 20 points for species listed below:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>BAG LIMIT</u>	<u>MINIMUM LENGTH</u>	<u>BONUS WEIGHT</u>
Bream	20	26cm	.80kg
Tarwhine	10	26cm	.80kg
Mangrove Jack	2	35cm	2.0kg
Jew	2	75cm	7.0kg
Tailor	20	35cm	1.0kg
Whiting	20	25cm	.40kg
Sole	5	25cm	N/A
Flathead	5	40cm (MAX 75cm)	1.5kg
Dart	20	32cm	.50kg

Fish such as Gar, Yellowtail Pike, Scad and Baitfish, including Mullet are excluded from weigh-ins.

POINTS SYSTEM

MAXIMUM POINTS FOR ANY ONE FISH: 150 POINTS
MAXIMUM POINTS FOR ANY ONE SPECIES: 350 POINTS

WEIGHT - 1 POINT PER 100GMS
SPECIES - 10 POINTS PER SPECIES
BONUS WEIGHT - 20 POINTS PER FISH
SPECIES OF THE TRIP - 50 POINTS

Should a tie eventuate at the end of the Beach Events, the trophy will be awarded to the competitor with the least number of fish caught during the year. This will acknowledge those members who caught quality fish.

Ladies and juniors will compete under the same rules and trophies will be awarded to the winners of each division at the end of the year.

START TIME: MIDNIGHT- FRIDAY

WEIGH IN TIME: To be confirmed at each trip

Competition times and rules to be confirmed at a briefing held on the beach prior to commencement of competition.