

# **RBAFC Competition Rules Inshore, Beach & Artificial Bait**

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**All members/visitors taking part in any club event are expected to conduct themselves in an honest, respectful manner and promote the objectives of the club.**

**Safety Notice: The vessel of a competitor fishing in a club boating event must be fitted with an operational 27 Meg and/or VHF marine radio. The operator of any vessel must also comply with minimum safety requirements under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 regulations.**

**Registering to compete:**

All members competing must register no later than 7:30pm the Thursday prior to any club fishing event. Registration is made by SMS, phone call or email to the club "competition captain". If contact cannot be made with the "competition captain", the "competition secretary" can be notified.

**Weigh Out (on water) procedure:**

All members competing can elect to fish for any period of time during the competition window as per calendar.

- a) Once on the water competitors must notify the competition secretary or captain by radio (27 Meg/channel 94, VHF/channel 72), phone or SMS advising details including time and location of departure.
- b) If contact cannot be made with the competition secretary or captain by radio or phone call, then a text message must be sent to the captain and where possible contact should also be made with any other RBAFC member on the water and request information be relayed onto Captain / Secretary.
- c) On returning to the ramp competitors must again notify their safe return and sign off.
- d) Competitors are not required to log off of an inshore competition if they come directly from the water to the weigh in.

**Weigh In procedure:**

All anglers must have their catch at the weigh in by the designated time to be eligible for catch/score to be recorded. A competitor's catch can be weighed earlier if

- a) The weigh master agrees.
- b) The competition captain and a second designated person must be present and witness

If a competitor is unable to attend the weigh in, they may elect another person to weigh in their catch. For this to be permitted, the competition captain or competition secretary must be notified at the time of registration and a reasonable explanation provided. NOTE: Feeling tired is not a valid reason

Registered competitors who do not weigh in must declare "NO FISH" to be recorded as having participated in the event.

All fish presented for weigh in must be weighed whole and in good condition. Fish mutilated or disfigured in any way will not be accepted.

Anglers will be asked to present their catch in the following order:

- a) Juniors
- b) Ladies
- c) Men

Fish will be placed in the provided basket prior to approaching the scales. A short period will then be provided for other competitors to inspect the fish presented.

### **Penalties (Strictly Enforced)**

The competition conditions and rules must be adhered to during competition events. If these rules are found to have been breached the following will apply:

- a) A 25 point penalty per fish will be imposed on any angler who presents to the weigh master any fish which are undersized. The penalty points will be deducted from the anglers accrued completion points total.
- b) Should 4 or more undersized fish be presented, the total days catch will be disqualified from the event and 100 points deducted from the angler's competition points.
- c) All fish are deemed presented to the weigh master when brought to the weigh in area.
- d) The weigh master will determine and declare any under size fish presented to them
- e) Any disputes arising at the weigh in will be adjudicated by the competition secretary or captain. Their decision will be final in all matters.
- f) Any competitor found to be discarding/dumping or failing to care for their catch in a manner that would render the catch inedible will be disqualified from the trip. Their total days catch will be disqualified from the event and 100 points deducted from the angler's competition points. Any prizes awarded for the trip prior to the offence must be returned to the competition captain. Any reports of fish mishandling/dumping will be adjudicated by the competition secretary or captain. Their decision will be final in all matters. Any dispute must be raised with the competition captain within 24 hours of the weigh in.
- g) Any club member giving or receiving fish from another member or visitor for his/her own personal gain at the weigh in, shall be disqualified from the club for life.

### **Visitors/Guests fishing during club events:**

Any visitors or guests fishing during an event must declare their catch at the time of weigh in and are expected to follow the same rules as club members. Any visitor taking part in 3 or more club events is expected to lodge an application for membership with the club.

### **Alterations to club events by captain:**

The captain or his delegate for an event may designate new fishing boundaries or cancel an event if in their opinion changing weather conditions pose a threat to competitors' safety. The decision will be made as early as practical and all competitors will be notified by via whatever communication means are available to the captain. The captains' decision in these matters is final and no appeals shall be entered into.

### **Competition Rules (from club constitution)**

Club competitions shall be subject to the following general regulations:

- a) All fish must be weighed in whole.
- b) If the angler wishes to gill and gut their catch, the fish will be allocated 10% of their gross weight.
- c) Crabs shall not be weighed in.
- d) Competitors can use 3 rods or hand lines in any competition with not more than two hooks on each line. A flight is to be considered as 1 hook.
- e) Any fish weighed in by a competitor must have been caught and reeled in by the competitor.
- f) Fish shall be washed free of sand etc before weighing in and officials have the power to order fish be cleaned of sand and other foreign matter.
- g) No Bill fish, Marlin or protected species are to be weighed in.
- h) Any member or visitor attending a trip and who, in the opinion of a quorum, is not in possession of his/her faculties will not be permitted to fish or participate at that outing. He/she shall not be recorded in the books of the Club as having attended that outing.

### **Open, ladies and juniors' events:**

Three Inshore competitions will be fished as follows

- a) Combined open competition
- b) Ladies competition
- c) Junior competition (juniors must be under 16yrs of age as of the RBAFC sign on day)

Only the ten highest trip scores of each competitor's inshore competition results will be used for their end of year total. This was introduced to allow people to have holidays without compromising their chances of winning the competition.

### **Trophies and awards:**

Should a tie eventuate at the end of the fishing year, the trophy will be awarded to the angler with the least fish caught during that year. This will acknowledge those members who caught quality fish.

Trophies will only be awarded to financial RBAFC members that meet the minimum 5-point system qualifications. A visitor's recorded catch will be eligible for a trophy if they later become a financial member and meet the same minimum 5-point system qualifications.

### **Heaviest Fish Species - Inshore:**

A trophy will be awarded at the end of year for the heaviest of the following species.

**Bream, Snapper, Morwong, Flathead, Mangrove Jack, Jew Fish, Javelin, Parrot, Pelagic, Sweetlip, Tailor, Whiting.**

These can be caught on any club inshore, artificial bait day or beach trip.

The trophy for heaviest sweetlip will be limited to grass sweetlip.

### **Rookie Trophy:**

Eligible rookies will score points towards Rookie of the Year. To qualify as a rookie the competitor must:

- a) Be in their first 3 years at the club
- b) Not have won the rookie category previously
- c) Not have exceeded 500 points in one season previously

### **Club Champion Trophy**

To qualify for the Club Champion Trophy the competitors must compete in at least two competition categories from the following: Inshore, Offshore, Beach.

The Club Champion Trophy will be awarded to the competitor with the most points accrued from the following categories: Inshore, Offshore, Beach, Artificial Bait Day.

### **Minimum Qualification for Trophies (5 Point System)**

Ladies and Juniors have no minimum qualification criteria. Senior men must accrue a minimum of 5 points to qualify for any trophy. Points may be obtained as follows:

Inshore Event (including artificial Bait event)	(1) point per event
Offshore Events	(1) point per event
Beach Events	(1) point per event
Raffle Selling	(1) point per each raffle event attended
Boat Skipper on Ladies / Junior Events	(1) point per event
Club Committee Member	(1) point per year

## Weight and measures – Inshore, Artificial and Beach (Revised Dec 2020):

SPECIES	BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE	BONUS WEIGHT
Bream	10	27cm	.75kg
Tarwhine	10	27cm	.75kg
Flathead	5	Min 40cm - Max 75cm	1.5kg
Jew	2	75cm	5kg
Mangrove Jack	2	35cm	2kg
Mowong	5	30cm	1.5kg
Parrot	5	30cm	1.5kg
Snapper	4	35cm – no more than 1 over 70cm	1.5kg
Grass Emperor	5	30cm	.9kg
Tailor	10	35cm	1kg
Whiting	10	26cm	.4kg
Javelin	5	30cm	1kg
Dart	10	32cm	.5kg
Pelagic	5	As per QLD fishing regs	5kg

### **Points System:**

1 point is awarded per 100gms of fish

10 points are awarded per species

1 point is awarded per fish

Bag limits will attract a bonus of 20 points per species listed above

Maximum points for any one fish is 150 points

Maximum points for any one species is 250 points

Heaviest off the designated event species will be awarded the following bonus points:

Inshore Events 150 points

Beach, artificial and offshore events 50 points

On inshore events the heaviest off the backup species will be awarded an extra 50 bonus points if the designated event species is not caught.

*Note: There will be a bag limit of 5 fish for all other species and no bag points will apply. Fish such as gar, pike, scad and all bait fish including mullet are excluded from weigh ins. Only 1 cod will be eligible for weight points per trip. All other species must be a minimum of 25cm (or longer as per fisheries regulations) and be scale bearing to be eligible for weight points. No Bill fish, Marlin or protected species are to be weighed in.*

### **Designated species:**

On inshore trips the designated species will be predetermined by the inshore captain with a back up species also provided.

The designated species for Beach, artificial and offshore events will be chosen as follows :

Prior to the commencement of the weigh in a list of species caught shall be placed into a hat on individual tickets. The person having caught the heaviest of the species drawn from the hat will be declared the species winner. The winner will attract an extra 50 bonus points. In the event that there is more than one fish of the same weight, the competitor that weighs in first will be the winner.



**Junior member participation incentive (Established 2019):**

Each junior angler that fishes in a club event and weighs in at least one fish (in accordance with the RBAFC rules) will receive a 'lucky dip' prize.

The junior angler with the most points overall for that trip will receive a second 'lucky dip' prize.

**Late membership renewal disqualification (Established 2019):**

Any person having been a financial member the previous year and has not renewed their membership for the current year, will not be eligible to weigh fish in for a club competition until such time as they pay their annual membership for the year. The cut off date for membership renewal is the last day of February.

# Beach Trip Bookings and Format

## **1 General**

- a) The itinerary Committee will schedule the number and date of the beach trips for the current year.
- b) The Beach trip Coordinator will determine the book-in date for the closure of nominations for each trip.
- c) The Club Executive shall set the fees for attendance at the beach trips.
- d) The Beach Trip Coordinator shall collect all fees payable for the trip prior to the weigh out meeting referenced in 5.a) below.
- e) **All competitors taking part in any outing are expected to conduct themselves in an honest and respectful manner and promote the objectives of the club.**

## **2 Nominations**

To be eligible to attend the trip and enter the competition, each member must;

- a) Notify the Beach trip Coordinator prior to the book in date of their intention to attend and provide the following information;
  - i) The vehicle registration number
  - ii) The number and names of adult members in the vehicle
  - iii) The number and names of junior members in the vehicle
- 2) If a member has invited visitors to attend the trip, the member making the invitation is responsible for providing the information in a) above for each visitor vehicle.
- 3) Have a minimum of two adult people in each vehicle so as to offset some of the actual cost to the club for each trip.
- 4) The minimum fee payable for each vehicle will be equivalent to two adult members, i.e. currently \$260-00

## **3 Bookings and Travel**

- a) The Beach Trip Coordinator shall collate the number of people attending and vehicles travelling to the camp and shall make the required bookings for barge fees and camping permits for persons nominated to attend.

**Note: No individual bookings are to be made by members, any breach of this clause will render the member or visitor ineligible to attend that trip camp/competition.**

- b) All persons attending the trip shall travel at the time and date as booked by the trip coordinator or at a later time depending on personal necessity.
- c) Members may extend their trip at their discretion and must notify the trip coordinator of the extension at the time of booking in for the trip.
- d) Members extending their trip may purchase surplus food for their extended stay from the club at the original cost price to the club.

#### 4 Kitchen Setup and Pack up

- a) All vehicles must wait for the food trailer/camp kitchen to be towed onto the camp site **BEFORE** attempting to enter the campsite. This prevents the track from being torn up and making the task of towing the trailer much harder.
- b) The food trailer/camp kitchen **must have two vehicles attached together using a snatch strap** before any attempts are made to tow the trailer on/off the beach from the causeway and up or down the sand dunes to the designated camp area. There is a RBAFC snatch strap in the trailer. (This prevents any unnecessary digging!)
- c) All adults, other than those with a medical condition, attending the trip will assist with the setup of the kitchen prior to establishing their own camp site.
- d) At the conclusion of the weigh in all adults etc., will assist with the pack up of the kitchen.

#### 5) Weigh Out

- a) When the kitchen has been set up and all persons have paid the relevant camp fees to the coordinator, the Captain of the day shall convene a meeting of all eligible persons.
- b) The Captain will review the competition rules and relate any other relevant information as required and inform the meeting of the weigh in dates and times. The captain will also designate the fishing boundaries for that trip.

#### 6) Weigh In

- a) At time notified in 5. b) above, the Captain of the day will call for all fish to be brought forward for the weigh in.
- b) The Captain of the day shall appoint a weigh master to assist with the weigh in.
- c) Prior to the commencement of the weigh in, a list of all species caught shall be placed into a hat on individual tickets and the person having caught the heaviest of the species drawn from the hat will be declared the species winner.
- d) The Captain shall record the number, species and total weight of the fish weighed in by each participant.
- e) The Captain shall announce the person with the highest point score for the trip as the trip winner in each of the open, ladies and junior categories.
- f) Visitors attending the trip will be eligible to win the trip in both total points and species of the trip competitions.
- g) If a visitor subsequently joins the club, then points accrued as a visitor will count in the member's annual point score.
- h) A person may only attend two beach trips as a visitor, any further trips must be as a paid up member of the club.
- i) Should a point's tie eventuate at the end of the years 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.
- j) 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.

#### 7) Campfires

Only one campfire is permitted on RBAFC trips. This is to encourage social interaction and prevent visitors from feeling unwelcome.