



*RBAFC Sport*

**FISHING**

*Competition*

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BACK**

*2023*

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# *Introduction*

Due to popular demand, the RBAFC is pleased to announce that the RBAFC Sports Fishing Competition is coming back. We have tweaked the rules a little to make this competition more wide spread and available to be fished around Australia in the People's choice category.

This comp will be run monthly with a species of the month for an inshore and offshore section. Both of these are fished in the club boundaries. There will also be a member's choice category which is Australia wide for members. This will be done by taking a photo of the specific species on a any any brag mat with a codeword and entering it in by sending it to **sportsfishing@rbafe.org** or uploading through the app. Photos will be shared on the Redland Bay Amateur Fishing Club facebook page.

Codes will be emailed, on the RBAFC website, Facebook and the app. Prizes are awarded on the longest fish caught in each category.

This comp is for the angler that loves to catch the big ones but also gets gratification at seeing them swim away. This is not to say that you can't take home a feed as there is nothing better than fresh fish, but if you don't like killing some species, you don't have to and can still take home some awesome prizes. The member's choice category will be for every other species other than the "species of the month". Again this will be a photographed fish on a brag mat with the codeword of the month. All the entries will be looked at and the best 7 catches which will be presented to the members at the General Meeting and the winner will be decided.

Please read the rules carefully and if you have any questions please email us at **sportsfishing@rbafe.org** or phone Matt on 0415 149 350.



# Rules and Information

- Handle fish with care and use adequate release methods. We recommend catch and release fishing, however it is not compulsory.
- Fish must be caught within the boundaries for inshore and offshore.
- Two photos are required to be sent in per entry. One on the brag mat and one of the entrant holding the fish. The photographs must be clear and in focus and square on.
- Fish must be caught by the person entering the photo. Entering a fish caught by someone else is cheating. Participants caught cheating in any matter will be disqualified and banned from entering future comps.
- The photo of the entrant holding the fish. The entrants face and fish must be in frame with the entrant holding the fish close to the entrant's body. Support your fish correctly with one hand under the head and the other under its belly. Don't hold your fish up by the gills or with a gaff sticking out of it.
- Photos must be taken at time and place of capture and the fish must be alive in both photos.
- Brag mats must be lying flat and straight in photos. Codeword must be clearly visible in photos along with the brag mat measurements.



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·Fish must be measured from nose to fork (or central point) of the tail. Fish are judged on fork length, not weight. In the event of a tie, the fish entered first wins.



For species with fork, measure to the inner fork



For species without a fork, measure to central tip

- You may enter as many times as you like however you may not enter the same fish more than once.
- Entries must be in strictly by the cut off date stated for each comp.
- No fishing in dams or impoundments for the inshore and offshore division.
- Fish showing signs of stretching, mutilation or improper handling will be disqualified. Fish must also exceed relevant State minimum size or Club minimum size limits. Entries of undersized fish will be disqualified. Members may request to see the brag mat pictures of any entry up until 24hrs after a comp has ended.



# Rules and Information

- Winners will be announced at each following meeting and on facebook. Winners who are not present at the meeting will be notified by email or phone.
- The RBAFC reserves the right to use all submitted photographs in our online galleries and various promotional purposes.
- Never fish in dangerous waters or conditions. Respect our waterways and have fun

## How to enter

- Email your entries to **sportsfishing@rbafc.org** or upload on the app. Entries must be in by the cut off date specified for each comp in the table shown.
- You must be a current member of the Redland Bay Amateur Fishing Club at the time of entering.
- Include in email/upload
  1. What fish you are entering and for which category, Monthly species or Members choice.
  2. Two photos, one on brag mat and one of angler holding fish.
  3. Name of person who caught the fish
  4. For the members choice category, any information you believe is relevant to assist with members votes.
  5. Length of fish

# Comp dates



Month	Start date 2023	Due by
January	18th January	14th February
February	15th February	14th March
March	15th March	18th April
April	19th April	16th May
May	17th May	20th June
June	21st June	18th July
July	19th July	15th August
August	16th August	19th September
September	20th September	17th October
October	18th October	14th November
November/December	15th November	16th January 2024

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