

AFA



Fishing Rules

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1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. All those taking part in A.F.A. competition must be registered and financial members of the A.F.A.
- b. Competition entry fees must be paid before being eligible for trophies and awards.
- c. A junior is a person who is under the age of eighteen (18) years of age at the start of a competition.
- d. A veteran is a person who has attained the age of fifty five (55) years of age at the start of a competition.

2. COMPETITION DEFINITIONS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. The club shall conduct championships every year for Beach, Rock, Estuary, deep sea and fresh water with the points counting towards champion and runner up champion in the open, ladies and junior divisions.
- b. Beach-defined as fishing from a sandy beach into surf outside estuary boundaries.
- c. Rock-defined as fishing from rocks under the influence of the sea outside estuary boundaries.
- d. Estuary-defined as fishing estuarine water as proclaimed by the NSW maritime.
- e. Deep Sea-defined as fishing from a boat in open sea.
- f. Fresh Water-defined as fishing beyond the influence of tides.

3. BOUNDARIES

- a. Boundaries are to be clearly defined before the start of a competition.
- b. All NSW Maritime restricted areas are out of bounds.
- c. North to South boundaries do not apply to rock and beach competitions.
- d. Estuary boundaries are for example:
 - Sydney Harbour- West of a line between the wall of the Quarantine Reserve to Hornby Light house.
 - Botany Bay- West of a line from Bear Island to the Captain Cook memorial Kurnell.
 - Port Hacking- West of a line from the concrete wall at Hungary Point Cronulla to Bundeena Wharf.
- e. If any competitor enters illegally into an out of bounds restricted area or breaks any state or federal law to get to a fishing location will be deemed disqualified from the competition.

4. GENERAL RULES AT ALL COMPETITIONS

- a. All competitions will have a honour start.
- b. Competition start and weigh in times are to be clearly defined before the start of a competition
- c. Weigh in location to be clearly defined before the start of a competition.

- d. Points shall be allocated on a basis of one (1) point per fish and ten (10) points per kilogram. Points shall then be converted to a percentage with the winner of the competition receiving 100% and other competitors, in order of points, receiving a percentage of the winners catch.
- e. All fish to be free of foreign matter.
- f. All fish size and bag limited are to comply with NSW Fisheries regulations.

- g. Any fish not specified in the NSW fisheries regulations will have a minimum total length of 30cm and a bag limit of 5 fish per species. eg: sweep, pike, yellowtail and slimy mackerel. If these fish are weighed in under 30cm, 25 point per fish will be deducted from that competitors score.
- h. Fish not eligible to be weighed in are protected species, sharks, rays, eels, salt water catfish, cockatoo fish, rock cale, kelp fish, frog fish, toad fish, sun fish, box fish and wirrah cod.
- i. Fish are to be weighed in as caught or gilled and gutted. In the case of gilled and gutted no allowances will be made for loss of weight. The decision of the weigh master will be final and the entire catch must be weighed either “gilled or Gutted” or “as caught”.
- j. Any breach of the NSW fisheries rule or regulation shall result in the disqualification of that competitors catch from the competition.
- k. All fish are to be weighed in on ice and kept in reasonable edible condition. If the weigh master doubts the condition of any fish, or is of the opinion that a fish is undersize or has been frozen, he has the right to impound the catch and call a meeting of the present angling committee member to make a decision on the matter.
- l. Mutilated fish must exceed the minimum length for the species by three (3) cm. A fish with a broken neck or part of the body missing is considered to be a mutilated fish. Bleeding a fish by removing or damaging the gills only is not to be deemed mutilation.

5. GENERAL

- a. Nominations for heaviest of species must be submitted to the Angling Committee within twenty eight (28) days from the capture date.
- b. There must be no lines in the water before the official start time of a competition except for the purpose of catching live bait, which can be caught up to one (1) hour before the start time.
- c. Fish of the month nominations must be submitted to the angling committee within seven (7) days from the end of the particular month, or the next Wednesday after the end of the month.
- d. All events are an honour start.
- e. SMD team selections are to consist of the four (4) best point scores from the AFA. Individual events.
- f. The fishing year will run from 1st of January to 31st December inclusive each calendar year.
- g. Competitors shall be responsible for the proper removal of their catch from the weigh-in area and surrounding grounds, in such a manner not to cause offence.

- h. Competitors must not use any form of floatation, swimming, mechanical or any other means to an off shore island, if the area is not normally accessible by walking.
- i. Any competitor fishing competitions or social outings which involve fishing deep sea and or the rocks must fish with another financial member.

6. PROTESTS

- a. Protests are to be submitted in writing to the Angling committee, signed by the person/s protesting.
- b. Protests lodged after the presentation of trophies has begun shall be considered invalid.
- c. An adjudication of no less than five (5) members of the angling committee will consider the protest and the decision reached shall be final.

7. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- a. All trophies, awards and money prizes will be awarded on the clubs presentation night to be specified in the club calendar every year.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

- a. No By-law, rule or any other rule referred to in the By-laws, are not to be changed until the beginning of the new fishing year. (As per section 5f of these by-laws)