

Sydney North Division Fishing Clubs Association Incorporated

Competition By-Laws

1. ELIGIBILITY.

- a) Competition entry is open to persons who are members of clubs affiliated with Sydney North Division Fishing Clubs Association Incorporated and hold a current Sydney North Division or New South Wales FCA Inc. Registration card.

2. REGISTRATION.

- a) Upon registration and payment of the entry fee(s), competitors are eligible to compete for the prizes listed.
- b) A representative from each club competing in Sydney North Division competitions must submit the registration number and names of competitors no later than 9.00pm on the night prior to the starting time of the event.
- c) A representative from each club competing in Sydney North Division competitions must submit the registration number and names of competitors to be registered in each team no later than 9.00pm on the night prior to the starting time of the event.
- d) No monies or nominations for Sydney North Division membership will be accepted after two (2) weeks prior to the commencement date of any competition.
- e) Upon registration, a competitor accepts to be bound by the competition By-Laws.

To register, contact the Competition Secretary, if unable to contact same, then the President, then the Secretary.

3. SECTIONS.

- a) --Open Men and women 18 years and over. *
- Ladies Women 18 years and over. *
- Juniors 13 years to 18 years.*
- Sub-Junior To 13 years. *
- Veterans Over 55 years. *

*Age at the date of competition first round and shall complete the competition year in the same section..

- b) Open Section: There must be a minimum of six (6) competitors weigh in, in any one round, to merit pockets as well as trophies.
- c) Ladies, Veterans, Junior and Sub-Junior Sections: There must be a minimum of three (3) competitors weigh in, in any one round, to merit pockets as well as trophies.
- d) Champion of Champions: There must be a minimum of six (6) competitors weigh in, in any one round, to merit a prize.
- e) Teams: There must be a minimum of two (2) teams to weigh in, in any one round, to merit a prize.

4. CHAMPION TEAMS.

- a) Teams shall consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) competitors in each section.
- b) The winning team shall consist of the four (4) highest scoring competitors from each section.
- c) The winning team from each section shall be the team with the highest points.

5. CALCULATION OF CHAMPIONS.

1) Champion of Champions:-

- a) A competitor must register.
- b) The competitor with the highest aggregate points of position points over four (4) rounds shall be awarded the prize.
- c) If in the case of a number of competitors attaining the same weigh-in score (including bonus points), the competitor with the highest total number of bonus points for four (4) rounds shall be declared the winner.

2) Individual Champions:-

- a) A competitor must register.
- b) The competitor with the highest weigh-in score (including bonus points) shall be declared the winner.
- c) If a number of competitors remain with equal weigh-in scores (including bonus points), then the competitor with the highest number of bonus points shall be declared the winner.

3) Teams:-

- a) Members of each team must register.
- b) Competitors may not register in more than one team in the same division.
- c) The aggregate score of the competitors in each team shall calculate the winning team.
- d) The team with the highest weigh-in score (including bonus points), shall be declared the winner.
- e) If in the case of a number of teams attaining the same weigh-in score (including bonus points), the team with the highest number of bonus points shall be declared the winner.

6. DIVISIONS.

Offshore
Estuary
Rock & Beach
Charter Boat

7. COMPETITION FEES.

- a) Shall be as set by the delegates Annual General Meeting. Clubs shall be debited the appropriate fee for each of their members registered for the competition. Fees due to Sydney North Division shall be received by the Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days after the event.
- b) Fees per Competition Round as at July 1st, 2005.

Individuals, Pensioners, Juniors and Sub-Juniors: \$8.00

All Others: \$8.00

Nominated teams:-

Ladies, Open: \$16 per team additional.

Veterans, Juniors and Sub-Juniors: \$16 per team additional.

8. BOUNDARIES.

a) ESTUARY:

Sydney Harbour: All waters west of an imaginary, direct line from Hornby Light [inner South Head] to Cannae or Flagstaff Point [Inner North Head].

Broken Bay: All waters west of an imaginary line from the western most point of Barrenjoey to the most eastern point of Lion Island, thence to Box Head, including all tidal waters within and directly connected to Brisbane Waters and Hawkesbury River.

Tuggerah Lakes and Narrabeen Lake: Lake entrance boundaries shall be the continuation of the line of the beach (tidal area) across the lake entrance.

Lake Macquarie: All estuarine waters directly connected to Lake Macquarie. The eastern boundary from an imaginary line drawn between the eastern tip of the northern breakwall to the "H" frame prominent on the southern shoreline,

b) ROCK & BEACH:

From Cannae or Flagstaff Point, Sydney Harbour (Southern Boundary), continuing to and including the northern wall of the Swansea Breakwall. (Northern Boundary).

c) OFFSHORE:

All waters accessible by boat, east of an imaginary line from Hornby Light [inner South Head] to Cannae or Flagstaff Point [inner North Head] (Southern Boundary) to all waters accessible from boats launched from Swansea Boat Ramp (Northern boundary). Offshore waters exclude all estuary waters.

d) PROHIBITED WATERS:

Fishing is not permitted within any waters designated as a closed fishing area by NSW Fisheries.

9. CONDITIONS OF CAPTURE.

- a) Lines: Competitors will fish with no more than two lines with a maximum of two (2) hooks per line, or two (2) flights of hooks per line. A flight of hooks is a number of hooks ganged together for the purpose of securing a single bait. Lines for Charter Boat – refer Clause 13.
- b) Trolling; Trolling is permitted in Sydney North Division Offshore and Estuary competitions but is excluded from Charter Boat competitions.
- c) Boats Offshore: There must be a minimum of two (2) persons per boat during offshore competitions.
- d) Boats Estuary: It is recommended there be a minimum of two (2) persons per boat during estuary competitions.
- e) Capture: All fish shall be taken on rod / reel or hand-line using baits or lures and must be hooked, played and landed by the competitor claiming the catch with no other assistance other than netting or gaffing. Only another registered competitor can assist in netting or gaffing.
- f) Minimum lengths: Any fish within the weigh-in area must attain or exceed the minimum length as listed for that species by the Sydney North Division minimum length regulations.
- g) Competition times: Shall be as programmed by the committee. No competitor shall be upon Sydney North Division offshore or estuary waters during the period of thirty (30) minutes prior to the starting time of the competition.
- h) No competitor shall return to 'ground tackle' (i.e. anchors, buoys) laid prior to the starting time of the competition
- i) Live bait may be fished for in estuary waters after offshore commencement time, before proceeding to sea.

Note: It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they:

COMPLY WITH N.S.W. FISHERIES REGULATIONS and,

COMPLY WITH N.S.W. WATERWAYS REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE POSSESSION AND USE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

10. WEIGH-IN.

- a) Competitor's fish must be within the weigh-in enclosure by the designated time. **(NO ALLOWANCE WILL BE MADE)**
- b) All fish to be weighed in, can be presented whole as caught and free from foreign matter. No allowance will be made for fish presented that have been gilled and gutted. Scaling is optional.
- c) Weights will be recorded to the lowest 25 grams.
- d) Any competitor having fish within the weigh-in enclosure whose length do not attain or exceed the minimum competition length for that species shall incur disqualification.
- e) Any fish having a broken vertebra or a stretched or mutilated body shall be required to measure 3cm longer than the minimum length listed for that species.
- f) It is the competitor's responsibility to nominate fish for largest of species section when weighing in. Should a fish appear to exceed a State or Australian record, it may be recorded whole. (i.e. not gilled and gutted)
- g) The Committee may decline to weigh or accept the weigh-in result of any competitor's catch without providing a reason.

11. DISQUALIFICATION.

- a) If the method of registration, fishing or capture contravenes these By-Laws.
- e) The competitor fished outside of defined boundaries or times.
- f) Fish presented for weigh-in were not caught by the competitor claiming the catch.
- g) Fish which are frozen or fish which are in a putrid condition are presented for weighing.
- h) A competitor has fish which does not attain or exceed the minimum length within the weigh-in enclosure.
- i) Fees owing by the competitor(s) have not been received within sixty (60) days of the event.

12. PROTESTS.

Any protests regarding Sydney North Division competitors shall be lodged in writing, signed by the person lodging same and be received by the Divisional Secretary within seven (7) days of the event.

13. CHARTER BOAT DIVISION.

- a) A charter boat shall be defined as a vessel capable of safely accommodating a minimum of ten (10) competitors.
- b) Competitors shall use not more than one (1) line with a minimum of three (3) hooks attached. A flight of hooks being a number of hooks ganged together for the purpose of securing a single bait.
- c) Trolling is excluded from Charter boat competitions.
- d) All charter boat weigh-ins shall be conducted upon the shore or wharf.
- e) Charter Boat competitions outings have no restriction on boundaries in the open sea.
- f) Charter boat competitions shall be a maximum of nine (9) hours duration.
- g) Charter boat competition result sheets must be received by the Divisional Secretary no later than thirty (30) days from the outing date (post date accepted) **LATE SCORES WILL BE INVALID.**

14. RECORD CLAIMS.

Sydney North Division FCA Inc.	>	Record certificates will be
NSW Fishing Clubs Association Inc.	>	awarded in recognition of
Australian Anglers Association	>	all record captures as authorized.

- a) Sydney North Division FCA Inc. record claims are to be received by the Divisional Secretary within sixty (60) days of capture on the official application form with all details completed.
- b) NSW FCA Inc. record claims are to be received by the State Records Registrar via the Divisional Secretary within sixty (60) days of capture on a State Application form with the appropriate fee and a colour photograph included.
- c) AAA record claims are made as in b) above on a completed AAA Application form with the appropriate fee and colour photograph included.
- d) Record application fees

Sydney North Division FCA Inc.	\$5.00 per claim (Senior) \$2.00 per claim (Junior & Sub-Junior)
NSW Fishing Clubs Assoc. Inc	As per fees at the time of application
Australian Anglers Assoc.	As per fees at the time of application

15. AWARDED PRIZES.

- a) Champion of Champions
- b) Estuary, Rock & Beach, Offshore and Charter Boat.
 - Open Champion
 - R/U Champion
 - Senior Champion Team (4) Max.
 - Ladies Champion.
 - Ladies Champion Team (4) Max.
 - Junior Champion
 - Junior Champion Team (4) Max.
 - Sub-Junior Champion
 - Sub-Junior Champion team (4) Max.
 - Veteran Champion
 - Veteran Champion Team (4) Max.
- c) Largest of nominated species prizes

Prizes shall be awarded for the largest nominated fish in the following species

Bream	Flathead	Groper	Hairtail	John Dory
Kingfish	Leatherjacket	Luderick	Morwong	Mulloway
Pigfish	Rock Blackfish	Salmon	Snapper	Tailor
Trevally	Tuna	Whiting	Largest other species	

16. COMPETITION BAG LIMITS.

A bag limit of Five (5) fish per species, per competitor, per event of fishing session shall apply to all Sydney North Division Fishing Clubs Association Incorporated competitions with the exception of species identified and regulated by NSW Fisheries. In the case of species identified and regulated by NSW Fisheries, that limit will apply. No bag limit is to exceed Five (5) fish per species.

17. COMPETITION POINTS SCORES.

a) POINTS PER KILOGRAM FOR EACH SPECIES

Offshore (small boats) & Charter Boats

2 points /kg	7 points / kg	11 points / kg	17 points / kg	22 points / kg
General rate for all allowable fish not otherwise listed.	Bonito Hairtail Salmon Tailor Trevalla Trevally Tuna	Cobia Dolphin Fish Flathead Groper Harpuka Kingfish Leatherjacket Long-Finned Perch Luderick Marlin Morwong Mullet Orange Perch Rock Blackfish Spanish Mackerel Splendid Perch Surgeonfish Wahoo	Amberjack Bream Flounder Garfish John Dory Pigfish Samsonfish Snapper Spangled Emperor Tarwhine Teraglin Whiting	Mulloway Pearl Perch

Rock & Beach, Estuary

2 points /kg	7 points / kg	11 points / kg	17 points / kg	22 points / kg
As above – general rate	Hairtail Tailor Trevally	Bonito Flathead Leatherjacket Luderick Morwong Mullet Rock Blackfish Salmon Silver Drummer Surgeonfish Tuna	Amberjack Bream Cobia Estuary Perch Garfish Groper Kingfish Samsonfish Spanish Mackerel Tarwhine Teraglin Whiting	Flounder John Dory Marlin Mulloway Pigfish Snapper Spangled Emperor

b) Bonus Points

A bonus points system shall apply for the number of designated* species weighed-in for each round of the competition. The scale of bonus points is:

No. of Species	Bonus Points	No. of Species	Bonus Points
1	0	9	180
2	5	10	225
3	15	11	275
4	30	12	330
5	50	13	390
6	75	14	455
7	105	15	525
8	140		

* Designated species: - any species with points per kilogram other than general rate as listed in 17a) above.

18. COMPETITION MINIMUM LENGTHS.

Common Name	Minimum Length #	Bag Limit #
Amberjack	30 cm	5 (Combined Bag Limit with Samsonfish)
Bream	27 cm	5 (Combined Bag Limit with Tarwhine)
Estuary Perch [only one over 35 cm]	25 cm	2 ***
Flathead, Dusky [Slot Limit 36cm-70cm]	36 cm	5
Flathead (all other)	36 cm	5 in total – (i.e. combination of all species)
Flounder (all species)	25 cm	5 (Combined Bag Limit with Sole)
Garfish (measured from the upper jaw)	25 cm	5
Groper	46 cm	1
Kingfish, Yellowtail	65 cm	5
Leatherjacket (all species)	25 cm	5
Luderick	27 cm	5
Morwong (all species)	30 cm	5 (Jackass/Rubberlip) 5 (Red / Sea Carp / Banded)
Mullet (all species)	30 cm	5
Mulloway]	70 cm	1
Salmon (Australian)	35 cm	5
Samsonfish	30 cm	5 (Combined Bag Limit with Amberjack)
Sole	23 cm	5 (Combined Bag Limit with Flounder)
Surgeonfish	30 cm	5
Tailor	35 cm	5
Tarwhine	27 cm	5 (Combined Bag Limit with Bream)
Teraglin	38 cm	5
Tuna (Yellowfin, Bigeye, Bluefin	< 90 cm	5 in total, plus
Longtail, Albacore)	> 90 cm	2 in total
Tuna (other)	30 cm	5
Whiting (all species)	27 cm	5

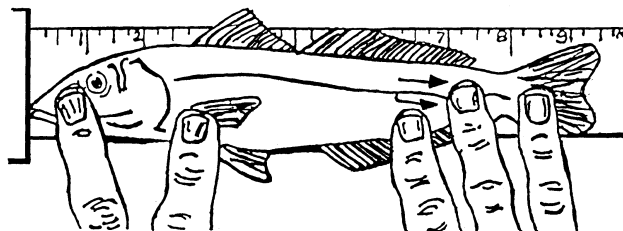
***Zero Bag Limit between 1st June and 31st August each year.

Minimum Lengths and Bag Limits change over time – always check that you have a current list.

* Fisheries regulations vary according to location and season – check them.

- All other eligible fish (that are not listed above) are acceptable if they attain a length of 30cm. Mutilated fish must exceed the above lengths by 3cm.
- Ineligible species include sharks, rays, eels, estuarine catfish, rock cale, kelp fish, frog fish, toad fish, sun fish, box fish, black spinefoot, wirrah cod, estuarine cod, black rock cod and carp. Also ineligible are any fish listed by NSW Fisheries as protected.
- Measuring of fish – Fish to be measured should be straightened if necessary so that it will lie flat and straight on the measuring stick and the mouth of the fish should be closed. The fish is placed on the stick in such positions that it is just touching the butt of the stick and is held in position by the index fingers of one hand. The fingers of the other hand are then rubbed lightly along the body of the fish to extend the fish to its' maximum length (see diagram A, below). If the fish does not reach the required length, the index fingers of the hand not securing the position of the fish on the stick may be used to move the top of the caudal fin downwards in an arc towards the centre line of the stick (see diagram B). If the fish still does not reach the required length, it must be rejected as undersized.

(DIAGRAM A)



(DIAGRAM B)

