



Warringah Anglers' Club Incorporated

Competition By-Laws

1. COMPETITIONS.

- a) The Committee, or a Sub-Committee established for the purpose, shall prepare a calendar of fishing events to comprise the Club Competition Calendar and shall fix fishing and weigh-in times.
- b) The Competition shall be deemed as being held over two (2) fishing sessions (a fishing session being one (1) day).
- c) Competitors may fish for and otherwise collect *bait* (subject to NSW Fisheries regulations) prior to the commencement time of a Competition round.
- d) 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.

2. 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.

b) ROCK & BEACH:

From Cannae or Flagstaff Point, Sydney Harbour (Southern boundary), continuing to the Catherine Hill Bay Coal Wharf (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 Norah Head Boat Club ramp (northern boundary). Offshore waters exclude all estuary waters.

d) FRESHWATER:

All non-tidal, fresh waters within the state of New South Wales.

e) PROHIBITED WATERS:

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

3. DIVISIONS.

- a) The Competition shall be held over the following divisions: Deep Sea, Estuary, Rock & Beach, Freshwater, Catch & Release and Kayak.
- b) Fish caught within the boundaries of any division can only be claimed for and weighed-in for that division.

4. SECTIONS.

The Competition shall comprise four (4) sections:

- Open Men and women aged 16 years and over and not attending secondary school. * **
- Ladies Women aged 18 years and over. *
- Juniors Any person aged 16 years or under, or any person aged 18 years and under and still attending secondary school at the start of the competition year.*
- Sub-Junior Any person aged 13 years or under. *

*Age at the date of the first round of the competition.

** The Catch & Release & Kayak Division have only an Open Section but consist of all other sections.

5. CONDITIONS OF CAPTURE.

- a) Lines: Competitors will fish with no more than three 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. (A flight of hooks may have no more than five (5) hooks.)
- b) 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.
- c) Minimum lengths: Any fish presented for weigh-in must attain or exceed the minimum length as listed for that species by the Warringah Anglers' Club minimum length regulations (see Section 7).
- d) No competitor shall return to 'ground tackle' (i.e. anchors, buoys) laid prior to the starting time of the competition.
- e) All fish weighed-in for competition or for a record claim must be caught by a method as outlined within this section.
- f) All fish caught in the Catch & Release Division must be photographed on a branded brag mat with head and tail clearly visible.

6. COMPETITION BAG LIMITS.

For the purposes of the competition weigh-in, a competitor may only present a SINGLE bag limit of any individual species, as defined by NSW Fisheries. Where a bag limit for any species has not been set by NSW Fisheries, a limit of twenty (20) fish of that species will apply.

7. COMPETITION MINIMUM LENGTHS AND BAG LIMITS.

Salt Water

Common Name	Minimum Length #	Bag Limit #
Amberjack	30 cm	5 (Combined Bag Limit with Samsonfish)
Bass [only one over 35 cm]	20 cm	2 ***
Bream	27 cm	10 (Combined Bag Limit with Tarwhine)
Deep-Sea Fish [Hapuka, Bar Cod, Gemfish, Banded Rockcod & Trevalla]	30 cm	5 in total] (max. of 2 Gemfish)
Estuary Perch [only one over 35 cm]	20 cm	2 ***
Flathead, Dusky [Slot Limit 36cm-70cm]	36 cm	5
Flathead (all other)	36 cm	10 in total – (i.e. combination of all species)
Flounder (all species)	25 cm	20 (Combined Bag Limit with Sole)
Garfish (measured from the upper jaw)	25 cm	20
Groper	46 cm	1
Gurnard	30 cm	20
Hairtail		10

Kingfish, Yellowtail	65 cm	5
Leatherjacket (all species)	25 cm	20
Long-Finned Perch	30 cm	20
Luderick	27 cm	10
Mackerel, Spanish	75 cm	5 (Combined Bag Limit with Spotted Mackerel)
Mackerel, Spotted	60 cm	5 (Combined Bag Limit with Spanish Mackerel)
Mackerel, Frigate	30 cm	20
Mangrove Jack	30 cm	5
Morwong (all species)	30 cm	10 (Jackass/Rubberlip) 5 (Red / Sea Carp / Banded)
Mullet, Sea	30 cm	20
Mullet (others)	25 cm	20
Mulloway	70 cm	1
Nannygai	30 cm	20
Orange Perch	25 cm	20
Pearl Perch	30 cm	5
Rainbow Runner	30 cm	20
Rock Blackfish	30 cm	10
Sailfish		1
Salmon (Australian)	35 cm	5
Snapper	30 cm	10
Sole	23 cm	20 (Combined Bag Limit with Flounder)
Spearfish		1
Swordfish, Broadbill		1
Tailor	35 cm	10
Tarwhine	27 cm	10 (Combined Bag Limit with Bream)
Teraglin	38 cm	5
Trevally	30cm	10
Tuna (Yellowfin, Bigeye, Bluefin)	< 90 cm	5 in total, plus
Longtail, Albacore)	> 90 cm	2 in total
Tuna (other)	30 cm	20
Wahoo	50 cm	5
Whiting (all species)	27 cm	20

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

Fresh Water

Australian Bass [only one over 35 cm]	20 cm	2 (taken from streams, plus) 2 (taken from dams)
Golden Perch	30 cm	5
Herring, Freshwater	22 cm	20
Murray Cod [maximum size 80 cm]	60 cm	2 ###
Silver Perch	25 cm	5 (from stocked impoundments only)
Trout	26 cm	Check Fisheries regulations *

###Zero Bag Limit between September and November each year.

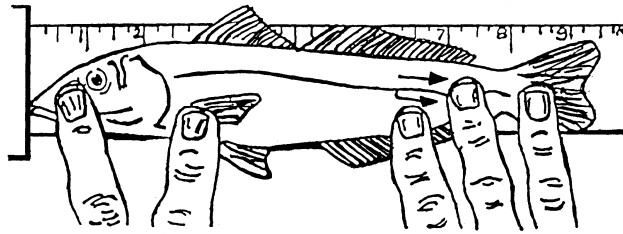
Minimum Lengths and Bag Limits change over time – always check that you have a current list.

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

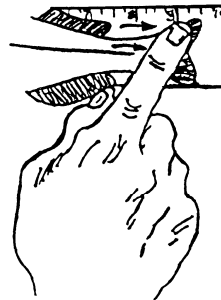
- a) All other eligible fish (that are not listed above) are acceptable if they attain a length of 30 cm.
- b) Ineligible species include sharks, rays, eels, estuarine catfish, rock cale, kelp fish, frog fish, toad fish, sun fish, box fish, black spinefoot, wirrah cod, estuarine cod, black rock cod, marlin and carp. Also ineligible are any fish listed by NSW Fisheries as protected.

- c) 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 (se 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)



8. WEIGH-IN.

- a) Weigh-in time shall be 1:00 PM on the day of the second fishing session unless competitors are notified of a change prior to the commencement of that round of the competition.
- b) It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they and the catch they are presenting conform to weigh-in requirements.
- c) Only financial members may weigh-in fish at any Club competition or submit a record claim. A financial member shall be deemed to be one who does not owe the Club any money for any reason.
- d) A competition weigh-in shall be conducted by the Weighmaster, or a person appointed by the Committee for this purpose.
- e) The weigh-in area shall be deemed to be a roped off area directly adjacent to the weighing scales with a radius of ten (10) metres from the scales, or other suitable area indicated by the Weighmaster, preceding the weigh-in.
- f) Competitor's fish must be within the weigh-in area by the designated time, with the exception of Catch & Release.
- g) No-one is to be within the weigh-in area after "time" has been called with the exception of the Weighmaster, Recorder and the owner of the fish being weighed unless specific permission has been granted to that person or persons by the Weighmaster.
- h) All fish in the weigh-in area at the calling of "time" must be presented for weighing. Once presented, weighed and recorded, that fish is no longer a "competitive fish" and must not be re-presented to the scales.
- i) Each competitor is limited to one (1) bag limit of each species of fish as set by Section six (6) above.
- j) 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.
see 8.m below. Scaling is optional.
- k) Weights will be recorded to the lowest 25 grams if weighed on spring scales and to the nearest 10 grams if weighed on digital (electronic) scales.
- l) Any fish having a broken vertebra or a stretched or mutilated body shall be required to measure 3 cm longer than the minimum length for that species.
- m) It is the competitor's responsibility to nominate fish for largest of species or a record claim when weighing in. Should a fish appear (or reasonably be thought) to exceed a State or Australian record, it may be recorded whole (i.e. not gilled and gutted). Fish caught in the Catch & Release Division may not be submitted for Club Records claims.

- n) Fish are to be removed from the weigh-in area immediately after being weighed and recorded.
- o) The Committee may decline to weigh or accept the weigh-in result of any competitor's catch without providing a reason.
- p) Any member who fishes against Warringah Anglers' Club in an inter-club competition shall not be entitled to weigh those same fish in a club competition.
- q) Fish that are being presented by the Weighmaster for weigh-in shall be measured and weighed by another club member acting as Weighmaster.

9. DISQUALIFICATION.

The Weighmaster may disqualify a competitor's catch for any of the following reasons:

- a) If the method of fishing or the capture of any fish being presented for weighing-in contravenes the conditions of capture in Section 5, above.
- b) The competitor presents fish that were caught outside of either the defined boundaries or times.
- c) Fish presented for weigh-in were not caught by the competitor claiming the catch.
- d) Fish are presented that are or have been frozen or are not in good condition.
- e) Any fish is presented that does not attain or exceed the minimum length for that species.
- f) The number of fish of any individual species exceeds the bag limits as set out in these By-Laws.
- g) The fish being presented were not in the prescribed weigh-in area at the calling of 'time'.
- h) Following the calling of 'time', removes any fish from the weigh-in area before they have been presented, weighed and recorded.
- i) If any fish is presented, whether it has been gilled and gutted or not and that fish is being presented for a record claim, the competitor must inform the Weighmaster that he or she intends to present a fish for a record before commencing the weighing of their fish. No allowance will be made for gill and gutting.
- j) Any competitor, who has been disqualified and intends to lodge a protest, must inform the Weighmaster immediately of their intention to do so. This is so that their catch can be weighed and recorded pending the outcome of the protest.

10. PROTESTS.

Any competitor, who is financial with the Club, may lodge a protest to dispute a ruling under these By-Laws. Protests shall be lodged in writing, signed by the person lodging the protest and must be received by the Club Secretary within seven (7) days of the event.

11. RECORD CLAIMS.

- a) The Club shall maintain a record of the largest fish of certain species caught by members in New South Wales waters. The fish do not have to be caught in Club competitions. A certificate will be awarded to the holder of the current record.
- b) Claims for Club Records must be submitted to the Secretary within twenty-eight (28) days of capture. The claim must include the weight and length of the fish, the registered number and location of the certified scales used to weigh the fish along with the date, time and place of capture.
- c) 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.
- d) 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 of the fish that is being claimed as a record.
- e) AAA record claims are made as in d) above on a completed AAA Application form with the appropriate fee and colour photograph of the fish.

- f) Record application fees:
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| Warringah Anglers' Club Inc. | N/A |
| 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 |
- g) Record certificates will be awarded in recognition of all record captures as authorised.

12. COMPETITION POINTS SCORES.

- a) The Warringah Anglers' Club Inc. point scoring system will be used. The scoring system limits the species points for any particular species to the best six (6) fish of each species unless a bag limit for that species is less than six (6), in which case the maximum number of fish is the bag limit for that species. All other fish will attract points at the general rate. Refer to rule 12.f) for Catch & Release

POINTS PER KILOGRAM FOR EACH SPECIES

Offshore			
2 points /kg	7 points / kg	11 points / kg	17 points / kg
General Rate for all allowable fish not otherwise listed or in excess of the best six (or otherwise) as outlined in 12 a) above	Bonito	Amberjack	Bream
	Gurnard	Bar Cod	Flounder
	Mullet	Cobia	Garfish
	Salmon	Dolphinfish	Hairtail
	Tailor	Flathead	John Dory
	Trevalla	Groper	Mulloway
	Trevally	Harpuka	Pearl Perch
	Tuna	Kingfish	Pigfish
		Leatherjacket	Samson Fish
		Long-Finned Perch	Snapper
		Luderick	Sole
		Mangrove Jack	Spangled Emperor
		Morwong	Tarwhine
	Orange Perch	Teraglin	
	Rainbow Runner	Whiting	
	Rock Blackfish		
	Silver Drummer		
	Spanish Mackerel		
	Splendid Perch		
	Wahoo		

Rock & Beach, Estuary

2 points /kg	7 points / kg	11 points / kg	17 points / kg	22 points / kg
As above – General Rate	Gurnard Tailor Trevally	Bonito Dolphinfish Flathead Leatherjacket Luderick Mangrove Jack Morwong Mullet Rock Blackfish Salmon Silver Drummer	Amberjack Bream Cobia Estuary Perch Garfish Groper Hairtail Kingfish Mulloway Pearl Perch Rainbow Runner Samson Fish Spanish Mackerel Tarwhine Teraglin Tuna Wahoo Whiting	Flounder John Dory Pigfish Snapper Spangled Emperor

Freshwater

2 points /kg	7 points / kg	11 points / kg	17 points / kg	22 points / kg
As above – General Rate	Herring-freshwater	Mullet-freshwater	Golden Perch Silver Perch Mangrove Jack	Australian Bass Murray Cod Trout

b) Bonus Points

A bonus points system applies to the number of designated* species weighed-in by each competitor in 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 12 b) above.
- Species Bonus Points do not apply to fish caught in the Catch & Release Division.

c) Competition points score.

The competitors in each monthly competition in each division will be awarded the following points towards their annual point score.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
First	9
Second	8
Third	7
Fourth	6
Fifth	5
Sixth	4
Seventh	3
Eighth	2
All other competitors weighing in:	1

- d) A competitor's final annual point score will be the total of their best nine (9) rounds of the competition year.
- e) Should two or more competitors be tied in their final annual points scores using their respective best nine rounds, the tie shall be broken by a count back on the best nine rounds of their highest total points calculated in accordance with rule 12 a) above. Should a tie still exist between any two competitors, the tie will be broken by a count back of the total weight of the fish caught in the same nine rounds used in the first count back.
- f) The scoring for Catch & Release captures will be the length of the fish in centimetres multiplied by the points per species in each of the Divisions noted in rule 12.a) for where the fish was caught. The scoring system limits the points for any particular species to the best six (6) fish of each species unless a bag limit for that species is less than six (6), in which case the maximum number of fish is the bag limit for that species. All other fish will attract points at the General Rate per centimetre.

13. TROPHIES.

- a) Trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee to the highest competition point scorers in each Division by a Open Male, Open Female, Junior and Sub-Junior and the runner-up in each of these Divisions. Where a Junior wins the Open Male/Female trophy, a separate Junior trophy for that Division will not be awarded.
- b) Trophies will be awarded for the heaviest fish, weighed in a Club Competition, for each of the following species:

Amberjack	Bonito	Bream	Dolphinfish	Flounder	Groper
Hairtail	John Dory	Kingfish	Leatherjacket	Luderick	Morwong
Mulloway	Pearl Perch	Pigfish	Rock Blackfish	Salmon	Samsonfish
Snapper	Striped Tuna	Tailor	Teraglin	Trevally	Tuna
Whiting	Biggest Deep Sea		Biggest Freshwater		Biggest other species

- c) The following Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee:

Male Deep Sea Champion	Female Deep Sea Champion
Male Rock & Beach Champion	Female Rock & Beach Champion
Male Estuary Champion	Female Estuary Champion
Sportsfishing – Land Based	Sportsfishing – Boat Based
Most Successful Interclub Angler	Most Meritorious Catch
Heaviest Fish by a Lady	Freshwater Champion
Heaviest Kingfish in or out of Competition	Catch & Release
Heaviest Mulloway in or out of Competition	Kayak
Heaviest Snapper in or out of Competition	Longest Flathead in or out of Competition
Longest Marlin in or out of Competition	

- d) Trophies purchased by or donated to the Club may be awarded at any time, for any purpose, unless such trophy has been donated for a specific purpose or species.

14. GENERAL.

- a) Any proposed amendment to these By- Laws shall be submitted, in writing to the Secretary to be discussed at the first available Committee meeting. The Committee shall then put a recommendation to a General Meeting for consideration of the proposed amendment. - Refer to section 9. Articles of Association.
- b) Financial members shall be given at least three (3) weeks notice, in writing, of any General Meeting at which an amendment to these By-Laws is to be discussed, or at which a subject, which in the opinion of the Committee may be controversial, is to be discussed. – Refer section 9. Articles of Association.
- c) Refreshments may be made available at Club functions at the discretion of the Committee.