

COMPETITION RULES & ANGLING BY-LAWS

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ANGLING COMPETITIONS
BY-LAWS AND COMPETITION RULES

1. These By-laws and Competition Rules are drawn up by the Committee under the authority granted by the Rules of the Club.
2. Should any controversy arise upon any matter or circumstance that is not specifically dealt within these By-laws and Rules or any dispute occur concerning their interpretation, the subject matter of controversy or dispute shall be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be final.
3. The Committee has the power to alter or reallocate the date of any competition should conditions be known to be unfavorable on the date specified in the syllabus for that competition.
4. 'Go Anywhere' competitions shall not be permitted. The Committee has deemed that the competitions as listed on the syllabus, club trophies and those donated by club members for 'in or out' of competitions should be sufficient for all members.
5. Should any competition not be won, the trophy or prize may be allotted to a further competition, and members who did not fish in the former competition, may enter into the second competition for that prize or trophy.
6. No competition will be held unless there are four entries. In such circumstances, the Committee may allot the specified trophy or prize to a later competition.
7.
 - (a) A record of every competition shall be compiled in the Club's Trip Record Book
 - (b) Each Club Trip Record Book, after completion, will be preserved among the archives of the Club for future statistical purposes, and as a permanent record of the activities and achievements of the Club.

RULES FOR ANGLING COMPETITIONS
ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

8.
 - (a) Competitions shall be open to all financial members and life members of the Club, unless the competition provides otherwise.
 - (b) In competitions, not more than half the competitors may be Junior members. Junior members attending competitions must be supervised and accompanied by Ordinary members.
9. A member who is not financial (see Rules of the Club) at the date of an angling competition cannot be awarded any trophy or points or have the weight of his catch credited to the Aggregate Trophy in respect of that competition.
10.
 - (i) A competitor shall not be eligible to weigh-in any fish caught prior to the declared commencement time of a competition; and
 - (ii) Any fish caught prior to the declared commencement of the competition must be presented to the Trip Captain or Weigh Master for positive marking prior to the declared commencement.
11. On all Club nominated family weekend competitions, families of members holding a single senior membership will have full family membership entitlement eg. for trophies etc.

ENTRIES

12.
 - (i) For all competitions, nominations to enter should be made to the competition Trip Captain by the Thursday meeting immediately prior to the competition. If this is not possible, members must report in to the Trip Captain or Weigh Master on the day of the competition, prior to commencing fishing, and
 - (ii) Junior members who wish to compete in competitions not attended by their parent or guardian, shall return a completed Authorisation and Indemnity form to the Secretary or their accompanying Ordinary member before leaving for the competition. See Appendix 2 of the By-Laws for a copy of this form.
13. Should a competition be changed at the meeting before the competition, any member who was not present at that meeting, shall be allowed to enter the competition by notifying the Trip Captain.
14. When competitions have had 4 or more nominations, but on the day of competition less than 4 members are in attendance, the competition shall be cancelled, but each attendee will gain 1 attendance point.

COMPETITION & VENUE TIMES

15. (a) In all competitions, the venue and competition starting and weighing-in times shall be decided by the Committee or at a General Meeting held in the clubrooms prior to the day of the competitions.
- (b) Competitors shall not commence fishing before the agreed starting time on the day of the competition.
- (c) No competitors shall launch their boats before the starting time of the competition.

COMPETITION OFFICIALS

16. The competitors shall appoint a Trip Captain and a Weigh Master for each competition.
The Trip Captain shall:
 - In consultation with the competitors nominated for the competition, decide the START & FINISH times for the competition and advise all competitors that may be absent
 - In consultation with the competitors nominated for the competition, select the MEETING POINT, if appropriate, and the WEIGH-IN POINT and advise all competitors
 - Watch the weather carefully and take appropriate steps if adverse weather is forecast. See clauses 39 & 40 of these By-Laws.
 - Ensure ALL competitors REPORT IN to the Trip Captain before starting to fish in the competition
 - At the appointed finish time of the competition, DECLARE the competition CLOSED.
 - Assist the Weigh Master by completing the Club's Trip Record Book.
 - Ensure ALL MEMBERS (Senior & Junior) and Visitors are recorded in the Club's Trip Record Book.
 - Ensure ALL competitors have adhered to all Club and State Laws as set out in these By-Laws
 - Declare the WINNER of the competition and ensure the Club's Trip Record Book has been completed correctly and signed by both the Trip Captain & Weigh Master.
 - If any disputes arise, or if the eligibility of any species is questioned, the Trip Captain will authorise the weighing in of the fish and have the Weigh Master record the results
 - Such dispute, protest, etc will be notified to the Committee by the Trip Captain. The Committee will review and settle ALL disputes, etc as stated in these By-Laws.
 - The Trip Captain will provide a brief trip report to the members at the next General Meeting.
 - The Trip Captain is responsible for ensuring that the original trip sheet for the competition is handed to the Club Recorder for recording purposes.

The Weigh Master shall:

- Take the Club's scales and Trip Record Book to the competition.
- Ensure that the scales are set up and ready for use at the appointed finish time of the competition.
- Ensure that all fish are presented at the weigh-in point by the appointed finish time of the competition.
- Ensure that all fish presented comply with the Club's eligible species list and are of the approved length (See Appendix 1 of these By-Laws). Club or local bag limits must also be adhered to.
- At the completion of the weigh-in, liaise with the Trip Captain to compile the results and sign the Trip Record Book.
- Adhere to the following weigh-in procedure:
 - Check that all competitors, including visitors are recorded in the Trip Record Book;
 - Check that all competitors have a current fishing licence as required by current State Laws;
 - Weigh all fish presented and record the results in the Trip Record Book in a legible fashion;
 - Record the heaviest fish of each species for all competitors;
 - In a "measure" competition, the measurements of each legal fish are recorded and the Weigh Master is to ensure they are inserted into the Club's Trip Record Book.
 - If any disputes arise, or if the eligibility of any species is questioned, WEIGH the fish and record the results. Inform the Trip Captain who will notify the Committee as soon as possible. The Committee will review and settle ALL disputes, etc as stated in these By-Laws; and

- At the completion of the weigh-in, turn off the scales, clean the tray and return them to the Club by the next General Meeting.
17. (i) members unable to produce their licence on the trip shall have 28 days to produce it to the Club Recorder. Failure to comply shall result in the loss of any trophy or points or weight credited to the aggregate trophy in respect of that competition;
- (ii) a licence produced within 28 days after a competition must be dated prior to the competition date or the competitor shall lose any trophy or points or weight credited to the aggregate trophy in respect of that competition.

REPORTING

18. Each competitor shall report personally to or notify the Trip Captain or Weigh Master at the place and time appointed for the competition.
19. Should a competitor arrive at the place fixed for the competition after the competition has begun, he must report to or notify the Trip Captain or Weigh Master via marine radio or mobile phone, before beginning to fish.

ANGLING METHODS

20. Fish shall be taken by rod and line only. Rods must not be pegged down or fastened in any manner.
21. In Bay competitions, a competitor may use a maximum of four rods and lines, with not more than two hooks per line.
22. (i) In freshwater and estuary competitions, a competitor may use two rods and lines with two hooks on each, but in waters outside Victoria the local rules must be observed. Members themselves are responsible for obtaining any additional angling licences required, and for observing all local regulations in any State in which they are angling; and
- (ii) Competitors must not leave their rods unattended.

FISH ELIGIBILITY

23. (i) Only fish approved by the Greensborough and District Angling Club Incorporated and listed on the eligible species list, see Appendix 1 to these By-Laws, shall be accepted for competitions, and entered on the Competition Records of the Club for credit to the competitor.
- (ii) On family or social competitions, the Committee may permit any species to be approved for that competition. Refer also to clause 11.
- (iii) All fish to be weighed-in must be in the hands of the Weigh Master at the time declared to be the weighing-in time.
- (iv) Eligibility of any fish weighed in after the agreed time is to be determined by the Committee.
24. A competitor who catches a fish under the legal length, must return it to the water immediately.
25. Should a competitor produce to the Weigh Master any undersized fish, his whole bag for the competition will be disqualified from the competition, and the facts will be reported to the Committee.
26. (a) All fish caught in a competition according to GDAC minimum lengths and bag limits must be weighed in, unless otherwise specified before the commencement of the competition, i.e. it's a "measure" competition.
- (b) Fish must be weighed in as grassed unless specified otherwise prior to the commencement of a competition.
- (c) With respect to interclub competitions, the manner in which fish will be weighed is to be determined by the host club.
27. The Weigh Master shall measure and weigh ALL FISH presented by those competitors who reported to or notified him/her before beginning to angle in the competition.
28. Any fish presented to the Weigh Master by members who failed to notify themselves before beginning to fish will be ineligible for the competition. No points will be awarded to the member in respect of the competition.
29. No bag of fish shall be divided for the purpose of winning two trophies.
30. Every competitor who weighs in any fish gives an implied guarantee that the fish were caught by him or herself.
31. (a) The combining of two or more bags of fish to secure a trophy is strictly prohibited. Any breach of the By-law will be regarded as dishonourable conduct and will render all members concerned liable to expulsion from the Club.

- (b) Any fish on the eligible species list may be weighed in live and in good condition for return to the water.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

32. (a) All trophies to be competed for must receive the approval of the Committee.
(b) Trophies shall be awarded annually for the following :-
(i) Heaviest trout caught in club competitions;
(ii) Heaviest freshwater fish caught out of club competitions (any eligible species as listed in Appendix 1 of these By-Laws).
(iii) Freshwater competition aggregate;
(iv) Saltwater competition aggregate;
(v) Trophies shall be awarded annually for individual competitions listed in the syllabus, and such additional competitions as may be approved by the Committee. Refer also to Rules 5 and 6;
(vi) Champion Club Members (Junior & Senior);
(vii) Club Angling Champions (Junior & Senior);
(viii) President's Trophy;
(ix) Land Based Aggregate-shall be awarded to the angler with the heaviest weight accumulated throughout the angling year each time he fishes a competition entirely from the shoreline, i.e no transport by boat. NOTE: when an angler fishes "land based" in a designated measure competition, the results will go toward the "Measure Aggregate" trophy
(x) Freshwater and Saltwater Measure Aggregate-shall be awarded to the angler with the greatest length of fish accumulated throughout the angling year in both fresh and saltwater designated measure competitions combined.
(c) Members are also permitted to "donate" trophies for a particular species, method of angling, etc with the approval of the Committee.
(d) One fish shall only be eligible for one donated trophy.
(e) Any nomination for a donated trophy must be submitted to the Committee either by a member or the Club Recorder for consideration and approval.
33. The name of the Champion Club Members (Junior & Senior) and the Club Angling Champions (Junior & Senior) for each angling year shall be recorded on the Club's Honour Board.
34. The Champion Club Members (Junior and Senior) shall be decided by the following points system:
(i) Attendance at a working bee of which members have been previously notified at a general meeting - 3 points.
(ii) Attendance at a club meeting - 2 points.
(iii) Attendance at a club competition - 2 points.
(iv) Should there be a tie, the championship will be decided upon by the person attending the most working bees.
35. Attendance at meetings and socials held in the clubrooms will be recorded by members signing the attendance book on entering the hall.
36. (i) The Club Angling Champions (Junior & Senior) shall be decided by the following points system :
11 points - Winning a competition
8 points - Second Place
6 points - Third Place
2 points - Weighing-in Fish
1 point - For Attendance.
(ii) In the event of a tie in points total for the Club Angling Champion trophy, the championship will be awarded to the member with the heaviest aggregate weight of fresh and saltwater fish.
37. Members wishing to weigh in fish for the heaviest salt or freshwater fish caught out of competition may do so in the fishing locality. The weight may be recognised by the Committee provided the scales used are registered and the weight recorded by the shopkeeper on his notepaper and signed by him. This notification is to be handed to the Club Recorder.
38. The official scales of another angling club, and scales specifically nominated as acceptable by the Committee may also be used.

CHANGE OF VENUE

39. (i) On arrival at an authorised venue, should the water and local conditions be clearly detrimental to successful angling, the members participating may request the Trip Captain to decide upon a move to another place for the competition.
- (ii) In such circumstances, the Trip Captain shall hold a ballot among the members present, and will base their decision on a simple majority.
- (iii) The new place will be the venue for the competition.
- (iv) The Trip Captain shall make his best endeavours to contact those competitors that have nominated but not present at the time of the decision to change the venue.

ADVERSE WEATHER

40. (i) In the event of a strong wind warning or worse, given by the Bureau of Meteorology prior to any boating competition, the Trip Captain must cancel the competition and take all measures to advise those nominated competitors.
- (ii) During a competition, should conditions become dangerous and unsafe for all boats, the Trip Captain, in consultation with the competitors present, may cancel the competition and then make his best endeavours to advise those nominated competitors.

BREACHES OF RULES AND BY-LAWS

41. Should any member consider that the conditions of a competition have not been properly observed, he may, by the next meeting night following the competition, lodge a written complaint with the Secretary, who shall forward it to the Committee.
42. The Committee shall investigate all such protests and, after inquiry, may dismiss or uphold the protest.
43. The decision of the Committee shall be final.
44. If, after due consideration, the Committee is satisfied that the rules and conditions of the competition have not been complied with, the Committee may disqualify the competitor, or declare the competition void.

APPENDIX 1

CLUB ELIGIBLE SPECIES & MINIMUM LEGAL LENGTHS

	<u>Minimum Lengths</u>
Bass (Australian bass)	30cm
Barracoota	30 cm
Blackfish (river blackfish)	30cm
Bream (black and yellowfin)	28cm
Butterfish (dusky morwong)	30cm
Estuary Perch (Gippsland perch)	30cm
Flathead (all species)	30cm
Flounder (all species)	30cm
Garfish	30cm
Golden Perch	30cm
Leather Jacket	30cm
Ling (rockling)	30cm
Luderick	30cm
Macquarie Perch	30 cm
Murray Cod (all Victorian Waters)	Min60cm-Max:1 Mtr
Morwong	30cm
Mullet	30cm
Mulloway	60 cm
Pike, Shortfinned (snook)	30 cm
Redfin	30cm
Rock Cod	30cm
Roach	30cm
Shark (All)	60 cm
Salmon (Atlantic, Quinnat)	30 cm
Salmon (Australian)	30 cm
Snapper (pinkies)	28 cm
Sole (all species)	30cm
Sweep (trumpeter)	30cm
Tailor (skipjack)	30cm
Tommy Rough	30cm
Trevally, Silver	30cm
Trout (brown and rainbow)	30 cm
Tuna (all)	70 cm
Whiting, King George (spotted)	28 cm
Yellow Tail Kingfish	60 cm

*** FOR ALL OTHER INFORMATION ON BAG LIMITS
REFER TO VICTORIAN FISHING HANDBOOK ***

- ~ School (Snapper) and Gummy Shark are to be measured from the end of the gill to the start of the tail.
- ~ Garfish are to be measured from the start of the mouth to the end of the tail.
- ~ Any other species may be weighed in but not count in club competition unless agreed to by the Committee.
- ~ All local bag limits must be strictly abided by.

APPENDIX 2



GDAC INC. INDEMNITY FORM

Activities organised by the Greensborough & District Angling Club Inc. present the potential for members / guests to sustain physical injury.

In consideration of you accepting the person(s) nominated below as competitor/s or guest(s), I/We absolve the Greensborough & District Angling Club organiser, Committee, officers & members, volunteers & assistants from any liability whatsoever & howsoever arising from their involvement (whether on-shore or out at sea & including any liability resulting from the acts or omissions of my/our boat owner/skipper/deckhand or other employees) in the Club activity, and I/We indemnify you and agree to keep you indemnified against all claims, damages, costs & losses that may be claimed or awarded against you or that you may suffer resulting from injury or loss to us or my property of mine/ours invitees, or licensees or guests.

The following procedures will be implemented – along with other strategies – to manage the potential risks in any of the activities undertaken by the Greensborough & District Angling Club Inc.

- Parents will be called if the injury requires that the child receive medical care.
- An ambulance will be called for emergency treatment – parents will be called if an Ambulance has been called for their child.

Consent for emergency transportation

In the event of an emergency, I consent to my child being transported in a privately owned vehicle driven by a member of the Greensborough & District Angling Club Inc.

Student accident insurance

The Greensborough & District Angling Club Inc. does not provide members / guests accident cover. Parents may wish to obtain accident insurance cover from a commercial insurer, depending on their health insurance arrangements and any other personal considerations.

Medical consent

Where a Greensborough & District Angling Club Inc member is in charge of a trip, excursion, social event and is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impracticable to contact me, I authorise the person-in-charge to:

Consent to my child receiving any medical or surgical attention deemed necessary by a medical practitioner.

Administer such first-aid as the person -in-charge judges to be reasonably necessary.

Parental consent

I have read all of the above information provided by the Greensborough & District Angling Club Inc.

I give permission for my daughter/son....., to attend.....and in the event of an emergency, I give my consent to medical treatment & emergency transportation as stated in other information provided for this excursion.

Parent/guardian: Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Emergency 1: Name: _____

Contact No.: _____

Emergency 2: Name: _____

Contact No.: _____