

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 Executive Committee under the authority granted by the Rules of the Association.
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 Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.
3. The Executive Committee has the power to alter or reallocate the date of any competition should conditions be known to be unfavourable on the date specified in the syllabus for that competition.
4. 'Go Anywhere' competitions shall not be permitted. The Executive 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 Executive Committee may allot the specified trophy or prize to a later competition.
7. (a) A record of every competition shall be compiled in the clubs 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 this Association, 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.
(c) Members wishing to compete MUST have submitted a working phone number or Radio call sign to the trip captain prior to the Competition beginning
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 or length of his catch credited to the Aggregate Trophy in respect of that competition.
10. (i) A competitor shall not be eligible to measure 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 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 for a copy of this letter
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 measure-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) The **State Boundary** for monthly species competitions and out of competition captures shall include the South Australian section of the Glenelg River, the Northern Bank of the Murray River, Lake Mulwala and the whole of Lake Hume.

(d) **Saltwater** competitions will be nominated species the longest 3 fish will be measured and 1cm accredited for each fish in a competitor's bag eg (1) Ian catches 20 whiting his longest 3 fish are 30.39.41cm his score will be 110cm plus 17cm for a total of 127cms. eg (2) Al catches & keeps 5 pinkies 3 are measured Al keeps fishing & catches a further 5 which are released for Al to include these he must photograph them with a date & time stamp for these to be included in his bag.

(e) All bags must be presented for verification by the measure master.

COMPETITION OFFICIALS

16. The competitors shall appoint a Trip Captain and a Measure Master for each competition.

The trip captain shall:

In consultation with the competitors nominated for the competition, decide the start and finish times for the competition and advise all members that may be absent.

In consultation with the competitors nominated for the competition, select the meeting point (if appropriate) and the measure in point and advise all competitors

Watch the weather carefully and take appropriate steps if adverse weather is forecast. See clause 39&40 of these by-laws.

Ensure all competitors report in to the trip captain before starting to fish the competition

At the appointed finish time of the competition, declare the competition closed

Assist the measure 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 members have adhered to all the 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 trip captain and measure master

If any disputes arise, or 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 disputes, protests, etc will be notified to the committee by the trip captain. The committee will review and settle all disputes as stated by 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 to ensure the original trip sheet for the competition is handed to the club recorder for recording purposes.

The Measure Master shall:

Take the club's brag mat and record book to the competition.

Ensure the Brag mat is set up and ready for use at the appointed finish time of the competition

Ensure all fish are presented at the designated measure point by the appointed finish time of the competition

Ensure 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 and size limits must also be adhered to.

At the completion of the competition, liaise with the trip captain to compile the results and to sign the trip record book

Adhere to the following measure procedure

- o Ensure all competitors and visitors are recorded in the trip record book

- o Check all competitors have a current fishing licence as required by current state laws.

- o Measure all fish presented and record the results in the trip book in a legible fashion

- o Record "the longest" fish for all competitors

- o If any disputes arise, or if the eligibility of any species is questioned, MEASURE 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

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 measure credited to the aggregate trophy in respect of that competition.

REPORTING

18 Each competitor shall report personally to or notify the Trip Captain or Measure 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 Measure 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;

(ii) Competitors must not leave their rods unattended.

23. (a) All fish caught in a competition according to GDAC minimum lengths and bag limits must be measured, unless otherwise specified before the commencement of the competition,

(b) Fish must be measured 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 and GDAC members fish will be measured for our club comp.

FISH ELIGIBILITY

24. (i) Only fish approved by the Greensborough and District Angling Club Incorporated and listed on the eligible species list, shall be accepted for competitions, and entered on the Competition Records of the Association for credit to the competitor

(iv) On family or social competitions, the committee may permit any species to be approved for that competition. Refer also to clause 11.

(v) All fish to be measured must be in the hands of the Measure Master at the time declared to be the measure -in time.

(vi) Eligibility of any fish measured after the agreed time is to be determined by the Committee.

25. A competitor who catches a fish under the legal length, must return it to the water immediately.

26. Should a competitor produce to the Measure Master any undersized fish, his whole bag for the competition will be disqualified from the competition, and the facts will be reported to the Executive Committee.

27. In the absence of a minimum legal length, the minimum acceptable length for club weigh-in purposes shall be 30 centimetres

28. (a) All fish caught in a competition according to GDAC minimum lengths and bag limits must be measured, unless otherwise specified before the commencement of the competition, i.e it's a species competition.

(b) Fish must be measured as grassed unless specified otherwise prior to the commencement of a competition.

29. The Measure Master shall measure ALL FISH presented by those competitors who reported to or notified him/her before beginning to angle in the competition

30. Any fish presented to the Measure 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
31. Fish measured in for one trophy shall not be awarded another trophy, except Season's and Donated trophies.
32. No basket of fish shall be divided for the purpose of winning two trophies.
33. Every competitor who measures any fish gives an implied guarantee that the fish were caught by him or herself.
- 34 (a) The combining of two or more baskets 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 Incorporation.
- (b) Any fish on the eligible species list may be measured live and in good condition for return to the water.
- (c) **Monthly Species Competitions** shall commence at 0001hrs on the nominated start date and finish at 2400hrs. All competitors will be advised of the token to be included in the photo the evening prior to the competition. All photos must be submitted to the club recorder prior to completion of the competition.
- (d) Photographing of Fish. Photos must be respectful of the fish eg no blood or mutilated fish, the nose of the fish must be clearly on the zero mark of the brag mat and the nominated token clearly displayed in the photo.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

35. (a) All trophies to be competed for must receive the approval of the Committee. (b) Trophies shall be awarded annually for the following :-
- (i) Longest trout caught in club competitions;
 - (ii) Longest 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 longest accumulated measure throughout the angling year each time he fishes a competition entirely from the shoreline, i.e no transport by boat.
 - (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.
36. 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.
37. 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.

38. Attendance at meetings and socials held in the clubrooms will be recorded by members signing the attendance book on entering the hall.

39. (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.

(iii) Members wishing to measure fish for the longest salt or freshwater fish caught out of competition may do so within the Club's state boundary. The measured fish may be recognised by the Tournament Committee provided with a clear photo on a brag or builder's rule with a date and time stamp on the photo or witnessed by second person. The declaration is to be handed to the club recorder.

CHANGE OF VENUE

40. (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

41. (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 measure 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

42. 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.

43. The Committee shall investigate all such protests and, after inquiry, may dismiss or uphold the protest.

44. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

45. 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

APPENDIX 1

CLUB ELIGIBLE SPECIES & MINIMUM LEGAL LENGTHS

	Minimum Lengths
Bass (Australian bass)	30cm
Barracoota	30 cm
Blackfish (river blackfish)	30cm
Bream (black and yellowfin)	28cm
Gippsland Lakes	28cm 38cm
Butterfish (dusky morwong)	30cm
Estuary Perch (Gippsland perch)	30cm
Flathead (all species)	30cm
Dusky Flathead	30cm-55cm
Flounder (all species)	30cm
Garfish	30cm
Golden Perch	30cm
Leather Jacket	30cm
Ling (rockling)	33cm
Luderick	30cm
Macquarie Perch	35cm
Murray Cod (all Victorian Waters)	Min55cm-Max:75cm
Morwong	30cm
Mullet	30cm
Mulloway	60 cm
Pike, Shortfinned (snook)	36 cm
Redfin	30cm
Rock Cod	30cm
Roach	30cm
Shark (All)	60 cm
Salmon (Atlantic, Quinnat)	30 cm
Salmon (Australian)	30 cm
Silver Perch	30cm
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	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 measured but not count in club competition unless agreed to by the Committee.

~ All local bag limits must be strictly abided by.