

NEW SOUTH WALES FISHING CLUBS ASSOCIATION INC

BY-LAWS

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Definitions: NSW Fishing Clubs' Association Inc. hereinafter called NSWFCA or the Association.
Australian Anglers Association hereinafter called AAA.

1. TO CHANGE THE BY-LAWS:

- (a) Any change to the By-Laws shall require a Notice of Motion stating fully the proposed changes.
- (b) Notices of Motion must be tendered in writing to the Public Officer at least six (6) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. On receipt of Notices of Motion, the Public Officer shall notify current affiliated Divisions and place the Notice of Motion on the Agenda for the meeting. Such Notices shall be forwarded to current affiliated Divisions at least thirty days (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) A minimum of sixty percent (60%) of members present and entitled to vote shall be required to change the By-Laws.

2. CODE OF PRACTICE:

- (a) In keeping with the Objects of the NSWFCA, registered members of the Association will make every effort to conduct themselves in a manner which will bring no harm, disrepute or shame to the sport of angling or the Association.
- b) Members shall not dump fish or otherwise cause any to be wasted.
- (c) Members should endeavour not to hinder others who are fishing whether they be fellow competitors or not.
- d) Members should ensure that they make no damaging impact on the environment.
- (e) The members catch quality should be maintained by limiting the capture time, killing and bleeding the fish as soon as caught and storing them on ice.
- (f) Members who violate this Code may be disqualified.

3. NSWFCA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

GENERAL :

- (a) The NSWFCA shall conduct Championships annually, at venues selected, in the following sections: Rock & Beach, Offshore, Estuary, Freshwater and Casting. Appropriate broadsheets are to be factually prepared in respect to each NSWFCA scheduled championship competition and distributed to all Divisions by surface mail and email at least 6 months prior to event and placed on the NSWFCA website at time of first distribution.

- (b) (i) Interdivisional Teams Championships shall be conducted annually in Rock & Beach, Offshore, Estuary, Freshwater, Casting.
- (ii) An annual NSWFCA Interdivisional Championship Shield shall be awarded to the Division with the highest aggregate percentage point score achieved over the FIVE Interdivisional Teams Championships.
- (c) All Championships shall be conducted according to the Rules set out in the By-Laws.
- (d) The Committee of Management shall ensure that rules laid down for State Championships are suitable in each particular circumstance, and may vary any or all rules if deemed desirable.
- (e) Separate dates in each year shall be set for the holding of the Interdivisional Rock & Beach, Offshore, Estuary, Freshwater Championships **with the exception of the Casting Interdivisional Championship, which may be held in conjunction with the State Championship.**
- (f) (i) Any or all Championships may be held over a period of not more than two weeks. No two rounds of competition can overlap.
- (ii) Coastal Divisions shall be invited to submit requests to host a Convention style programme in the year prior to AAA Convention.
- (g) All members competing in State Championships, upon registration, agree to be bound by the Rules of Competition as laid down by the By-Laws.
- (h) Competitors must remain within the category boundaries at all times while casting, playing and landing fish.
- (i) Trolling and/or spinning shall be permissible
- (j) Divisions and Clubs may hold their own championships without obtaining prior permission from the Association. It is expected, however,
 - (i) the Divisions and Clubs will conform in all major respects to the By-Laws and Constitution of the Association as currently in place
 - (ii) The Divisions and Clubs avoid setting outings/programmes on the dates set in the Yearly Calendar for NSWFCA State Championships.
- (k) A copy of the results from Championship events to be made available as required to AAA Selectors.
- (l) **POINTS:**
 - (i) Points shall be allotted on the basis of ten (10) points per kilo, and one (1) point per fish on the total weighed in by a competitor over the full period of the Championship.
 - (ii) The State Champion Angler, "Champion of Champions," will be the competitor who has the highest aggregate percentage points from all State Championships held during the competition year.

(iii) The Convention Champion Angler will be the competitor who has the highest aggregate percentage points from all State Championships held during a State Convention.

(m) **PROCEDURE FOR DUAL RESULTS**

(i) Where two or more competitors or teams achieve equal points for any competition, the competitor or team catching the greatest number of fish counting towards that championship will be adjudged the winner.

(ii) If after (i) the scores remained tied dual winners will be awarded for the event.

(iii) Where two (2) fish of the same species, have the same weight, then both fish will be dual winners.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

(a) (i) Nomination by an unfinancial Competitor will not be accepted for any Championship.

(ii) A holder of a NSWFCA registered membership card is only valid when the named member is currently financial with the affiliated Division and Club named on such card.

(iii) Competitors must personally present their current NSWFCA membership card or acceptable proof of membership when registering for a Championship event except in Interdivisional Championships.

(iv) Interstate anglers wishing to compete must be registered members of a State angling organisation which is affiliated with the AAA.

(b) (i) Upon registration Competitors may enter one (1) section only in Individual Championship events for which they are eligible by age or gender ie:

MEMBER	AGE	ELIGIBLE SECTION
Sub-Junior Boy	0-12	Sub-Junior ,Junior or Mens
Sub-Junior Girl	0-12	Sub-Junior,Junior or Female
Junior Boy	13-17	Junior or Mens
Junior Girl	13-17	Junior or Ladies
Men	18-54	Mens
Lady	18-54	Ladies
Veteran Male	55-64	Veteran Male, Mens
Veteran Female	55-64	Veteran Female, Ladies
Super-Veteran Male	65+	Super-Veteran, Veteran Male, Mens
Super-Veteran Female	65+	Super-Veteran, Veteran Female, Ladies.

(ii) Members wishing to compete in a team event may elect to compete in a Team section for which the member is eligible by age or gender regardless of the section the competitor has entered as an Individual in the corresponding event ie:

MEMBER	AGE	ELIGIBLE SECTION
Sub-Junior Boy	0-12	Sub-Junior ,Junior or Male Team
Sub-Junior Girl	0-12	Sub-Junior,Junior or Female Team
Junior Boy	13-17	Junior or Male Team
Junior Girl	13-17	Junior or Ladies Team
Men	18-54	Male Team
Lady	18-54	Ladies Team
Veteran Male	55-64	Veteran, Male Team
Veteran Female	55-64	Veteran, Ladies Team
Super-Veteran Male	65+	Super-Veteran, Veteran, Male Team
Super-Veteran Female	65+	Super-Veteran, Veteran, Ladies Team

A competitor may be a member of one (1) team only.

- (c) A Junior shall be a person who is under the age of eighteen (18) years at the start of the Championships.
- (d) A Sub-Junior shall be a person who is under the age of thirteen (13) years at the start of the Championships.
- (e) Senior Man or Senior Lady shall be a person who is over the age of eighteen (18) years and under the age of fifty five (55) years at the start of the Championships
- (f) A Veteran Man or Veteran Lady shall be a person who is over the age of fifty-five (55) years and under the age of sixty-five (65) years at the start of the Championships.
- (g) A Super Veteran shall be a person who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years at the start of the Championships.
- (h) **DUAL CLUB/DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – “EXTRA CARDS”.**
Definitions and Rules – See Appendix “B”

5. FEES:

Competition fee/s, as decreed by an Annual General Meeting, shall be paid by competitors registering in Individual and Team events in all sections.

6. BOUNDARIES:

- (i) All competition boundaries shall be clearly defined and made known in competition Broadsheets prior to the event however depending on weather conditions/unforeseen circumstances at the time of the event the Committee of Management has the power to vary such boundaries at the Briefing.
- (ii) Jervis Bay is classified as Off-shore and therefore deemed to be within the boundaries for Rock & Beach and Off-shore.

7. FISHING TIMES:

Fishing times should take into consideration the long distances traveled by competitors before and after each championship.

8. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - INDIVIDUAL & CLUB TEAM EVENTS:

- (i) An affiliated Club may enter one or more teams of not more than four (4) nor less than two (2) members from the same Division or Club.
- (ii) An affiliated Division may enter a Composite Team consisting of not more than four (4) nor less than two (2) members from at least two (2) Clubs affiliated within the Division. A Composite Team may only be entered if a Club cannot field full teams of four (4) from its members or has excess members to their team requirements.
- (iii) If required Junior and Sub-Junior Teams may have a Manager.
- (iv) Teams and team members shall be bound by the Rules for the competition.
- (v) The winning team shall be the team which has accumulated the greatest aggregate of percentage points at the conclusion of the Championships.
- (vi) An individual incurring disqualification shall not necessarily render his team disqualified, but his points shall not count towards his team's aggregate, for that round.
- (vii) A competitor may be a member of one team only.

9. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - CONVENTIONS.

- (a) To be conducted in the year prior to AAA Convention and consist of Rock & Beach, Estuary, Off-shore and Casting events.

(b) CONVENTION CHAMPION CLUB:

The four highest percentage scoring competitors overall competing for the same Club and Division will be selected at the end of the Convention and their scores added to make a Club score. The Clubs coring the highest percentage will be declared the Champion Club for the Convention.

(c) CONVENTION CHAMPION TEAM:

- (i) At a Convention, registered individuals may form a team of not more than four (4) nor less than two (2) members from the same club and division to compete for the Convention Champion Team Trophy.
- (ii) A team nominated to compete for the Convention Champion Team Trophy must retain the nominated members unchanged throughout the Convention in any of the events for which it nominates.
- (iii) The team name will be maintained in each event for which the team nominates and will not be used by any other team not entering the Convention Team Championship.
- (iv) The same two or more team members must continue to fish as a team in each event for which the team nominated.

- (v) Introduction of new team members in successive events is **NOT** allowed.
- (vi) If, for any reason, only two (2) or three (3) of the original members of a four (4) person team are able to compete in an event, the score for the team will be aggregated to the Convention Champion Team points.
- (vii) If only one (1) member of the team is available to compete in a particular event, no team exists and his/her individual score will not be entered for the team's aggregate.
- (viii) If the Convention Champion Team is not contesting an event, individuals may compete as a member of another team which is not competing in the Convention Champion Team Championship.

10. INTERDIVISIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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| (a) | ESTUARY | ROY BARNHAM |
| (b) | ROCK & BEACH | HARRY PONTEY |
| (c) | OFF-SHORE | GARY CHAPMAN |
| (d) | FRESHWATER | FRANK GREGORY |
| (e) | CASTING | |

B. ANGLING EVENTS:

- (i) A Division may enter one (1) team only, consisting of up to twelve (12) members from Clubs affiliated with that Division. The scores of the top ten (10) point scorers in each team, for each round, will be aggregated to determine the team's championship points.
- (ii) A Divisional Team shall consist of members of at least two affiliated Clubs from that Division.
- (iii) In Interdivisional Teams' Championships the names of the competitors in each team shall be listed, the list signed by the Team Captain and handed to the appropriate officials before the commencement of the championship round.
- (iv) Teams and team members shall be bound by the rules for the competition.
- (v) During Interdivisional Teams Championships, persons, other than team members, are not permitted to give assistance in any way.

Practices deemed to be of assistance shall include:-

- a. Driving or being in vehicles/boats used to carry team members. Launching, crewing, driving or anchoring boats which will or have team members aboard.
 - b. Laying, retrieving or carrying ground tackle, climbing aids, fishing gear, bait or berley for use by team members.
 - c. Assisting with the capture of (except the gaffing, netting or gilling), the finding of fish, the carrying of fish caught by team members.
- (vi) **An individual incurring disqualification shall not necessarily render his team disqualified, but his points shall not count towards his team's aggregate score for that round. If a disqualified person's catch would have counted towards the team's total, a reserve score cannot be used.**

- (vii) A competitor may be a member of one team only.
- (viii) The winning team shall be the team which has accumulated the greatest aggregate of percentage points at the conclusion of the Championships.
- (ix) Travelling times will be those as stipulated on the Broadsheets for each particular Interdivisional Championship.

C. INTERDIVISIONAL CASTING:

To be run in conjunction with the annual Casting Championship Event

- (i) A Division may enter one (1) team only, consisting of up to eight (8) members from at least two Clubs affiliated with that Division.
- (ii) Team members may be drawn from all categories, but at least three (3) members of the team's six (6) highest point scorers must have thrown at the Men's Accuracy targets when the team score is calculated to attract points in the Accuracy section.

The scores of the top six(6) pointscorers in each team (bearing in mind b.(ii) will be aggregated to determine the team's championship points. Scoring will be calculated on "Open Basis"

- (iii) In Interdivisional Teams Casting Championships the names and selected category of the competitors in each team shall be listed, the list signed by the Team Captain and handed to the appropriate officials before the commencement of the championship round.
- (iv) Teams and team members shall be bound by the Rules for the competition.
- (v) During Interdivisional Teams Championships persons other than team members, are not permitted to give assistance in any way.
- (vi) An individual incurring disqualification shall not necessarily render his team disqualified his points shall not count towards his team's aggregate score for that round. If a disqualified person's score would have counted towards the team's total, a reserve score cannot be used.
- (vii) A competitor may be a member of one Interdivisional team only.
- (viii) The winning team shall be the team which has accumulated the greatest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the Championships.
- (ix) All weights, artificial baits and plugs for specified events shall be as those approved by the NSWFCFA.
- (x) In the 112gm Accuracy event competitors will be allowed two (2) casts at each of four (4) targets.
- (xi) Each competitor shall have two casts in each of the Distance Events.

D. INTERDIVISIONAL SHIELD:

- (i) The winning Divisional team shall be awarded 100 percentage points per championship and the remaining competing Divisions will be allocated a percentage based on the winning team's score.
- (ii) The annual Divisional Championship Shield shall be awarded to the Division with the FIVE highest aggregate percentage point scores from the five events.

11. REGISTRATIONS:

- (a) All entries must be recorded on the prescribed form.
- (b) Teams to be registered by Division, Club name and numeral only, with appropriate abbreviation if necessary.
- (c) Team Captains may register team members. The Captain must present their registration cards or numbers or proof of membership.
- (d) Competitors must register personally but bulk Club/Division registrations will be accepted.
- (e) Registration must take place prior to or at times as stated on Broadsheets.

(F) LATE ENTRIES:

Provision may be made for late entries up to a specified time.

No entry will be accepted from a person who has been fishing since the start of the competition.

12. ASSEMBLY:

All competitors in State Championships must attend the Briefing/Assembly at the designated time unless prior approval by the NSWFCFA has been granted.

13. STARTING AND STAMPING PROCEDURE:

- (a) At the completion of the Competition Secretary's Briefing address, all competitors must present their official starting document in person to the Competition Secretary and/or nominees for stamping prior to departure.
- (b) The starting document, stamped at the start of each fishing session, must be presented to the weighing official prior to weighing (unless otherwise approved by the NSWFCFA)
- (c) Any competitor who presents an invalid document at a Weigh-in will incur disqualification.

14. CONDITIONS OF CAPTURE:

- (a) All fish must be caught within Boundaries set down for the competition.
- (b) Fish must be taken on rod and/or reel, or hand line using bait or artificial lures, with the line being personally cast and attended by the competitor. Fish must be hooked, played and landed by the competitor claiming the catch. No assistance other than netting, gilling or

gaffing is allowed. Deliberate jugging is not allowed. Sub-juniors may have assistance with casting but all other aspects of the catch apply as above.

- (c) A competitor may use no more than two (2) lines at any one time. Each line may have no more than two (2) hooks attached except that a flight of hooks for the purpose of attaching a single bait is considered a single hook and a lure is considered a single hook. A flight of hooks is defined as 'a number of hooks which are ganged or individually fastened together for the specific purpose of securing a single bait.
- (d) In Freshwater Championships the maximum number of lines used will be as set down by the current NSW Inland Fisheries Regulations.
- (e) Trolling and/or spinning shall be permissible
- (f) In Offshore competitions each boat shall be crewed by not less than two (2) persons who shall be registered competitors
- (g) Boats used by competitors in ALL competitions must comply with the relevant regulations of NSW Marine.
 - (i) Additionally boats used in Off-shore competitions are required to be equipped with a marine band radio fitted with the emergency channels as specified by current government authority.
- (h)
 - (i) Offshore is defined as fishing in the ocean from a boat.
 - (ii) Rock fishing is standing on rock and fishing into the ocean outside of Estuary boundaries.
 - (iii) Beach fishing is standing on sand and fishing into the ocean outside of Estuary boundaries.
 - (iv) Estuary is fishing the inshore side of the Offshore boundary. An Estuary is the tidal part of a partly enclosed body of water where freshwater rivers and creeks meet the tides of the sea and embayments where Estuarine species are captured.

15. WEIGHING-IN:

- (a) The weigh-in shall be conducted at the Control Centre
- (b)
 - (i) All fish submitted shall have been caught and presented for weighing by the competitor claiming the catch and according to the Rules of the Competition except that under circumstances approved by the Adjudication Committee, a competitor's Club or Team Captain may weigh-in the competitor's catch provided that it is in a sealed container together with an attached itemised inventory signed by the competitor.
 - (ii) All fish may be weighed whole and free from all foreign matter. No allowance will be given for fish gilled and gutted.
 - (iii) To assist in the non-proliferation of Carp, fish surplus to the bag limit must not be returned to the water.

- (iv) The Weighmaster may decline to weigh fish that do not meet NSWFCA standards. The matter should be referred immediately to the Competition Secretary who shall inspect the catch, instruct the Weighmaster to weigh and record same and hold all information in escrow until a decision is reached in respect to such objection.
 - (v) Competitors have the voluntary option to weigh large Murray Cod alive during Freshwater Competitions for the purposes of “Catch & Release”. This option is only available during the Open Season for Murray Cod and is subject to weighing arrangements organised for this event.
- (c) Mutilated fish must exceed the minimum length for that specie by 3 cm. Any fish presented with the backbone broken or broken away from the head shall be classed as mutilated.
- (d)
- (i) A competitor’s catch, within the weigh-in area, at any time, which contains a fish having a length which does not equal, exceed or be less than that specified for a specie in the Association’s scheduled lengths, shall incur disqualification.
 - (ii) Competitors are required to measure captures **OUTSIDE** the defined weigh-in area prior to placement of the whole catch in the weigh-in area.
 - (iii) All fish captures for that session, are to be within the designated Weigh-in area prior to the official closure time of the competition for that round. Fish caught in earlier sessions are not eligible for weighing-in.
 - (iv) All fish **WITHIN** the weigh-in area **ARE REQUIRED** be presented to the Weighmaster.
- (e) The “official weighing equipment” at all State Championships shall be supplied by the Association or as decreed by the Committee of Management.
- (f) The “official measuring equipment” at all State Championships shall be supplied by the Association or as decreed by the Committee of Management.
- (g) If weighing officials suspect that a catch does not meet the rules of the competition, the alleged suspicion should be immediately reported to the Competition Secretary who will attend upon the weigh-in table to inspect the competitor’s catch and determine the eligibility of the catch. Regardless of the foregoing the competitor’s catch will then be recorded and any infringement noted.
- (h)
- (i) The weight shown on clock-faced scales shall recorded to the next lowest fifty (50) grams.
 - (ii) The weight shown on the digital/electronic scale shall be recorded as displayed, which is to the lowest ten (10) grams.
 - (iii) All fish weighed, for competition points, at any Championship will be weighed on the same type of scales i.e. clock-faced or digital/electronic.

- (iv) The number of fish caught and the weight shall be recorded.
- (i) Any competitor submitting fish for the Heaviest of Species category must ensure the weight to the nearest ten (10) grams is recorded separately.
- (j) All fish shall be measured in accordance with the NSWFCA practice. See appendix A.
- (k) All fish after weighing and recording shall be impounded under the control of the officials until after the completion of the Weigh-in.
- (l) Where following rounds or events occur (e.g. Harry Pontey or State Conventions) fish shall be marked after weighing by severing the top half of the tail fin.
- (m) Competitors who present more than the prescribed bag limit of any species shall have their whole catch disqualified.
- (n) Fish eligible other than those listed shall have a combined bag limit of TWENTY (20) and minimum length of 30 cms.

16. INSPECTION BY OFFICIALS:

The President, his nominee or the Competition Secretary shall have the power to inspect all fishing creels, boxes or bags prior to or during the competition without the competitors consent. This right shall not include creels, boxes or bags on boats, within vehicles or residences. Should any competitor obstruct, hinder or refuse to allow an Official to make such an inspection he shall render themselves liable to disqualification.

17. DISQUALIFICATION:

Individuals and team members are liable to disqualification from a Championship or Championship Round if:-

- (a) Fish have been taken by methods other than those approved by the Association.
- (b) An individual or team fishes outside any defined Boundaries.
- (c) Fish caught by a person or persons other than the competitor are presented for or weighed in.
- (d) Fish which are less/more than the Association's minimum/maximum competition lengths are presented for or weighed in.
- (e) Fish in excess of the competition bag limits are presented for weighing.
- (f) A competitor presents an invalid document at a weigh-in or check-in.
- (g) A competitor presents fish for weighing-in which have been weighed previously.
- (h) A competitor infringes the Association's Code of Practice.
- (i) A Competitor presents fish caught outside the designated fishing times

18. PROTESTS:

- (a) Competition results, both Individual and Team, shall be displayed **at least 15 minutes** prior to commencement of Presentation to enable competitors to verify their scores.
- (b) Protests in respect to fellow competitors and interpretation of the By-laws and/or Rules shall be submitted in writing to the designated Competition Secretary and signed by the person or persons lodging same. **Every endeavour will be made by the Adjudication Committee to resolve the matter on the day of the competition otherwise the protest must proceed via the appropriate adjudication process.**
- (c) Any protest will not be considered after commencement of the trophy presentation, unless new facts become known which would not reasonably be expected to be known prior to that presentation i.e. such as Administration errors.

19. ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE:

- (a) The Adjudication Committee shall consist of Committee of Management members present at the competition or if less than 5 members, nominated persons by such Committee of Management to form a maximum of 5 persons.
- (b) The Adjudication Committee shall consider and resolve all protests and disputes regarding the interpretation and enforcement of the By-Laws.
- (c) The Adjudication Committee shall be considered to be competent to all matters regarding the interpretation or enforcement of the By-Laws.
- (d) The competitor may elect to have representation from the affected member's Club or Division during the adjudication process.
- (e) The decision of the Adjudication Committee shall be final unless new facts become known, which would not reasonably be expected to be known prior to that decision.
- (f) The Adjudication Committee shall elect a Chairman if the President is not in attendance and such President/Chairman shall submit to the Secretary within fourteen (14) days a written report signed by all Adjudication Committee members indicating what transpired and was said by the parties during the dispute hearing. This shall also include all documentation presented to the committee for consideration. The Secretary will then retain and hold such information for **the duration of the penalty or a further period set by the Committee of Management.**

20. DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE:

SEE REGISTERED RULES Part 2 Rule 15 and Rule 16.

21. AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- (a) Five (5) Selectors will be appointed to the NSW FCA to select team members and team captains to compete in AAA Championships and Conventions.

- (b) Such Selectors to be autonomous and will be elected for a minimum of two (2) years immediately prior to the next AAA Convention.
- (c) Prior to the conclusion of the relevant AGM, the five (5) Selectors so elected, will elect a Chairman from their number and advise the President the name of such Chairman.
- (d) The Chairman will be responsible for distribution of Application for Nomination Forms (which is to include an Acknowledgement of Receipt Clause) and setting a closing date for nominations.
- (e) All completed Application for Nomination Forms shall go directly to the Chairman who will acknowledge receipt directly to the nominee within five (5) working days of receipt.
- (f) The Chairman to liaise with the Selectors and set a mutually convenient date for a Selection Meeting.
- (g)
 - (i) The Team to be selected at least twelve (12) months prior to the staging of the next forthcoming AAA Convention or on a date as decreed by the Management Committee.
 - (ii) The names of persons selected into the NSW FCA overall representative teams will be announced and appear in alphabetical order for the category for which that person is selected.
 - (iii) No indication is to be made as to whether the member is in a particular team. Selection into a nominated team will occur at the venue of the particular AAA Championships by the following method:
 - (a) If four (4) or more members of the AAA Selector's Committee are present at the venue then those selectors will continue with their duties.
 - (b) If there is a minimum of 3 Selectors present then the State Captain will be co-opted to make up a panel of 4.
 - (c) If less than 3 or no Selectors Committee members are present than the State Captain will act as Chairman and co-opt the necessary number of Captains from Estuary, Rock & Beach, Off-shore and Casting to form a panel of 5 to carry out the duties.
- (h) The AAA Selection Committee shall be responsible for the selection of style and general outfitting of AAA teams in respect to uniform and to approach and endeavour to obtain sponsorship of the whole or part of such uniform and to present their results to the Committee of Management for approval.

22. NSWFCA FRESHWATER CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES:

- (i) The following format shall apply to NSW FCA Freshwater Championships:
 - Group 1 Copeton, Keepit or Splitrock.
 - Group 2 Burrendong, Glenbawn or Windemere
 - Group 3 Burrinjuck, Grabine or Wyangala
 - Group 4 Eucumbene or Jindabyne
- (ii) In accordance with By-Law 2(d), a venue may be substituted by the Committee of Management if in the opinion of the Committee the physical conditions and/or quality of fishing would impact on the effective conduct of the competition.
- (iii) At the end of each 4 year rotation, such shall be reviewed and modified if appropriate. Such review shall take account of the equitable distribution of venues, the adequacy of the impoundment size, species diversity, fishing quality, suitability of facilities, possible dam levels and other environmental factors as appropriate.

23. NSWFCA CASTING CHAMPIONSHIP -- COMPETITION RULES:

- A.
 - (a) Events will be open to registered NSWFCA members of Clubs affiliated with the Association after having paid the nomination fee.
 - (b) All Team Captains will be responsible for their team's punctuality. Failure to comply could result disqualification of a Team Member or Members.
 - (c) All Team Captains will make themselves available thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencing time of the first event for the drawing of team order for Casting and also Accuracy Distances.
 - (d) The Caster is to make his/her cast within one (1) minute of being called to the Casting Board. Inability to do so, may be ruled a "No Cast" and no score will be recorded.
 - (e) If any Caster is distracted or interfered with in any way, the decision to award another cast rests with the Adjudication Committee.
 - (f) No Caster shall cast until he/she has received the "All Clear".
 - (g) All Team Casters shall be numbered one to four (1 to 4). Identical numbers from each team to cast in each round and in order of the "team draw".
 - (h) Any protests or disputes must go through the Team Captain.
 - (i) **Practicing on the official courts will not be permitted on the day of the competition.**
 - (j) A Plug Casting competition **MAY** be included in the NSWFCA CONVENTION YEAR programme. Points gained in **Plug Casting** competition will not affect or be taken into account in the Weight Casting Championship or the State Champion Angler, Convention Champion Club or Convention Champion Team point score.

B. CASTING EQUIPMENT:

There will be no restrictions on the choice of Rods, Reels and Line.

- (i) In the Artificial Bait event line breaking strain, whilst being optional, must be of equal gauge throughout, excluding line from swivel or ring to lead and line from swivel or ring to artificial bait which may be of any gauge.
- (ii) Leaders will not be permitted.
- (iii) Terminal knots shall not exceed ten (10) cm in length. The measurement being taken from the top of the weight or sinker.
- (iv) Heavier gauge line may be used in accuracy events to attach weight but length must not exceed twenty-five (25) cm.
- (v) A swivel or ring may be used above the line.

Artificial Bait:

- (i) Shall be made from a wooden dowel 9cm long and 13mm wide.
- (ii) It shall be attached to a swivel, ring or dropper by a line of minimum length of 23cm and must hang completely above the weight.

C. INSPECTION:

Equipment shall be made available for inspection before and during the competition as desired by the officials, whose decision as to the eligibility of the equipment to be used shall be final.

D. EVENTS:

- (a)
 - 1. Up to and including 56gm Distance V Court.
 - 2. Up to and including 112gm Artificial Bait Distance, V Court
 - 3. Up to and including 112gm Distance, V Court
 - 4. Up to and including 112gm Accuracy.
 - 5. 18gm Plug, single handed Distance.
 - 6. 7.5gm Plug, single handed Accuracy
 - 7. 18gm Plug, single handed Accuracy
- (b) **EVENT 1:**
Up to and including 56gm Distance V Court will be cast in odd numbered years.
- (c) **EVENT 3:**
Up to and including 112gm Distance, V Court will be cast in even numbered years.
- (d) **EVENTS 5, 6 & 7 - PLUG:**
RESTRICTED TO BEING CAST DURING NSW FCA CONVENTIONS if time permits.

E. MEASUREMENT:

- (a) **Distance Events.** Measurement shall be taken in a direct line from the centre of the Casting Board to the point where the weight finishes.
- (b) **Accuracy Events.** Measured at a spot where the weight first impacts with the ground (not where the weight finally rests).

F. TARGET SPECIFICATIONS:

- (a) The V Court shall measure twenty (20) metres either side of the centre line at a point one hundred (100) metres from the base line and parallel to the base line.
- (b) Up to and including 112gm Accuracy event:
 - (i) The accuracy target shall be a circle 6.25 metres in radius, comprising twenty-five (25) concentric circles, the radius of each being two hundred and fifty (250) millimetres larger than the preceding one.
 - (ii) The centre of the target shall be marked by a cone with dimensions of 500 millimetre diameter and 300 millimeter height, constructed of metal plate and be a distinctive colour.
 - (iii) Maximum score of twenty-five (25) points is scored with a direct hit on the cone or within 25 cms of the centre post under the cone and the score is reduced by one (1) point for each 25cms further distance from the cone.
 - (iv) Measurements shall be taken at the first point of impact.
 - (v) The overall maximum total that could be scored would be two hundred (200) points for eight casts.
- (c) **Plug Casting Events:**
 - (i) The targets will be discs of 0.750 meters in diameter. The back most edge will be seventeen (17) cm above the ground, the foremost edge five (5) cm above the ground.

G. SCORING:

- (i) Point scoring shall be based on a percentage of the best aggregate distance cast of each of the Distance Events, plus the percentage of the best score of each of the Accuracy Events.
- (ii) Scoring for the **up to** 112gm Accuracy is based on the distance from the target that the weight first impacts upon the ground.

H. CASTS:

- (i) All weights, artificial baits and plugs for specified events shall be as those supplied by the NSWFCFA.

(ii) In the 112gm Accuracy event competitors will be allowed two (2) casts at each of four (4) targets.

(iii) Targets for Mens 112gm Accuracy distances:

One (1) group of four (4) distances will be drawn on the day from the table below

1	2	3	4	5
61	64	67	70	73
30	33	36	39	42
76	79	82	85	88
46	49	52	55	58

(iv) Targets for Ladies, Veterans and Juniors 112gm Accuracy distances:

One (1) group of four (4) distances will be drawn on the day from the table below.

1	2	3	4	5
40	42	45	52	54
30	35	30	36	38
60	56	53	59	61
50	49	37	43	46

(v) Targets for Sub-Juniors will be set at 15, 20, 27 and 33 metres distance from the Casting Board. The sequence of the distances will be drawn on the day.

(vi) In the Plug Accuracy Events competitors will be allowed four (4) casts at each of five (5) targets in two (2) rounds of two (2) casts at each target.

(vii) Plug Casting distances:

7.5gm - 5 targets between 10 and 18 metres.

18.0gm - 5 targets between 12 and 24 metres.

(viii) Each competitor shall have two casts in each of the Distance Events.

I. NO CASTS:

(i) In the act of casting, should any part of the body cross the Casting Board and touch the ground, then it must be a “no cast”.

(ii) Break offs.

(iii) Weight cast out of court, whether landing or blown out of court.

(iv) Any of the above will result in a “no cast” and will not be eligible for measurement or score.

24. TROPHIES:

(a) A Trophy may be donated to the NSW FCA for competition under special conditions but the Association reserves the right to refuse acceptance of such trophy or to vary conditions on any as required.

(b) Trophies shall be tangible prizes other than direct monies, and where an open order is given as a trophy it shall not be converted to cash. In using an open order to purchase a

trophy, the winner may add not more than 25 per cent to the face value of such open order unless the Committee of Management shall have given prior consent.

- (c) No trophy shall be awarded to any person or persons for services rendered to the Association **unless approved by the Committee of Management.**
- (d) Championship Trophies shall be awarded as set out in the schedule of Awards at Championships, or as sanctioned by the Committee of Management.

25. PERPETUAL TROPHIES:

- (a) The Perpetual Trophy list is to be upgraded automatically on a regular basis, as required.
- (b) Upon collection of a Perpetual Trophy the recipient is required to sign the register and provide details of contact address and telephone number.
- (c) It is the responsibility of recipient/s of perpetual trophy/ies to:
 - (i) maintain the trophy in good order; photographs of the winner and the trophy may be taken at presentation.
 - (ii) any damage caused to the trophy whilst in the possession of the recipient shall be repaired and charged to the last recipient.
 - (iii) attend to engraving of the recipient's name on the trophy, at their own expense, following the format of information contained thereon.
 - (iv) undertakes to return the trophy to NSWFCA at least one (1) month prior to the date of that forthcoming competition.

LIST OF PERPETUAL TROPHIES:

State Champion Angler - Shimano Trophy
Convention Champion Club - Hawk Trophy
Convention Champion Team - S.M.D. Trophy

Rock & Beach

Interdivisional Team - Harry Pontey Memorial - NSWFCA (Inc.) Trophy
NSW Champion Team - NSWFCA (Inc.) Trophy
NSW Champion - NSWFCA (Inc.) Trophy
NSW Ladies Champion Team - Port Macquarie Angling Club Trophy
NSW Lady Champion - George Riddel Real Estate Trophy
NSW Junior Champion - NSWFCA (Inc.) Trophy

Estuary

Interdivisional Team - Roy Barnham - SMD Trophy
NSW Champion Team - NSWFCA (Inc.) Trophy
NSW Champion - NSWFCA (Inc.) Trophy
NSW Champion Ladies Team – Fernhill Tavern Trophy

Offshore

Interdivisional Team - Gary Chapman Memorial - NSWFCA (Inc.) Trophy
NSW Champion Team - NDAA Cup
NSW Champion - NDAA Trophy

Freshwater

Interdivisional Team - Frank Gregory Memorial - SCFCA Trophy

NSW Champion Team - NSWFCA (Inc.) Trophy

NSW Champion - NSWFCA (Inc.) Trophy

Casting

NSW Champion Team - Ross Garven Trophy.

Aggregated Interdivisional Championships

NSWFCA Divisional Championship Shield - SCFCA Trophy

Annual Heaviest of Species

Best of the Best Shield – Gabe’s Narellan Bait & Tackle

26. AWARDS AT NSWFCA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- (i) The following awards are available at State Championships in addition to any Perpetual Trophies.
- (ii) A competitor or team must have accrued competition points to be eligible for an award.

Individual

1. Mens Champion	pocket, certificate and prize
2. Runner Up Mens Champion	certificate and prize
3. Lady Champion	pocket, certificate and prize
4. Runner Up Lady Champion	certificate and prize
5. Veteran Male Champion	pocket, certificate and prize
6. Runner Up Veteran Male Champion	certificate and prize
7. Veteran Female Champion	pocket, certificate and prize
8. Runner Up Veteran Female Champion	certificate and prize
9. Super Veteran Champion	pocket, certificate and prize
10. Runner Up Super Veteran Champion	certificate and prize
11. Junior Champion Boy	pocket, certificate and prize
12. Runner Up Junior Champion Boy	certificate and prize
13. Junior Champion Girl	pocket, certificate and prize
14. Runner Up Junior Champion Girl	certificate and prize
15. Sub Junior Champion Boy	pocket, certificate and prize
16. Runner Up Sub Junior Champion Boy	certificate and prize
17. Sub Junior Champion Girl	pocket, certificate and prize
18. Runner Up Sub Junior Champion Girl	certificate and prize

Individual Teams

1. Mens Champion Team	pockets, certificates and prizes
2. Runner Up Mens Champion Team	certificates and prizes
3. Ladies Champion Team	pockets, certificates and prizes
4. Runner Up Ladies Champion Team	certificates and prizes
5. Veteran Champion Team	pockets, certificates and prizes
6. Runner Up Veteran Team	certificates and prizes
7. Super Veteran Champion Team	pockets, certificates and prizes
8. Runner Up Super Veteran Team	certificates and prizes

9. Junior Champion Team	pockets, certificates and prizes
10. Runner Up Junior Champion Team	certificates and prizes
11. Sub Junior Champion Team	pockets, certificates and prizes
12. Runner Up Sub Junior Champion Team	certificates and prizes
13. Combined Champion Team	pockets, certificates and prizes
14. Runner Up Combined Champion Team	certificates and prizes

Individual Casting

1. Accuracy Most Points	Mens	Certificate only
2. Accuracy Most Points	Ladies	Certificate only
3. Accuracy Most Points	Veteran Male	Certificate only
4. Accuracy Most Points	Veteran Female	Certificate only
5 Accuracy Most Points	Super Veteran	Certificate only
6 Accuracy Most Points	Junior	Certificate only
7 Accuracy Most Points	Sub Junior	Certificate only
8. Longest Cast 56gm or 112 gm Distance	Mens	Certificate only
9. Longest Cast 56gm or 112 gm Distance	Ladies	Certificate only
10. Longest Cast 56gm or 112 gm Distance	Veteran Male	Certificate only
11. Longest Cast 56gm or 112 gm Distance	Veteran Female	Certificate only
12. Longest Cast 56gm or 112 gm Distance	Super Veteran	Certificate only
13. Longest Cast 56gm or 112 gm Distance	Junior	Certificate only
14. Longest Cast 56gm or 112 gm Distance	Sub Junior	Certificate only
15. Longest Cast 112 Artificial Bait	Mens	Certificate only
16. Longest Cast 112 Artificial Bait	Ladies	Certificate only
17. Longest Cast 112 Artificial Bait	Veteran Male	Certificate only
18. Longest Cast 112 Artificial Bait	Veteran Female	Certificate only
19. Longest Cast 112 Artificial Bait	Super Veteran	Certificate only
20. Longest Cast 112 Artificial Bait	Junior	Certificate only
21. Longest Cast 112 Artificial Bait	Sub Junior	Certificate only

(b) SPECIES AWARDS:

- (i) There shall be up to nine (9) heaviest of species trophies competed for at State Angling Championships.
- (ii) The Committee of Management shall nominate the species for each session.
- (iii) These shall include “Heaviest any other eligible specie” and “Most number of eligible species.” If equal number the heaviest weight will be declared winner.

(c) AT CONVENTIONS ONLY:

1. Convention Champion pockets, certificates and prizes
2. Convention Champion Club pockets, certificates and prizes
3. Convention Champion Team pockets, certificates and prizes

(d) FOR INTERDIVISIONAL EVENTS:

1. Champion Team pockets and certificates
2. Runner Up Champion Team pocket and certificates

(e) FOR HEAVIEST OF SPECIES ANNUAL COMPETITION:

Winning percentage	replica and certificate
All Other Finalists	certificates only

28. RECORD APPLICATIONS:

- (a) Applications for NSWFCA records must be made on the current approved Fish/Casting Record Application form provided by the Association. Each application must be checked and signed by the Divisional Recorder or Secretary before presentation to the Records Registrar within sixty (60) days of the capture. All applications must be accompanied by the prescribed fee for each claim and no refunds will be made for incomplete or incorrect applications. Complete and accurate details and monies required on the then current application form must be supplied to the Records Registrar within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of capture without exception or the claim will lapse. No exception will be made for late entries or omissions to the claim due to Record Registrars or Officials at Club or Divisional level.
- (b) Fish submitted for recognition as a NSWFCA record must have been caught within the boundaries of NSW and ACT waters. Boundaries shall extend one hundred and fifty (150) kilometres seaward.
- (c) Application for a casting record must have been thrown on grounds located within the State of New South Wales and has been set at either a State Championship, Interdivisional Championship or an Australian Anglers Championship conducted within New South Wales.
- (d) Members are entitled to claim National records through the AAA Records Authority for any capture or Casting record in Australia. Applications should be made on the prescribed form and directed to the National Records Registrar and be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (e) Record Certificates shall be awarded in recognition of all record captures as authorized by the Committee of Management. Record claims which equal existing records will be recognized as Record captures.
- (f) (i) Fish submitted for record claims must have been weighed on certified scales.
(ii) The fish shall have been weighed free from all foreign matter (sand, etc.). Where a fish has been cleaned or headed prior to weighing, no allowance shall be made for such loss of weight. Fish mutilated before capture will be accepted, but no allowance will be made for loss of weight.
(iii) Weight must be taken to the next lowest ten (10) grams.

29. FISH ELIGIBLE FOR WEIGHING:

Captures must comply with the current NSWFCA list of eligible species.

	COMMONNAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
FLATHEAD (to include)	Flathead, Bar-tailed	Platycephalus endrachtensis
	Flathead, Dusky	Platycephalus fuscus
	Flathead, Eastern Blue-spotted	Platycephalus aeruleopunctatus
	Flathead, Long Spined	Platycephalus longispinis
	Flathead, Marbled	Platycephalus marmoratus
	Flathead, Northern Sand	Platycephalus arenarius
	Flathead, Orange-freckled	Ratabulus diversidens
	Flathead, Tassel-snouted	Thysanophrys cirronasus
	Flathead, Tiger	Neoplatycephalus richardsoni

GARFISH (to include)

Garfish, Eastern Sea	<i>Hyporhamphus australis</i>
Garfish, River	<i>Hyporhamphus regularis</i>
Garfish, Snub-nosed	<i>Arrhamphus sclerolepis</i>

LEATHERJACKET (to include)

Leatherjacket, Chinaman	<i>Nelusetta ayraudi</i>
Leatherjacket, Fan-bellied	<i>Monacanthus chinensis</i>
Leatherjacket, Horseshoe	<i>Meuschenia hippocrepis</i>
Leatherjacket, Mosaic	<i>Eubalichthys mosaicus</i>
Leatherjacket, Rough	<i>Scobinichthys granulatus</i>
Leatherjacket, Six-spined	<i>Meuschenia freycinati</i>
Leatherjacket, Stars and Stripes	<i>Meuschenia venusta</i>
Leatherjacket, Toothbrush	<i>Ascanthaluteres vittiger</i>
Leatherjacket, Unicorn	<i>Aluterus monoceros</i>
Leatherjacket, Velvet	<i>Parika scaber</i>
Leatherjacket, White-spotted	<i>Cantherhines dumerili</i>
Leatherjacket, Yellow-finned	<i>Meuschenia trachylepis</i>
Leatherjacket, Yellow-striped	<i>Meuschenia flavolineata</i>

MULLET (to include)

Mullet, Flat-tail	<i>Liza argentea</i>
Mullet, Freshwater	<i>Myxus petardi</i>
Mullet, Sand	<i>Myxus elongates</i>
Mullet, Sea	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>
Mullet, Yellow-eye	<i>Aldrichetta forsteri</i>

TREVALLY (to include)

Trevally, Basset-hulls	<i>Uraspis uraspis</i>
Trevally, Big Eye	<i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>
Trevally, Giant	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>
Trevally, Gold-spotted	<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>
Trevally, Golden	<i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>
Trevally, Silver	<i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>
Trevally, Thicklip	<i>Carangoides orthogrammus</i>

TUNA (to include)

Albacore	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>
Bonito, Australian	<i>Sarda australis</i>
Bonito, Leaping	<i>Cybiosarda elegans</i>
Mackerel, Butterfly	<i>Gasterochisma melampus</i>
Mackerel, Frigate	<i>Auxis thazard</i>
Tuna, Bigeye	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>
Tuna, Mackerel	<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>
Tuna, Northern Bluefin	<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>
Tuna, Southern Bluefin	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>
Tuna, Striped	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>
Tuna, Yellowfin	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>

WHITING (to include)

Whiting, King George
Whiting, Sand
Whiting, Southern School
Whiting, Trumpeter

Sillaginodes punctata
Sillago ciliate
Sillago bassensis
Sillago maculate

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APPENDIX “A”

NSWFCA Competition Size & Bag Limits. (As at 25/09/2016)		
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Length cm</i>	<i>Competition Round Daily Limit</i>
Australian Bass & Estuary Perch (Closed Season 1st June – 31st August)	25	In combination - 2 Only 1 over 35cm from Rivers or Streams
Australian Salmon	30	5
Billfish: Marlin – Black/Striped/Blue, Sailfish, Swordfish, Speardfish	30	1 of each
Bonito	30	10
Bream & Tarwhine: Black & Yellowfin	25	In combination 10 total
Carp, (all)	30	Competition Limit 5 ONLY
Catfish, Freshwater (Totally protected in western flowing Rivers and unlisted dams)	30	5 in listed dams (See Fisheries List) 2 in other waters
Cobia	30	5
Deep Sea Fish: Hapuka/Bar Cod/Bass Groper/Gemfish/Blue-eye Cod (Trevalla)	30	In combination 5 Max 2 Gemfish with Boat Trip Limit of 10
Dolphin Fish	60	10 – only 1 over 110cm
Flathead: Dusky	36	20 Combined of all Flathead Species - 10 Dusky with only 1 over 70cm and 10 in possession - 10 Other
Flathead: Eastern Blue-Spotted and Tiger	33	
Flathead: (all others)	33	
Flounder & Sole: (all)	25	In combination 20 total
Garfish: All (excluding beak)	25	In combination 20 total
Groper: Blue, Red/Brown	30	2 – Only 1 over 60cm
Golden Perch (Yellowbelly)	30	5
Hairtail	30	10
Kingfish: Yellowtail	65	5
Leatherjacket: (all)	25	20
Luderick	27	10
Mackerel: Spanish	75	In combination 5 total
Spotted	60	
Mangrove Jack	30	5
Morwong: Banded	30	5
Morwong: Rubberlip & Jackass	30	10
Morwong: Red	30	5
Moses Perch	30	5
Mullet, Sea	30	In combination 20 total
Mullet, (other than sea)	25	
Mulloway	70	2
Murray Cod (closed season Sep, Oct, Nov)	55-75	2
Pearl Perch	35	5
Perch, Redfin	30	10 included in combined bag
Perch, Silver (Totally Protected in rivers and unlisted Dams – See Fisheries List)	25	5

Red Rock Cod	30	5
Rock Blackfish (Drummer)	30	10
Sampson & Amberjack	30	In combination 5 total
Snapper	30	10
Surgeon: Sawtail	30	5
Tailor	30	10
Teraglin	38	5
Trout, (all) and Atlantic Salmon	25	Generally 5 per day but different rules apply to some dams and rivers. See Fisheries Guide for full details.
Trevally (all)	30	In combination 10 total
Tuna: Albacore, Big-eye, Longtail and Yellowfin	30	In combination 20 total with maximum 10 bonito.
Tuna: Bonito	30	“ Albacore, Big-eye, Longtail and Yellowfin - 2 over 90 cm & 5 under 90cm”
Tuna: (all others including Striped, Mackerel, Frigate etc)	30	
<i>TUNA: SOUTHERN BLUEFIN</i>	30	<i>1 ONLY</i>
Wahoo	30	5
Whiting, All	27	In combination 20 total
Combined Bag Limit of all other Species not listed above or in NSW Fisheries List	30	20 in total for Saltwater 10 in total for Freshwater

- Ø **NOTE 1A – Possession/Round Limits for FRESHWATER – this is equal to *twice the daily* NSW Fisheries bag limit if you have been fishing for more than one day.**
- Ø **NOTE 1B – Possession/Round Limits for SALT WATER – this is equal to NSW Fisheries *daily* bag limit or as listed by Fisheries Regulations.**
- Ø **NOTE 2 – When NSW Fisheries Regulations change, then if the NSW FCA Bag Limit is more than or the Legal Size is less than NSW Fisheries Regulations then that NSW Fisheries Regulation supersedes this Sheet.**
- Ø **NOTE 3 - INELIGIBLE SPECIES:**

INELIGIBLE SPECIES:

Blue Devil, Blue Fish, Eastern (Paraplesiops bleekeri), Boxfish (all), Cale, Rock (Crinodus lophodon), Catfish, Estuary (Cnidoglanis macrocephalus), Cod, Eastern Freshwater (Maccullochella species), Cod, Trout (Maccullochella macquariensis), Eels (all), Frogfish, Eastern (Batrachomoeus dubius), Grayling (Prototroctes maraena), Groper, Queensland (Epinephelus lanceolatus), Kelpfish, Eastern (Chironemus marmoratus), Perch, Macquarie (Macquaria australasica), Rays (all), Rockcod, Black (Epinephelus daemeli), Rockcod, Estuary (Epinephelus suillus), Sharks (all), Spinefoot, Black (Siganus fuscescens), Sunfish (all), Toadfish (all), Wirrah, Eastern (Acanthistius ocellatus), Wrasse, Elegant (Anampses elegans).

APPENDIX “B”

MEASURING FIN FISH

Concern has been raised from a number of organisations at the various techniques used by Fisheries Officers

to measure fish. Fisheries Officers, researchers and fishermen often differ in the way the overall length is determined at the tail.

Depending on how the tail fins are positioned, the overall length can vary by 2-3 millimetres. Due to this, Magistrates will always find in favour of the defendant as no clear instruction has been issued. In future when the finfish are measured the tail should be extended in a way to maximise the length, to anglers or fishermen's best advantage.

Although this will slightly increase the length of some species, it will alleviate the incidence of dispute, both in the field and in the court and indicates a sense of fairness on the part of the Officer when measuring.

METHOD OF MEASURING FISH

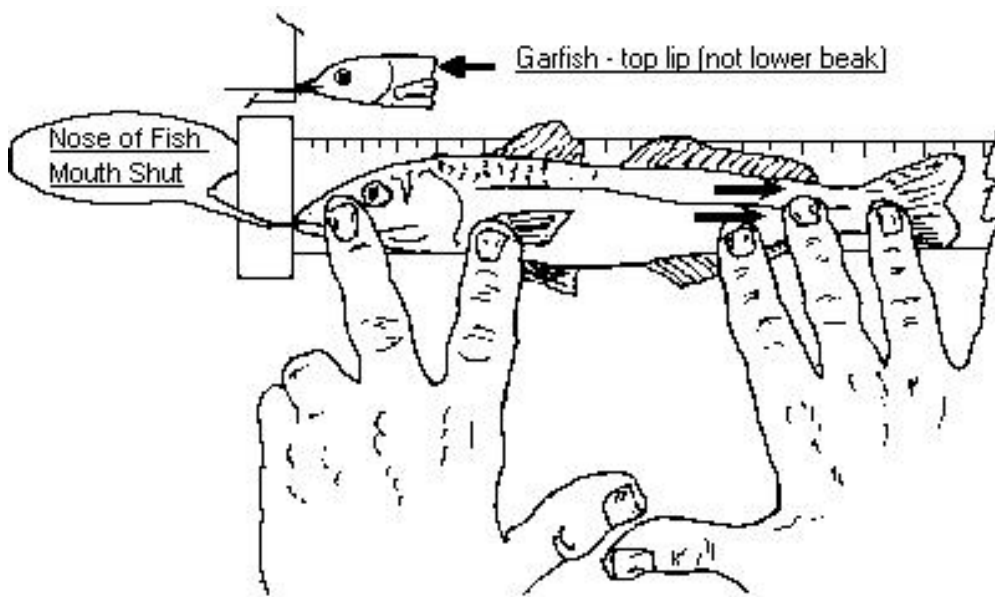


Diagram A

The fish to be measured should be straightened if necessary so that it will lie flat and straight on the measuring stick in such a position that it is **JUST TOUCHING** the butt of the stick and is held in position by the index and second fingers of the left hand (see Diagram A). The fingers of the right hand are then rubbed lightly along the body of the fish to extend it to its maximum length.

If the fish does not reach the required length the index finger of the right hand may be used to move the top of the caudal fin downwards in an arc towards the line. (See Diagram B). If the fish still does not reach the required length, it must be rejected as undersized.

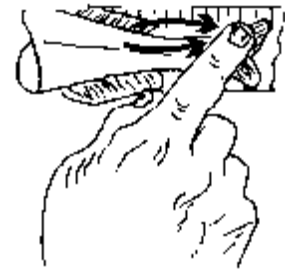


Diagram B

APPENDIX “C”.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS – EXTRA CARDS - CLUBS & INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERS

CLARIFICATION/DEFINITION

CLUB AFFILIATION WITH MORE THAN ONE DIVISION:

1. A Club may join more than one Division.
2. NSW FCA Club affiliation fees apply to membership of each Division
This membership immediately results in the club acquiring two entities ie:
Port Macquarie Angling Club – Hastings DFCA Division
Port Macquarie Angling Club – MNC AFCA Division
The above information will appear on all correspondence/membership cards pertaining to the Club and the individual member for identification purposes.

Individual Membership – Extra Cards.

- *Members holding current financial status in a parent Club may, on payment of the prescribed fee, obtain an Extra Card with the expiry date of their primary card and the name of their second Club on it.*
- *In the same way, members who are financial in one Club in a Division may join a second Club in another affiliated Division and obtain an Extra Card for the prescribed fee to compete as a member of the second Club/Division.*
- *Whichever card is presented at registration is the Club/Division for which the person is competing in Championships.*

The advantages of this system are that members holding a valid “Extra” card may choose to compete for whichever Club/Division they prefer at that particular championship. Such participation is restricted to one Club/Division for both sections i.e. individual and team.