

# ANSA QUEENSLAND SPECIES CHALLENGE

## RULES

### 1. RULES

The rules of the **ANSA Qld Species Challenge** shall be in accordance with the “**ANSA Qld Species Challenge Rules**” as set out below. These rules are to be read in conjunction with the National rules. Where differences occur the Queensland rules shall apply and/or as modified explicitly or implicitly by any ensuing memoranda.

### 2. VENUES AND BOUNDARIES

All fishing to be in Queensland waters or from boats launched between the Tweed River and the Northern Territory border. If a fish is hooked within the boundaries and an angler needs to move outside of them to land the fish, then it shall be an eligible capture.

### 3. HOURS OF COMPETITION

The **Challenge** commences at 2400hrs on Friday and concludes at 1400hrs on Sunday of the weekend of the competition. A fish hooked prior to the cease fishing time, and then captured **after the cease fishing time**, may count in the angler's tally.

### 4. CHALLENGE MEETING

Each Club is to hold their own **Challenge Meeting** which is to commence by 1600hrs on the Sunday and be completed by 1800hrs on the **same** Sunday. **Score sheets, and/or photo's**, must be at the **Challenge Meeting** area by 1600hrs.

### 5. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

Each club or zone shall notify the Events Coordinator or a nominated assistant of their final results no later than 1800hrs of the day after the **Challenge Meeting**. Provisional results will be issued as soon as possible. **Phone, fax or email the information on Forms on the day after the weigh-in**.

### 6. RESULTS SHEETS

Results sheets are to be sent by post to the State Convenor within fourteen days. **All Forms are to be included**. Failure to submit all forms, within fourteen days from the end of the competition, to the convenor, will negate any opportunity to

claim a win.

## **7. COLLATION OF RESULTS**

In order to have the results forwarded in a uniform format, only the forms provided or downloaded from the ANSA Qld website [www.ansaqld.com.au](http://www.ansaqld.com.au) will be accepted. NB. Please feel free to copy any extra forms that are required from the ones provided

## **8. TACKLE**

The tackle and method shall conform to the ANSA Fishing Rules as per ANSA Qld Inc. Handbook.

## **9. SCORING SYSTEM**

All ANSA Queensland Eligible Species are acceptable, and 1 of each species is the maximum allowed. There are no limits on number of species caught.

The winner of the ANSA Qld Species Challenge will be the angler capturing the most individual species, and in the case of a tie, the ANSA Fight Factors of all species caught by those anglers will be used to determine a winner. If there is still a tie, this will be declared and additional certificates/medallions issued.

Only one fish per species can be entered for individuals or teams e.g. if 3 Team members each catch a Golden Trevally, each individual can claim the species, but the Team can only claim one Golden Trevally

## **10. ELIGIBLE SPECIES**

a) Shall be only those species listed on the ANSA Qld website (download the latest Eligible Species List before the competition). Where legislation precludes the taking of any fish by species, size, season, location or any other such criteria, then that fish is not eligible.

b) All fish must be in accordance with the ANSA Qld Eligible Species list minimum length, and/or the minimum Queensland Fisheries legal length, whichever is the greater

c) No limit to number of species or number per species while Tagging.

Refer to "Eligible Species List" on the ANSA Qld website to download the latest eligible species and fighting factors, with E.M.Grants "Guide to Fishes", "Fishes of the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea" by J.E. Randall, G.R. Allen and R.C. Steene, "Marine Fishes of Tropical Australis and South East Asia" by G. R. Allen and "Freshwater

Fishes of Australia” by G.R. Allen, S.H. Midgley, M. Allen as the standard references. The name of the species as shown on the “Eligible Species List” are to be used, **not** a local name. **Note;** some species included for the State Championships are not eligible for National Records and Masters Award Claims and are indicated by a “Q”. Where a marlin, sailfish or broadbill swordfish is captured, released and no measurements are taken, it may be scored as 100 points. (See Page 14 - Rule 8 & 9)

#### **11. DISPOSAL OF LITTER**

Disposal sites for litter, fish offal etc. shall be defined by the club committee. The committee may disqualify competitors disposing of such elsewhere, where unsightliness or inconvenience to others may be caused.

#### **12. INTERFERENCE**

No competitor may cause deliberate unnecessary interference to another.

#### **13. COMPETITORS UNABLE TO ATTEND THEIR OWN CLUB CHALLENGE MEETING**

Competitors, including teams and/or members of a team not able to attend the **Challenge Meeting** at their own club, and individual members of ANSA Qld (Qld Sportfishers and Suntaggers), invited to use the facilities of another ANSA Qld Inc club, must relay their results to their own Club for processing. Where an angler’s club has decided not to compete in the State Titles, then an angler may, by invitation, have their entry nomination and results processed and forwarded by a competing host club.

#### **14. DATE OF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Shall be held on the last weekend in September**

#### **15. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

The State Executive shall arrange and forward the awards to clubs for presentation as soon as possible after publication of the final results.

Awards shall be for the following:

- a) Champion Senior Team - The top scoring team of not more than three (3) persons.
- b) Champion Junior Team - The top scoring team of not more than three (3) juniors and/or sub-juniors.
- c) Champion Family Team

- d) State Individual Champion Senior Male.
- e) State Individual Champion Senior Female.
- f) State Individual Champion Junior Male.
- g) State Individual Champion Junior Female.
- h) State Individual Champion Sub-Junior Male
- i) State Individual Champion Sub-Junior Female
- j) Tagging

From (d) to (i) inclusive shall be the top scoring person in their grade.

A **Junior Competitor** is one who has attained the age of ten (10) years but not sixteen (16) years of age (see general rules page 15).

A **Sub-junior Competitor** is one who has not attained the age of ten (10) years (see general rules page 15).

### **Junior Teams (b)**

Junior Teams may comprise both male and female juniors and/or sub-juniors. The State Championship is determined by the top scoring team of not more than three persons; therefore a junior team can be the State Champion team. A junior team may not have a senior member nominated in it. Juniors and sub-juniors may be members of a senior team but become ineligible for the junior team award.

### **Family Team Nomination**

- a. Must comprise of at least one senior and one junior/sub-junior member
- b. Can nominate as individual competitors or member of another team
- c. Family Team shall enter maximum **3 member's species**, with minimum one fish to be **entered** by junior/sub-junior.
- d. Number of anglers in team is unlimited as long as the nominations are classed as being part of an accepted family. A family is defined as per ANSA Qld Inc membership category

### **Tagging (j)**

Provision has been made for a tag and release competition as part of the State Championships.

The rules are the same as for the Tagging Masters Award, except as modified hereby:

Fish must be captured in a manner conforming to State Championship Rules

**Any angler competing in an ANSA Qld. Inc. affiliated competition where awards are given for tag effort then the angler recording the tagging of the**

**fish must also be the angler who captured the fish.** NB. As the focus for collection of tag data is on the data itself then this rule does not apply outside competitions.

Line classes have no bearing on point scoring.

Total points to be calculated using the allocated Tagging Points system (as per the Queensland Eligible Species List) and forwarded to the Events Coordinator.

Eligible species and points scored will be those nominated by the Suntag Coordinator. In some areas the tagging is project based so please refer to the species from those projects.

## **16. NOMINATION**

a) **Only members affiliated with ANSA Qld Inc (through membership of an affiliated ANSA Qld Inc Club or Qld Sportfishers) AND appear on the ANSA Qld Inc Membership Register prior to the start of the competition are eligible to compete.**

b) All competitors and teams shall nominate with their club for the competition by 1800hrs of the Friday night immediately preceding the competition. **NB. The nomination form (Form ONE) is to be held by the club and then forwarded with the results sheets to the State convenor.**

## **17. PENALTIES**

Any competitor who breaches any competition rules shall be disqualified, provided however that:

a) The breach must be reported to the club committee prior to the completion of the **Challenge Meeting**.

b) The breach must be proven to the satisfaction of the committee.

c) Not less than three (3) committee members shall constitute a quorum where a decision is required in relation to a reported breach of rules of this competition.

## **18. DISQUALIFICATIONS**

a) Shall be as defined in the National Rulebook and/or as otherwise provided for in these rules.

b) Any competitor or team that is disqualified may lodge an appeal, in writing, with the State Executive within fourteen days of the competition. The State Executive, at their next meeting, shall hear this appeal. Their decision shall be final.

## **19. DECLARATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP**

When the results are collated the State Convenor will advise all zones and clubs of the PROVISIONAL RESULTS **as soon as practicable** after the Challenge Meeting. After all of the “Summary of Results” forms have been received, they will be checked by the Events Coordinator who will then declare the OFFICIAL RESULTS.

## **20. ZONES**

Zones are optional. Those clubs participating in Zones are encouraged to run a Zone Championship simultaneously with the State Titles. Zones may additionally or otherwise organise functions and facilities for participating clubs.

A Zone committee may act instead of a club committee wherever reference is made to same throughout the rules.