

NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTFISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. Fishing Rules

- 1.1 All anglers are to adhere to all ANSA Queensland Fishing Rules as per the current Handbook. Any additional or altered rules are specified here in.
- 1.2 All anglers are to adhere to Queensland Government Rules and Regulations at all times. All anglers must ensure they are aware of all changes to the Queensland and Federal Government Rules and Regulations at the time of competing in the event. when competing the event regardless of their ANSA membership grade.

2. Teams

- 2.1 No more than three (3) anglers per team. The team may consist of any combination of senior, junior, male or female competitors. The Committee encourages Seniors and Juniors to form different teams to ensure maximum competitors for all division trophies.

3. Fishing Times

- 3.1 Start fishing - 6:00 am Saturday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.
- 3.2 Stop fishing - 12:00 noon Sunday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.

4. Boundaries of Competition

- 4.1.1 Northern boundary - straight line east and west from the Clump Point Jetty.
- 4.1.2 Southern boundary - 100 meters south of the Lucinda Sugar Jetty. Straight line east and west until it follows the south bank of the Herbert River.
- 4.1.3 No east or west boundaries.
- 4.2 Certain restrictions are imposed on fishing in Marine Parks within the competition boundaries. eg. No fishing around Brook Islands. Current maps of the Marine Parks can be obtained from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.
- 4.3 At all times, anglers must adhere to all aspects of Queensland and federal Govt laws. Any angler found acting in an unlawful manner, will be disqualified.

5. Eligible Species

- 5.1 Species eligible for weigh-in are as per the attached North Queensland Sportfishing Championship Committee Eligible Species Lists. ***This list was correct at time of printing. All anglers must ensure that all captures conform with Queensland Government Rules and Regulations.***

6. Tag and Release

- 6.1 Tag and release rules are as per the attached Tag and Release Rules.
- 6.2 Species eligible for tagging are as per the attached North Queensland Sportfishing Championship Committee Tagging Eligible Species Lists.

7. Presentation of Fish

- 7.1 Only fish from the North Queensland Sportfishing Championships Committee, Eligible Species List will be accepted for weigh-in. This list was correct at the time of printing.
- 7.2 Fish weighed for Masters/Records claims may be weighed whole or cleaned and weighed with gills and guts as one item. Note: gills and guts must be kept fresh.

- 7.3 All fish presented for the official weigh-in must be acceptably gilled and gutted beforehand.
- 7.4 All fish must be in a fresh condition. Stale, rotten or frozen fish will **NOT** be eligible for weigh-in.
- 7.5 **NOTE:** Current Fisheries Regulation requires that fish listed on the Coral Reef Fin Fish schedule and all Spanish Mackerel must have a pectoral fin removed.

8. Weigh-in

- 8.1 Venue for weigh-in is the Cardwell Sportfishing Clubhouse.
- 8.2 Master and Record Claims will be called before the weigh-in commences.
- 8.3 Club Captains must meet with Chief Marshall prior to the weigh in and will be advised of the club weigh-in order. The club weigh-in order will be randomly selected by the committee prior to the weigh-in.
- 8.4 Start of official weigh-in is 1:00 pm. Chief Marshall will call clubs forward as per the random list. Club captains will arrange teams as per the club nomination form.
- 8.5 Competitors must present their fish to the Check Marshall for scrutiny, identification and recording.
- 8.6 Scores will be calculated on the computer as the weigh-in is in progress. Score Calculators will process scores for the tagging trophies.
- 8.7 The weigh-in will be declared officially closed after all nominated anglers have weighed in their fish.
- 8.8 For a period of fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the weigh in, all clubs/anglers will have the opportunity to check their score sheets and dispute any recordings. After this fifteen (15) minute period, no further discussions or correspondence will be entered into.

9. Trophies

- 9.1 The following is a list of the trophies to be awarded:
- Don Porter Trophy: To the club with the highest scoring team.
 - Kevin & Lyn Jensen Trophy: To the highest scoring Junior Team.
 - Les Dickinson Trophy: To the highest scoring junior.
 - Bryden/Low Cup: To the club with the highest average score per member competitor. (Minimum of six [6] nominated competitors).
 - Clyde Fairhall Memorial Trophy: To the highest scoring individual competitor.
 - Lawrie Smith Trophy: To the highest scoring competitor in tag & release division.
 - TARSC Trophy: To the highest scoring tag & release team.
 - Hart Trophy: To the highest scoring senior male competitor.
 - Fish & Boat Trophy: To the highest scoring senior female competitor.
 - Read Trophy: To the highest scoring junior male competitor.
 - Kenny Trophy: To the highest scoring junior female competitor.
 - Highest scoring team and runner-up team from each club.
 - Various other prizes to be nominated by the organizing committee.
 - Junior encouragement prizes.

10. Liability

- 10.1 The committee does not accept any liability for the insurance cover of any competitors, other persons or property involved or associated in any way with the North Queensland Sportfishing Championships, all such persons are totally responsible for their own insurance or liability cover of any kind which covers themselves, their property or equipment.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES LIST – Effective from March, 2009

Records & Tagging (mm)	Common Name	Sub Species & (Tagging points)	Scientific Name	Factor	Min / Max Length (cm)	Bag Limit
	Albacore		<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	1.5	40	
G	Amberjack		<i>Seriola dumerilii</i>	1.5	75	2
G	Barracuda		<i>Agriposphyraena barracuda</i>	0.9	55	
	Barracuda	Pickhandle or Slender	<i>Sphyraena jello</i>	0.9	55	
G T150	Barramundi	(3)	<i>Lates calcarifer</i>	1.5	58 / 120	5
Q	Bass	Sand	<i>Psammoperca waigiensis</i>	0.8	30	
	Batfish		<i>Platax spp.</i>	1.3	28	
	Bonefish		<i>Albula vulpes</i>	2.0	30	
	Bonito	Leaping	<i>Cybiosarda elegans</i>	1.5	40	
T150	Bream	Pikey (3) Yellow fin (2)	<i>Acanthopagrus spp.</i>	1.2	28	Comb of 30 in Total
	Cod	Coral	<i>Cephalopholis miniatus</i>	1.5	38	5 Total all Cod
Q		Flowery	<i>Epinephelus fuscoguttatus</i>	1.5	50/100	
Q		Maori Rock	<i>Epinephelus undulatostratus</i>	1.5	45	
		Greasy	<i>Epinephelus tauvina</i>	1.5	38 / 100	
Q		Sleepy	<i>Oxyeleotris lineolatus</i>	0.8	30	
		Camouflage	<i>Epinephelus polphekadion</i>	1.5	50/70	
		Goldspot (3)	<i>Epinephelus coioides</i>	1.5	38 / 120	
T150		Blackspot (3)	<i>Epinephelus malabaricus</i>	1.5	38 / 120	
	Dart	Snubnose	<i>Trachinotus blochi</i>	2.0	35	
G	Dolphin Fish		<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>	1.5	60	5
T150	Emperor	Grass (4)	<i>Lethrinus laticaudis</i>	1.4	30	10
T150		Red Throat (6)	<i>Lethrinus chrysostomus</i>	1.4	38	8
		Yellow / Spangled Emperor (6)	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>	1.4	45	5
		All others	<i>Lethrinus spp.</i>	1.4	30	5
	Flathead	Dusky	<i>Platycephalus fuscus</i>	1.0	40 / 75	5
		Other	<i>Platycephalus spp.</i>	1.0	30	5
	Flounder		<i>All species</i>	1.2	20	
T150	Grunter	Sooty (2)	<i>All species</i>	1.6	28	10
	Hairtail		<i>Trichiurus savala</i>	0.8	40	
	Herring	Giant	<i>Elops australia</i>	2.0	35	
		Wolf	<i>Chirocentrus dorab</i>	0.8	75	10
	Hussar		<i>Lutjanus adetii</i>	1.4	30	
T150	Javelin	Small Spotted Grunter Bream (4)	<i>Pomadasys argenteus</i>	1.2	35	10
		Spotted Grunter Bream (2)	<i>Pomadasys kaakan</i>	1.2	40	10
T200	Jewfish	Black (6)	<i>Protonibea diacanthus</i>	1.0	75	2
		Silver	<i>Nibea soldado</i>	1.0	30	
	Job Fish		<i>All species</i>	1.5	38	8
	Kingfish	Black (Cobia)	<i>Rachycentron canadus</i>	1.5	75	2
		Black Banded	<i>Seriolina nigrofasciata</i>	1.5	45	
	Long Tom		<i>All species</i>	1.2	45	
G T250	Mackerel	Narrow Barred/Spanish (2)	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	1.0	75	3
		Broad Barred Spanish	<i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>	1.0	60	5
G T250		School (2)	<i>Scomberomorus queenslandicus</i>	1.0	50	10
G		Spotted (2)	<i>Scomberomorus munroi</i>	1.0	60	5
		Shark	<i>Grammatorcynus spp.</i>	1.0	50	10
T150	Mangrove Jack	(6)	<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>	2.0	35	5
G	Marlin		<i>All species</i>	1.2	100	
	Milk Fish		<i>Chanos chanos</i>	2.0	30	
	Mullet Sea		<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1.0	30	20
	Mullet Diamond Scale		<i>Liza vaigiensis</i>	1.0	30	20
	Mullet		<i>All Other species</i>	1.0	30	
	Parrot Fish		<i>All species</i>	1.0	30	
Q	Perch	Pearl	<i>Glaucosoma scapulare</i>	1.0	35	5
T300	Queenfish	(4)	<i>Scomberoides spp.</i>	1.5	50	5
	Rainbow Runner		<i>Elagatis bipinnulatus</i>	1.5	45	
G	Sail Fish	Pacific	<i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>	1.3	100	
	Salmon	Beach	<i>Leptobrama mulleri</i>	1.0	25	
T300	Salmon Threadfin	King (3)	<i>Polydactylus macrochir</i>	1.9	60	5

		Blue (3)	<i>Eleutheronema tetradactylum</i>	1.9	40	10
Q	Scad	Finny	<i>Megalaspis cordyla</i>	1.0	35	
	Sickle Fish		<i>Drepane punctata</i>	1.3	28	
G T150	Snapper	(3)	<i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>	1.0	35	5
Q	Sole		<i>All species</i>	1.2	20	
Q	Sucker-fish / Remora		<i>All species</i>	0.8	45	
	Sweetlips		<i>Plectorhynchus spp.</i>	1.4	30	
G	Sword Fish	Broadbill	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	2.2	100	
G	Tarpon		<i>Megalops cyprinoides</i>	2.0	30	
	Tarwhine		<i>Rhabdosargus sarba</i>	1.2	28	See Bream
	Teraglin	Silver/Yankee Whiting	<i>Otolithes ruber</i>	0.8	30	
Note T300	Trevally	Giant (3)	<u>Caranx ignobilis</u>	1.5	35	Combined Limit of 20 in Total
		Big Eye (4)	<u>Caranx sexfasciatus</u>	1.5	35	
		Gold Spot	<u>Caranx fuloquattatus</u>	1.5	35	
		Blue Spot	<u>Caranx bucculentus</u>	1.5	35	
		Tille	<u>Caranx tille</u>	1.5	35	
		Papuan	<u>Caranx papuensis</u>	1.5	35	
		Blue Fin	<u>Caranx melampyngus</u>	1.5	35	
		Black	<u>Caranx lugubris</u>	1.5	35	
		Thick Lip	<u>Carangoides orthogrammus</u>	1.5	35	
		Bludger	<u>Carangoides gymnostethus</u>	1.5	35	
		Long Nosed	<u>Carangoides chrysophrys</u>	1.5	35	
		Diamond	<u>Alectis indicus</u>	1.5	35	
		Pennant Fish	<u>Alectis ciliaris</u>	1.5	35	
		Cale Cale	<u>Ulua mentalis</u>	1.5	35	
		Golden	<u>Gnathanodon speciosus</u>	1.5	35	
			<u>Other species</u>	1.5	35	
	Triple Tail/Jumping Cod		<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	1.8	35	
Q	Tropical Snapper & Sea Perch	Long Spined	<i>Argyrops spinifer</i>	1.0	30	
T200		Red Emperor (6)	<i>Lutjanus sebae</i>	1.4	55	5
T200		Saddle Tail (Large Mouth/Nannygai) (6)	<i>Lutjanus malabaricus</i>	1.4	40	9 Total both Nannygai
T200		Crimson (Small Mouth/Nannygai)(6)	<i>Lutjanus erythropterus</i>	1.4	40	
T200		Spotted Scale/Fingermark (6)	<i>Lutjanus johnii</i>	1.8	40	5
Q		Stripey	<i>Lutjanus carponotatus</i>	1.4	30	
Q		Moses Perch	<u>Lutjanus russelli</u>	1.4	30	
		All other	<i>Lutjanus spp.</i>	1.4	30	10
T300	Trout Coral	Blue Spot (Footballer) (3)	<i>Plectropomas laevis</i>	1.5	50 / 80	7 Total All Trout
		Coronation	<i>Variola louti</i>	1.5	38	
			<i>All others</i>	1.5	38	
G	Tuna		<i>All species</i>	1.5	40	
	Tusk Fish	Venus	<i>Choerodon venustrus</i>	1.4	30	6 Total All Tusk
Q		Black spot and Purple	<i>Choerodon spp.</i>	1.4	30	
Q		All others	<i>Choerodon spp.</i>	1.0	30	
G	Wahoo		<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	1.3	75	2
	Whiting		<i>All species</i>	1.3	23	Combined Limit of 30 in Total
	Wrasse		<i>All species except Hump Head Wrasse</i>	1.0	25	

Foot Note: spp.~ All fish of that genus ; Species names may vary depending on reference books used

G Gamefishing Division ; Q Queensland records only ;

T Eligible species for tagging (min length in mm after symbol)

NOTE:

1. The NQ Sportfishing Championship Eligible Species list is for use by nominated anglers as guide for Weighing-in and points calculation. **Anglers must, at all times adhere to Queensland law.** This list was correct at time of printing.
2. For additional notes regarding the content of this list refer to the current ANSA Queensland Rules and Records Handbook.

TAG AND RELEASE RULES

Tag and Release competition is run as a sub-section of the NQ Championships. The rules are the same as for the Tagging Masters award, except as modified or qualified herein.

- **Fish must be captured according to ANSA Sportfishing Rules.**
- **Line classes have no bearing on point scoring. Anglers are encouraged to use heavier breaking strain lines to reduce the fighting time and so increase the survival chance of the fish.**
- **Only fish on the Tagging Eligible Species List below are allowed to be submitted for points calculation and although anglers may tag and release any number of the listed species, a maximum of 20 of each listed species will be eligible for scoring in this event. In the event of tied scores the total length of each angler's tagged fish will determine the winners.**
- **All captures and tagging must occur within the time limits and boundaries of the NQ Championships.**
- **To qualify, the angler must present his/her tag sheet to the recorder before the weigh-in. The list must contain the following details for each capture:**

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| 1. Anglers name | 5. Location of capture |
| 2. Date | 6. Length of fish (and if possible Girth) |
| 3. Species name | 7. Measured weight |
| 4. Tag Number- Grass | |

TAGGING ELIGIBLE SPECIES LIST

NOTE: Taggers should be aware that the minimum tagging sizes herein for some species are less than the regulated minimum size and the law requires that all under sized such regulated species must immediately be returned back to the water unharmed.

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COMMON NAME	MIN SIZE (mm)	POINTS	COMMON NAME	MIN SIZE (mm)	POINTS
Barramundi	150	3	Javelin Fish - Grunter Bream Small Spotted	150	4
Bream - Yellow finned	150	2	Mackerel Grey	200	2
Bream - Pikey	150	3	Mackerel Qld. School	200	2
Cod Estuary - Black Spot	150	3	<u>Mackerel Spotted</u>	250	2
Cod Estuary - Gold Spot	300	3	Mangrove Jack	150	6
Coral Trout	300	3	Large Scale Sea Perch – Fingermark	150	6
Coral Trout - Bar-cheeked	300	3	Large Mouth Sea Perch - Nannygai	200	6
Emperor - Red	200	6	Small Mouth Sea Perch - Nannygai	200	6
Emperor - Spangled	200	6	Salmon Threadfin - Blue	300	3
Emperor Red Finned (Grass Sweetlip)	150	4	Salmon Threadfin - King	300	3
Grunter - Sooty	150	2	Trevally - Giant	200	3
Javelin Fish - Grunter Bream Spotted	150	2			