

# STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## RULES OF COMPETITION

### 1. RULES

The rules of the **Length Based State** championships shall be in accordance with the “Rules of Competition, Queensland State Championships” 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 Championships commence **at** 2400hrs on Friday and conclude 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. Such fish must be presented to the weigh-master by the commencement of the **measuring**.

### 4. WEIGH-IN

To commence by 1600hrs on Sunday and to be completed by 1800hrs Sunday. All fish **and/or photo’s** must be in the **measuring** area by 1600hrs.

- a) All fish presented for **measuring must be** gutted and gilled and in a fresh condition.
- b) **Photo’s can be submitted, either digital or hardcopy, with one photo showing the fish on an acceptable measuring device (the side of the boat in the case of billfish/sailfish) with the head, tail, and measuring marks clearly visible, and another showing the fish held by the angler. An identifying mark as determined by each Club’s Weighmaster, shall be placed on the measuring device at time of capture (e.g. purple dot)**
- c) Any fish too large for available cold storage may be cut through, provided that the fish is held in one piece by its skin. Any fish so treated is not considered to be mutilated.
- d) Fish, which are putrid, will not be accepted and any competitor submitting such to the weighmaster shall be disqualified.

### 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 **measuring**. Provisional results will be issued as soon as possible. **Phone, fax or email the information on FORMS Numbered THREE, FOUR & FIVE 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.

**All photo’s of place getters are to be sent to the State Convenor for checking. Any discrepancies will be sent to the State Exec. for clarification, and their ruling shall be final.**

## 7. COLLATION OF RESULTS

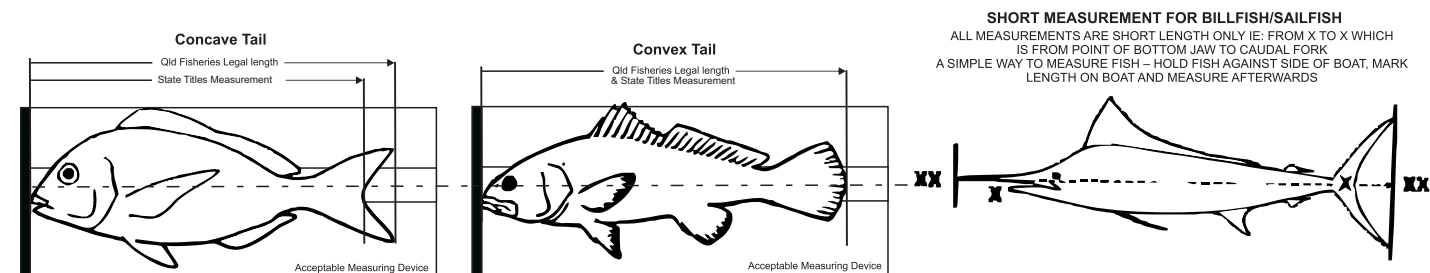
In order to have the results forwarded in a uniform format, only the forms provided or downloaded from the ANSA Qld website [www.ansaql.com.au](http://www.ansaql.com.au) will be accepted. NB. Please feel free to copy any extra forms that are required from the ones provided

## 8. TACKLE

The tackle and method shall conform to [the ANSA Fishing Rules](#) as per ANSA Qld Inc. Handbook.

## 9. LENGTH MEASUREMENT AND POINT SCORES

All length measurements will be carried out using the examples below. There is no allowance for Line Class



Points awarded will be based on 100 points for a legal length fish, and 1 point per centimetre over legal length.

Two fish per species maximum with a limit of 5 fish total

A bonus of 50 points will be awarded for the capture and weigh in of 5 different species

## 10. ELIGIBLE SPECIES

- 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.
- Maximum number of fish to be scored shall be five per angler, with no more than two of each species.
- 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 **MEASURING**

Competitors, including teams and/or members of a team not able to attend the **measuring** at their own club, and individual members of ANSA Qld (Qld Sportfishers), invited to use the **measuring** 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 (One only award - Tackle Division not applicable)

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 weigh maximum 5 fish in total, with minimum one fish to be **measured** 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 **measuring**.

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 **measuring**. 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.