

TOWNSVILLE SPORTFISHING CHALLENGE

North Queensland



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Introduction

The 36th Townsville Sportfishing Challenge is to be held in the Townsville district waters on the weekend of **5th and 6th of November 2016**.

The Townsville Sportfishing Challenge is an invitation only competition open to all members of Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA) affiliated clubs in Queensland.

Boundaries

The boundaries shall be a line drawn East/West from the Northern tip of Great Palm and a line drawn East from the Northern tip of Cape Bowling Green, with no Eastern or Western boundaries. This extends to all estuaries that flow into the coast within these boundaries.

Timings

The Townsville Sportfishing Challenge 2016 is operated over a three day period. Fishing commences at **6:00p.m. Friday 4th November 2016 and ceases at 12 Noon on Sunday 6th November 2016**.

Fish caught outside these timings are considered ineligible and it is the responsibility of the individual to monitor these timings.

The weigh-in be held at Scout Hall, McKimmon Road Hyde Park, and will commence at 1.00pm on the Sunday or as close to this as practicable, however all fish are to be in the weigh-in area no later than 12.45pm. There is camping and facilities available on site, please advise if you intend to camp.

It is expected the presentation will commence at approximately 3.00 – 3.30pm on the Sunday afternoon and this will be entirely dependant on the number of competitors fishing.

Tides

The tides stated for the weekend of the Challenge are as follows:

Friday 4 th November 2016		Saturday 5 th November 2016		Sunday 6 th November 2016	
Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time
1.23mt	3.57am	1.40mt	4.33am	1.77mt	1.02am
2.56mt	11.47am	2.48mt	12.57pm	1.55mt	7.15am
1.81mt	7.37pm	1.67mt	9.55pm	2.52mt	2.58pm
1.91mt	10.53pm			1.46mt	10.46pm

Rules

1. The rules for the 2016 Challenge are in line with the rules applicable to Divisions 1, 2 & 3 of ANSA QLD Handbook March 2009 (11th Edition). All eligible species are included on the attached list. The divisions are:

Division 1 Sportfishing Division (1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg & 15kg)

Division 2 Lurefishing Division (1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg & 15kg)

Division 3 Flyfishing Division (1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg & 15kg)

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2. All fish are to be presented to the Weighmaster and assistants in preparation for weighing and Measuring and the Weighmasters decision is final if a fish is ineligible. Facilities are available for checking length and species prior to weighing of fish and it is the responsibility of each angler to ensure that fish are presented in accordance with the fishing rules.
3. If a nominated angler is unable to attend the weigh-in due to work commitments or unforeseen circumstances then that angler can nominate another member from his or her team to weigh-in his or her fish. If this is the case then the respective Club Captain is to inform the Weighmaster prior to the commencement of the weigh-in.
4. All fish are to be correctly gutted and gilled prior to presentation to the Weighmaster as there are no facilities at the weigh-in site. On the weigh-in form fish are to be nominated if caught in ***estuary or bluewater*** and if captured by ***lurefishing or flyfishing***.
5. The maximum number of fish to be weighed-in per competitor is five with no more than two of any one species.
6. To be eligible for team trophies, two members of senior teams must present fish to the Weighmaster. Junior and Sub Juniors are exempt from this rule, however a minimum of two must nominate in Junior and Sub Junior teams

Disqualification

An angler will be disqualified if they present to the Weighmaster any fish that is not fresh, gilled or gutted. Anglers will also be disqualified if any fish presented are under the minimum length as per the Townsville Challenge Species List.

Anglers are reminded of the changes to State regulations (clipping of fins for Fin Fish species) with regard to the capture of fish within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, new minimum and maximum lengths, and the updated ANSA Rules.

Fees and Charges

The fees for competing in the Townsville Sportfishing Challenge for 2016 are as follows:

Senior Adult	\$10.00
Juniors	\$ 5.00 (10 Years old and not reached the age of 16)
Sub Junior	\$ 3.00 (hasn't reached the age of 10 years old)

Catering

The Townsville Sportfishing Club will have a Sausage Sizzle, which will be available to purchase from approximately 12:30pm, with the proceeds going to the hosting club.

Refreshments

The Townsville Saltwater Sportsman's Club will have refreshments available for sale. All proceeds **from refreshments only** will go to the hosting club.

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Nominations

Nominations are to be presented in team formation to the Committee Secretary by 8pm on the night of the **22nd October 2016** using the attached nomination form, late nominations or amendments maybewill not be accepted.

Payment of Fees

Nomination fees and raffle monies are to be paid by cheque prior to the closure of nominations on the **22nd October 2016**. All cheques are to be made payable to;

“Townsville Challenge Committee”

and addressed to the;

Townsville Challenge Committee 2016
C/- P O Box 1623
Aitkenvale Qld 4814

Raffles

The Townsville Sportfishing Challenge Committee has endeavoured to minimise the cost of competing in the Challenge this year so it is hoped that the raffles will be well supported.

This year there will be raffles tickets sold on the day for various prizes. There will be no major raffle.

Tag & Release Rules

Provision has been made for the tag and release competition to be conducted as a separate sub-section of this competition. The Townsville Challenge tagging list only, as attached, is to be used to identify those species eligible to be tagged for the competition. The rules and guidelines contained in the ANSA Tagging Manual are to apply with the following guidelines highlighted.

Fish must be captured in a manner conforming to ANSA Sportfishing rules. Line classes have no bearings on the point scoring. Scores will be as per the current Tagging Species list.

Anglers are encouraged to use a heavier breaking strain line than would be the normal practice to prevent fighting the fish to exhaustion thus increasing the fish's chance of survival.

There will be no limit to the number of fish allowed to be tagged and scored.

All captures and tagging must occur within the time limits and boundries, as nominated for the competition. For the purposes of the Tagging competition in the Townsville Challenge 2016 the tag can only be recorded under the name of the angler that caught the fish.

In order to qualify the angler must present a list of their tagged fish to the Weighmaster at the designated weigh-in point. All tagging details are to be recorded on the standard forms enclosed.

Lure Casting Competition

A lure casting competition is to be held on completion of the weigh-in. Nomination for this event will be taken at the weigh-in, so bring your **own outfit** and we will supply the lure (less hooks).

A prize will be presented to the winner.

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Awards Classification

Winchcombe Carson Shield - (Champion Club)

The highest score derived from the ten (10) highest point scoring fish weighed in per club, with a maximum of two (2) fish per any one species.

Townsville Inter - Club Sportfishing Challenge Shield – (Army Shield)

The ten (10) highest points scoring anglers for each club (Townsville clubs only).

Champion Visiting Club

Highest aggregate score. (Up to a maximum of six anglers used to calculate the score).

Champion Team

Highest point scoring team with the maximum of three (3) persons per team (two team members must weigh fish, except for junior teams).

The trophies to be awarded in the Townsville Challenge in 2016 are as follows.

Winchcombe Carson Shield	
Townsville Inter-Club Sportfishing Challenge Shield	
Champion Visiting Shield	
Highest Point Scoring Fish (Estuary)	
Highest Point Scoring Fish (Bluewater)	
Flyfishing Champion	
Tagging Champion	
Most Meritorious Capture	
Sub Junior Female Champion	Sub Junior Female Runner Up
Sub Junior Male Champion	Sub Junior Male Runner Up
Junior Female Champion	Junior Female Runner Up
Junior Male Champion	Junior Male Runner Up
Champion Junior Team	
Champion Senior Female	Senior Female Runner Up
Champion Senior Male	Senior Male Runner Up
Champion Senior Female Team	
Champion Senior Male Team	

Liability

The committee does not accept liability for the insurance cover of any participants, competitors or other persons or property involved or associated in any way with the Townsville Sportfishing Challenge 2016. All such persons are totally responsible for their own insurance or liability cover of any kind, which covers themselves, their property or equipment.

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Conclusion

The Townsville Sportfishing Challenge has, over the years, developed into one of the North's premier Sportfishing events. The **Thirty Sixth** Challenge is developing into an event that will hopefully be hotly contested and will install in all competitors the desire to compete in future challenges to come as it can only improve with time. Remember the focus of Sport, Conservation and Integrity.

The committee wishes all competitors the very best and looks forward to seeing a wide representation from all invited clubs.

"Tight Lines"

Townsville Sportfishing Challenge Committee 2016