

# TOWNSVILLE SPORTFISHING CHALLENGE

## North Queensland



### Challenge Brief 2017

#### Introduction

The 37<sup>th</sup> Townsville Sportfishing Challenge is to be held in the Townsville district waters on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2017.

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 2017 is operated over a three day period. Fishing commences at 6:00p.m. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and ceases at 12 Noon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

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 (a venue to be advised) 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.

It is expected the presentation will commence at approximately 3.00 – 3.30pm on the Sunday afternoon or sooner if able however 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 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2017		Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2017		Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	
Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time
2.28m	05:01am	0.88m	00:08am	0.71m	00:49am
0.98m	10:54am	2.53m	05:51am	2.74m	06:28am
3.21m	17:20pm	0.82m	11:51am	0.71m	12:37pm
		3.37m	18:02pm	3.45m	18:38pm

#### Rules

1. The rules for the 2017 Challenge are in line with the rules applicable to Divisions 1, 2 & 3 of ANSA QLD Handbook March 2012 (12<sup>th</sup> 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)

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.

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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 2017 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)

#### Nominations

Nominations are to be presented in team formation to the Committee Secretary by 8pm on the night of the **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017** using the attached nomination form, therefore unfortunately late nominations or amendments will 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 **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**. All cheques are to be made payable to;

“Townsville Sportfishing Challenge”

and addressed to the;

Townsville Challenge Committee 2017  
C/- P O Box 1623  
Aitkenvale Qld 4814

#### Catering and Refreshments

The Townsville Saltwater Sportsman's Club will have food and refreshments for sale from approximately 12:30pm. All proceeds will be going to the hosting club.

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#### **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. Tickets will be on sale at the weigh-in.

#### **Tag & Release Rules**

Provision has been made for the tag and release competition to be conducted as a separate subsection 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 boundaries, as nominated for the competition. For the purposes of the Tagging competition in the Townsville Challenge 2017 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.

#### **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).

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The trophies to be awarded in the Townsville Challenge in 2017 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 2017. All such persons are totally responsible for their own insurance or liability cover of any kind, which covers themselves, their property or equipment.

#### Conclusion

The Townsville Sportfishing Challenge has, over the years, developed into one of the North's premier Sportfishing events. The **Thirty Seventh** 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"

*President*  
**Townsville Sportfishing Challenge 2017**

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**Eligible Species List 2017**

SPECIES COMMON NAME	SPECIES SCIENTIFIC NAME	LENGTH Min - Max	FACTOR	BAG LIMIT
Archer Fish (Rifle)	<i>Toxotes spp</i>	18	1	
Barracuda, Great Slender (pickhandle)	<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i> <i>Sphyraena spp</i>	55	0.9	
Barramundi (excluding impoundments)	<i>Lates calcarifer</i>	58 - 120	1.5	5
Bass, Sand	<i>Psammoperca waigiensis</i>	30	0.8	
Bass, Australian	<i>Macquaria colonorum</i>	30	1.5	2
Batfish	<i>Platax spp</i>	28	1.3	
Bonefish	<i>Albula argentea</i>	30	2.0	
Bonito	ALL SPECIES	40	1.5	
Bream, Pikey/Yellowfin	<i>Acanthopagrus spp.</i>	28	1.2	30 (combined limit with tarwhine effective 2010)
Bream, Bony	ALL SPECIES	25	0.5	
Bullrout	<i>Notesthes robusta</i>	25	1.0	
Cobia	<i>Rechycentron canadum</i>	75	1.5	2
Cod, Camouflage	<i>Epinephelus polyphkadion</i>	50/70	1.5	Combined limit of 5 in total of all Cod and Gropers
Cod, Coral *	<i>Cephalopholis miniatus</i>	35	1.5	
Cod, Greasy	<i>Epinephelus tauvina</i>	38 - 100	1.5	
Cod, Gold Spot	<i>E.coloides</i>	38 - 120	1.5	
Cod, Black Spot	<i>E.malabaricus</i>	38 - 120	1.5	
Cod, Flowery *	<i>Epinephelus fuscoguttatus</i>	50 - 70	1.5	
Cod, Maori Rock *	<i>Epinephelus undulatostratus</i>	45	1.5	
Cod, Saddled (Black Rock) *	<i>Epinephelus damelli</i>	50 - 100	0.8	
Cod, Sleepy	<i>Oxyeleotris lineolatus</i>	30	0.8	
Dart, Snub nosed	<i>Trachinotus blochi</i>	35	2.0	
Dart, Swallow Tail	<i>T. coppingeri</i>	35	1.5	30
Dart	ALL OTHER	35	1.5	
Dolphin Fish	ALL SPECIES	60	1.5	5
Emperor, Long Nosed	<i>Lethrimus olivacea</i>	38	1.4	5
Emperor, Red *	<i>Lutjanus sebae</i>	55	1.4	5
Emperor, Spangled *	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>	45	1.4	5
Emperor, Sweet Lip *	<i>Lethrinus chrysostomos</i>	38	1.4	8
Emperor, Red Throat *	<i>Lethrinus miniatus</i>	38	1.4	8
Emperor, Others *	<i>Lethrinus spp.</i>	30	1.4	
Flathead, Bar Tailed	<i>Platycephalus indicus</i>	30	1.0	5
Flathead, Dusky	<i>Platycephalus fuscus</i>	40 - 75	1.0	5
Flathead	OTHER SPECIES	30	1.0	5
Flounder	ALL SPECIES	20	1.2	

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Groper (Blue, Red) *	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	38	1.5	
Grunter, Barcoo	<i>Scortum barcoo</i>	30	1.6	5 in total Welch's/ Barcoo/ & Silver perch
Grunter, Welch's	<i>Bidyanus welchi</i>	30	1.6	
Grunter, Silver Perch	<i>Bidyanus bidyanus</i>	30	1.2	
Grunter, Khaki	<i>Hephaestus tulliensis</i>	28	1.6	10 in total
Grunter, Sooty	ALL SPECIES			
Gurnard	ALL SPECIES	25	0.5	
Hairtail	<i>Trichiurus savala</i>	40	0.8	
Halibut, Qld	<i>Psettodes erumei</i>	20	1.2	
Herring, Giant	<i>Elops australis</i>	35	2	
Herring, Wolf	<i>Chirocentrus dorab</i>	75	0.8	10
Hussar *	<i>Lutjanus amabilis</i>	30	1.4	10
Javelin, Spotted	<i>Pomadasys sp.</i>	40	1.2	10
Javelin, Small Spotted	<i>Pomadasys sp.</i>	30	1.2	
Jewfish, Black Spotted	<i>Protonibnea diacanthus</i>	75	1.0	2
Jewfish, Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus, japonicus</i>	75	1.0	2
Jewfish, Silver	<i>Nibea soldado</i>	45	1.0	
Job fish, Rosy *	<i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i>	38	1.5	8
Job fish, other *	All species	38	0.8	5
John Dory	<i>Zeus faber</i>	30	0.8	
Kingfish, Black banded	<i>Seriolina nigrofasciata</i>	45	1.5	
Kingfish, Yellowtail	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	60	1.5	2
Leather Jacket	ALL SPECIES	25	0.5	
Long Tom	ALL SPECIES	45	1.2	
Mackerel, Horse	<i>Trachurus declivis</i>	25	1.0	
Mackerel, Narrow Barred	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	75	1.0	10
Mackerel, Qld School	<i>Scomberomorus queenslandicus</i>	50	1.0	10
Mackerel, Grey	<i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>	60	1.0	5
Mackerel, Shark	<i>Gramma (orcyma spp.)</i>	50	1.0	10
Mackerel, Spotted	<i>Scomberomoryus mainrol</i>	60	1.0	5
Mangrove Jack	<i>Lutjanus Argentimaculatus</i>	35	2.0	5
Marlin	ALL SPECIES	100	1.2	
Milk Fish	<i>Chanos chanos</i>	30	2.0	
Morwong, Grey	<i>Nemadactylus douglastii</i>	30	0.8	
Morwong, Red	<i>Cheilodactylus fuscus</i>	30	0.8	
Mullet	ALL SPECIES	30	1.0	20
Ox Eyed Herring (Tarpon)	<i>Megalops cyprinoides</i>	30	2.0	
Parrot Fish *	ALL SPECIES	30	1.0	5 per species
Perch, Golden (Yellowbelly)	<i>Plectroplites ambiguus</i>	30	1.0	10
Perch, Pearl	<i>Glaucosoma scapulare</i>	35	1.0	5
Perch, Silver (see Javelin)				
Perch, Spangled	<i>Leiopotherapon unicolor</i>	18	1.0	
Pomfret, Black	<i>Parastromateus niger</i>	28	1.3	
Queenfish	<i>Scomberoides commersonianus</i>	50	1.5	5
Queenfish (Leatherskin)	OTHER SPECIES	45	1.5	

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Rainbow Runner	<i>Elagatis bipinnulatus</i>	45	1.5	
Sailfish	<i>Istiophorus orientalis</i>	100	1.3	
Salmon, Australian	<i>Arripis trutta</i>	40	1.2	
Salmon, Beach	<i>Leptobrama mulleri</i>	25	1.0	
Salmon, Threadfin King	<i>Polydactylus macrochir</i>	60	1.9	5
Salmon, Threadfin Blue	<i>Eleutheronema tetradactylum</i>	40	1.9	10
Samson Fish	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	45	1.5	Combined bag limit of 2 for Amberjack & Samson
Saratoga	<i>Scleropages sp.</i>	50	1.4	1
Saw Fish	ALL SPECIES	90	0.5	
Scad, Mackerel	<i>Decapterus russellii</i>	35	1.0	
Scad, Finney	<i>Megalaspis cordyla</i>	35	1.0	
Sea Pike, Striped	<i>Sphyraena obtusata</i>	30	0.6	
Seageant Baker	<i>Aulopus purpurissatus</i>	25	1.0	
Sickle Fish	<i>Drepane punctata</i>	28	1.3	
Snapper	<i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>	35	1.0	5
Snapper, Flame	<i>Etelis coruscans</i>	38	1.0	5
Snapper, Gold band	<i>Pristipomoides multidens</i> <i>Pristipomoides typus</i>	38	1.0	5
Snapper, Golden	<i>Lutjanus johnii</i>	40	1.8	5
Snapper, Crimson (small mouth)	<i>Lutjanus erythrpterus</i>	40	1.4	9 in total
Snapper, Saddle tail (large mouth)	<i>Lutjanus malabaricus</i>	40	1.4	
Snapper, Long spined	<i>Argyrops spinifer</i>	30	1.0	
Snapper, Moses	<i>Lutjanus russeli</i>	30	1.4	
Snapper, Ruby	<i>Etelis carbunculus</i>	38	1.4	5
Snapper, Stripey	<i>Lutjanus carponotatus</i>	30	1.4	
Snapper, Others	<i>Lutjanus sp.</i>	30	1.4	10
Sole	ALL SPECIES	20	1.2	
Sucker Fish (remora)	ALL SPECIES	45	0.8	
Sweetlip, Grass (redfined)	<i>Lethrinis fletus</i>	30	1.4	10
Sweetlips, All*	<i>Plectorhynchus sp.</i>	30	1.4	
Sword Fish, Broadbill	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	100	2.2	
Tailor	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	30	1.0	20
Tarwhine	<i>Rhabdosargus sarba</i>	28	1.2	30 (combined limit with bream effect March 2010)
Teraglin	<i>Atractoscion aequidens</i>	45	0.8	10
Teraglin, Silver	<i>Otilithes argenteus</i>	30	0.8	
Trevally	ALL SPECIES	35	1.5	20
Triple Tail (Jumping Cod)	<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	35	1.8	
Trout, Barcheeked*	<i>Plectropomus maculatus</i>	38	1.5	7 in total of

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Trout, Blue Spot (chinese) *	<i>Plectropomus laevis</i>	50min/80max	1.5	all species
Trout, Coral*	<i>Plectropoma spp.</i>	38	1.5	
Trout , Coronation *	<i>Variola louti</i>	38	1.5	
Tuna, All	<i>ALL SPECIES</i>	40	1.5	
Tusk Fish, Venus *	<i>Choerodon venustus</i>	30	1.4	6 in total of all species
Tusk Fish, Black Spot*	<i>Choerodon schoenleinii</i>	30	1.4	
Tusk Fish ,Purple *	<i>Choerodon cephalotes</i>	30	1.4	
Tusk Fish *	<i>OTHER SPECIES</i>	30	1.0	
Wahoo	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	75	1.3	2
Whiting, Sand		23	1.3	
Whiting, Trumpeter (winter)				50
Whiting	<i>OTHER SPECIES</i>	23	1.3	
Wrasse *	<i>ALL SPECIES</i>	30	1.0	

Note: Species no longer eligible or no take species have been removed from this list, this includes all Skin fish, Sharks and Rays for the purposes of the Townsville Challenge only.

All State regulations are to be read in conjunction with this list to ensure the accuracy of the legal lengths.

Those species with an \* are to have their fins clipped to be eligible for weigh in, (if applicable.)

*President*  
*Townsville Sportfishing Challenge Committee 2017*

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**Team Results Sheet 2017**

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Team No \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

	Code	Species	Length in mm	Weight	Line	Factor	Points	Lure or Fly	Bluewater or Estuary
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									

Team Member \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

	Code	Species	Length in mm	Weight	Line	Factor	Points	Lure or Fly	Bluewater or Estuary
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Team Member \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

	Code	Species	Length in mm	Weight	Line	Factor	Points	Lure or Fly	Bluewater or Estuary
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2									
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4									
5									

**Team Total Points** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TAGGING FORM 2017**

FULL NAME	CLUB			
SPECIES COMMON NAME	POINTS	Minimum Length	Number Tagged	Score
Barramundi	3	200		
Bream, Pikey	3	200		
Bream, Yellow Fin	2	200		
Cod, Gold Spot	3	200		
Cod, Black Spot	3	200		
Emperor, Red	6	200		
Emperor, Spangled	6	200		
Flathead, Dusky	2	200		
Grunter, Sooty	2	200		
Grunter, Bream, Spotted	2	200		
Grunter, Bream, Small Spotted	4	200		
Mackerel, Narrow Barred	2	250		
Mackerel, Qld School	2	200		
Mackerel, Spotted	2	250		
Mackerel, Grey	2	200		
Mangrove Jack	6	200		
Queenfish	4	300		
Snapper	3	200		
Snapper, Golden	6	200		
Snapper, Crimson Small Mouth	6	200		
Snapper, Saddle Tail Large Mouth	6	200		
Sweetlip, Grassy	4	200		
Threadfin, King	3	300		
Threadfin, Blue	3	300		
Trevally, Big Eye	4	300		
Trevally, Giant	3	200		
Trout, Bar Cheeked	3	300		
Trout, Blue Spot	3	300		
Trout, Coral	3	300		
Whiting, Sand	2	200		

<b>Total Score</b>	
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