

BUNDABERG SPORTFISHING CLUB INCORPORATED.

BY - LAWS AND FISHING RULES.

The following shall be the By - laws and Fishing Rules of the Bundaberg Sportfishing Club Incorporated and the Bundaberg Fishstocking Committee.

1. COURTESY.

At all times, members of this Club shall offer to members of the public, members of other fishing and Sportfishing clubs, and to fellow members, the courtesy of assistance to persons seeking information of fishing locations, conditions, species available, fishing methods and or bait etc.

2. FISHING RULES

[a] The Club shall at all times adopt the rules laid down by ANSA. [Australian National Sportfishing Association.]

[b] Differences or difficulties in interpretation shall be resolved by Management Committee in consultation with the State or National Executive.

[c] In matters concerning the rules where no clear interpretation is given by the State or National Executive the Management Committee shall provide an interpretation.

[d] All alterations or interpretations of the fishing rules are to be presented to the Members at the first meeting following the alterations or interpretation, for approval.

3. STATE FISHING REGULATIONS.

[a] Members shall at all times adhere to the fishing regulations of whatever State of Australia in which they are fishing.

[b] Queensland State Fisheries legal lengths are accepted for all club outings. Any fish not covered by State Fisheries Act shall be a minimum length of **30** cms.

4. WEIGHMASTER SCALES.

[a] The Club shall at all times provide at least one set of scales as per ANSA regulations.

[b] The scales shall be placed in such a location so as to achieve maximum availability for Members to use.

[c] Persons elected as keepers of the scales shall be termed "WEIGHMASTERS" and such persons shall have the final say as to the correct reading of the scales.

[d] The weighmaster may appoint a proxy to act in his/her place during time of absence.

[e] Club Members wishing to use the club scales for a period in excess of two days for record weighing purposes only, at locations where no scales are available, must apply to the Club Committee or President with a written request for same.

Further approval must be obtained from the Weighmaster who will appoint an approved person as a Proxy Weighmaster for the said period as in accordance with Club Rules.

[f] New Members are not eligible for the use of club scales until a period of twelve months membership has elapsed. Any variance with this rule will be at the discretion of the Club Management Committee and the Weighmaster.

5. MEMBERS PERSONAL SCALES.

[a] Members shall be permitted to weigh fish for Masters claims, Club Record claims, or Club Awards {excepting club competitions} on personally owned scales.

[b] Such scales are to be of good quality with a minimum standard of SALTER black plastic tube scales. Such scales are to be approved by the Weighmaster and the Committee, and checked against the club's certified scales before use, and as required by the weighmaster.

[c] Members personal scales are to be checked each twelve months in October, or at anytime for new members. Records of compliance with this rule are to be kept by the Weighmaster.

[d] As per ANSA rule 8 {c} all fish must be weighed by a person other than the angler. Scales must be read to the previous whole graduation.

[e] For identification purposes, all claims for Trevally must be weighed by the Club Weighmaster. Fish weighed on personal scales are to be submitted for ratification by a competent authority before claims will be accepted.

6. CAPTURE CERTIFICATES.

[a] The Club Members shall use capture and recording certificates as formulated by the Club. Such certificates are in duplicate, the original being retained by the Club for club purposes and the duplicate being retained by the Members for their records.

[b] Capture certificates shall be signed by the Weighmaster, a witness to the weighing, the angler and where possible, a witness to the capture.

[c] All captures must be recorded as weighed.

7. COMPETITIONS.

[a] During any competition, no Member shall weigh in any more than five captures nor any more than two fish of any species.

[b] All fish captures during local competitions may be weighed whole. An additional allowance of 10% shall be allowed for fish weighed in gilled and gutted.

[c] All fish for competition purposes must be presented for weighing at official weigh-in and weights recorded at this weigh-in will be recorded weight for competition points.

[d] Fish eligible for Club and National Records may be weighed prior to competition weigh-in for record claims only.

[e] Rules adopted by ANSA for State Titles will be adhered to.

[f] The following rule is void from September 2004, to be reviewed July 2005
"The factor for Catfish: - Blue weighed in at club competition level only, will be 0.5 and will also apply for Club Championship."
This rule does not apply to State Titles or Masters Claims. This rule is to be reviewed each year.

[g] Rules of competitions between clubs shall be decided by mutual agreement.

[h] Members shall be given at least one month notice of forthcoming competitions and shall be notified by any means considered necessary by the Management Committee. A closing date and official weigh-in time shall be stipulated.

[i] In the event of Inter-city competitions organised by the Bundaberg Sportfishing Club, all nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary by the official closing dates. No late nominations to be accepted unless at the discretion of the Management Committee who may vary the above should extenuating circumstances prevail. [This is in accordance with Clause 6a and 6b of the constitution.] This information must be printed on all nomination forms.

[j] A length and weight ratio chart will be adopted as an option for point calculation in all ANSA Qld. and club competitions.

8. COMPLAINTS AND RULE INFRINGEMENTS.

[a] Should the occasion arise where a Member wishes to lodge a complaint against another Member for infringement of the rules, the complainant must lodge the complaint in writing with the Secretary no later than seven [7] days after the fact. The complainant should be prepared to stand before the committee and produce evidence.

[b] No complaints based on hearsay shall be heard by the Management Committee.

9. CLEANING OF FISH REFUSE.

No Member shall clean or discard any fish or bait on any public swimming beach or boat ramp or wharf where it may cause any hurt or discomfort to any person, Fish cleanings or other degradable refuse shall be dumped in deep water or buried.

10. RECORD CHARTS.

[a] All captures submitted for local Records must conform with the fishing rules and the requirements for local Records as laid down by the Management Committee.

[b] All captures submitted for Australian and Local Record claims must conform with the requirements of ANSA, and all claims must be submitted to the Secretary within 14 days of capture to ensure a valid claim.

[c] Captures submitted for local or Australian Records must be ratified by the Committee before any further action is taken on the claim.

[d] A Club Record Chart is to be kept in all fishing divisions as recognised by ANSA. Both Junior and Senior records will be kept in all divisions.

[e] Club Record Charts will be prepared at the end of the months of December and June each year. These Charts will be incorporated in the End Of Year Report.

- [f] Line classes for the chart are to conform with those laid down by ANSA.
- [g] Claims for Records must exceed 100 points before they will be considered, except in the case of Juniors where claims must exceed 80 points.
- [h] Claims submitted to break existing Records will only be considered if the paralleled requirements for Australian Records are met. If the claim does not exceed the existing Record by the required amount then it is considered as a tie and will be recorded at the weight of the original claim.
- [i] For captures weighed outside weigh stations, it is the responsibility of the weigh station to record the weight and species on the capture sheet. The point score shall be determined by the Club's official Weighmaster.
- [j] Identification of species. If doubt arises as to the correct identification of the species, assistance shall be obtained from the Club's official Weighmaster or other recognised authority.
- [k] The Weighmaster has the right to refuse for weighing any capture unless the necessary details have been completed on the capture sheet.

11. FISHING LINE.

- [a] Non pre-tested line can be used in club competitions as long as a State or National record is not being claimed.
- [b] If the angler has the line independently tested, non pre-tested line can be used to claim state or national records.

12. MASTERS CLAIMS.

- [a] For Masters Claims, the angler must specify which fish of each species the angler requests to be credited to the Masters claim. This must be done at the time of lodgement of capture sheets.
- [b] A Registry of captures by Members towards their Masters is to be maintained by the Recording Officer
- [c] On a Member attaining the required number of species to complete his/her Masters, the Secretary shall be notified within 30 days so that a claim may be lodged on behalf of the Member.

13. MEMBERSHIP.

- [a] Full facilities will be extended to new Members waiting one month for membership approval.
- [b] Captures of new members weighed in during the waiting period, will be held in abeyance and accredited on acceptance to membership of the Club in accordance with Clause 3[a] [b] and [c] of the Constitution.
- [c] The Membership fees for the ensuing year, re Clause 3[a] of the Constitution, shall be determined two months prior to the end of the Club year.
- [d] In the event of a capture from an unfinancial person, the capture as weighed and recorded will be held in abeyance until all dues or otherwise are paid in full to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.

14. CLUB BADGES.

[a] The first 250 point badge attained by a Member will be awarded by the Club. This applies to captures from 1983 onwards.

[b] A Club Member may be eligible for further badges at additional cost.

15. TROPHIES.

[a] Perpetual trophies remain the property of the Club, and are to be returned to the Club prior to the annual meeting each year.

[b] The receiver is presented with a personal trophy to retain.

[c] The Annual Grand Master trophy shall be given to the member with the most species captured over the year, with a point score of **100** points or more. In the instance of a tie, the Grand Master is to be decided by the highest total point score of eligible species.

Consideration is to be given to sportsmanship and the ideals of ANSA in determining this award.

16. ALTERATION TO CLUB RULES.

Any alteration to the Club Rules shall be submitted in writing to the Management Committee, and be available to members and read at two consecutive club meetings without discussion. On the third club meeting, there will be five minutes spoken for, then five minutes spoken against the motion. The choice of reply by the proposer can be then claimed. At this time the motion will be voted on to be carried or defeated.