

FISHING COMPETITION RULES FOR 2009 SEASON

1. Fishing competitions conducted as per calendar commencing in December and terminating in November. Competitions will be run on the first Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted in the 2009 fishing calendar.
2. Automatic postponement unless 5 **boats** have entered comp by 1000hrs on the day. Comps will be re-run the same day the following weekend.
3. Other discretionary comps may be held through the season but **do not count for end of season prizes or points**. Examples of this are the Family Day Comp and the Offshore Classic
4. All participants must be financial members or guests of financial members of the B.D.P.B.C. (Inc). **All participating members must be financial no later than the last day of December to qualify for end of year prizes** and all juniors to be under the age of 16 years prior to and at the start of the season and be accompanied by a senior club member. No guest or single social member may participate in more than 3 comps in a season and are not entitled to claim end of year prizes. Any boat carrying as crew an ineligible member is also ineligible for that Competition.
5. Entry form and correct fee must be lodged at the Club by the boat skipper prior to departure. Form must show the following information:
 - a) Name of skipper
 - b) Male, Female or Junior
 - c) Indication of crew status, i.e. Full member, Full Social member, single social member or guest.Envelope must be accurate and legible, incorrect information could disqualify the boat. **All fees are to be paid prior to the presentation. Any fees outstanding for the boat will lead to disqualification of the entire crew.**
FEES: \$5.00 per Adult – Juniors free.
6. Fishing competition judging will be under the control of the Fishing Committee. Any disputes or objections concerning a competition must be lodged within 10 minutes of the closure of weigh-in on the day concerned. Disputed fish will be held by the recorders. A disputes committee of no less than 3, preferably 5 will then be formed to adjudicate. The dispute shall be finalised before presentation on that same day. The disputes committee will consist of at least 2 Fishing Committee members with the balance being made up of the General Committee if needed.
7. SAFETY: The safety officer of the club, or an officially appointed deputy, will be present at the commencement of all comps. He or she has the right to cancel the competition due to inclement weather or for any other reason that concerns the safety of the boats at or going to sea. If the Safety officer or deputy is not present, a Flag officer will undertake safety duties on the day. If the competition is cancelled prior to 1000hrs, **a weigh-in will not be held**. Should such a situation arise, 6FN Base will put out a general broadcast and advise all boats as to the procedure to adopt. Returning boats are to advise any other boats in their vicinity and to help in the safe return of said boats.
8. The Safety officer may inspect any or all boats in a comp to ensure the maritime regulations are being adhered to. The Safety officer has the right to refuse any boat permission to enter a comp if it is not properly equipped or unsafe to do so.
9. **Starting time for competition will be 0700hrs unless noted otherwise by your committee. All competitions start at the raising of the Club pennant and all boats entering the competition must nominate by 1000hrs on the day. Weigh-in is between the hours of 1530hrs & 1600hrs. Competition closes at 1600hrs Lowering of the Club Pennant. All boats and crew travelling to their destination by road must leave from the B.D.P.B.C. car park after start time; similarly all boats leaving from the club ramp are not to enter the flood gate channel until after start time. Failure to comply with this rule will result in immediate disqualification. All entrants wishing to weigh in there catch must be on the grassed area in front of the weigh station with their catch before the competition close time.**
10. All fish must be caught from a boat, by hand line, rod & reel and comply with the latest fisheries regulations.
11. **All fish in all competitions can be weighed in whole, or gilled and gutted.**
12. **CLUB RECORDS:** Club records can be claimed at any time including outside a competition. All club records must weigh-in at the B.D.P.B.C. by the club **Weigh master** or a member of the **Fishing or General committee** with at least **1 independent witness**. The person catching the fish or a crew member of the boat may not act as the weigh master or as a witness. Competition record claimants must be financial members or competitors in that days comp and abide by all club and comp rules.
NOTE: Single social members or guests cannot claim records
13. Individual fish claimed for a club record may initially be weighed in whole, then as in rule 11, for inclusion in the competition.
NOTE: Any fish offal left within 400mtrs of the club premises will be automatic disqualification of that boat and its crew.
14. **LIMITATIONS:** Fish not accepted for weigh-in

- a) Any protected species
- b) Any member of the Ray family
- c) Any Gurnard
- d) Any member of the Toadfish or Blowfish family
- e) Estuary trumpeter or grunter
- f) Port Jackson, Dogshark and Wobbygong
- g) Any member of the Squid family
- h) Western Blue Devil

15. **All competitors** weighing in for the competition must return to the weigh-in point by the nominated time and must notify **6FN base station** of their safe return. Boats under tow will have consideration for an extension to the weigh in time. Boats under own power shall not be granted an extension to the weigh in time. Any other extension of time shall be at the **discretion of the Fishing Committee. Any boat that is late for the weigh in due to tow assistance more than once in the season for a re-occurring problem may have their catch disqualified; this will be at the discretion of the Fishing Committee.**
16. **Skipper** to weigh-in first, followed by crew members, e.g. one boats weigh-in to be completed before the next boats weigh-in commences.
17. **PRIZES:** The following prizes will be awarded during the fishing season. (The prize will be cash or voucher). **Each Angler** can weigh-in **one only of each species listed below.**

Heaviest Dhufish	\$35.00	Heaviest Whiting	\$35.00
Heaviest Breaksea Cod	\$35.00	Heaviest Skippy	\$35.00
Heaviest Pink Snapper	\$35.00	Heaviest Flathead	\$35.00
Heaviest Queen Snapper	\$35.00	Ladies Heaviest Fish	\$35.00
Heaviest Shark	\$35.00	Jnrs Heaviest Fish	\$35.00
Heaviest Tailor	\$35.00	Mystery Fish	\$35.00
Heaviest King George		Mystery Boat	Voucher
Whiting	\$35.00	Radio Prize	Voucher

The Ladies and Juniors heaviest and Mystery fish will be of the above listed species. A junior angler will be entitled to only collect one prize for the day. If a junior catches the heaviest of a species for that day then the junior shall receive the \$35 open prize only. Juniors shall be entitled to the end of year prizes. **To be eligible for any prize in a normal club comp a member of the boats crew must be in the clubhouse on the night of the draw to collect the prize. If any of the boats crew are not in the clubhouse on the night (between 1900hrs-2100hrs) to collect the prize then that prize will jackpot to the next Competition.**

If a species is not caught on the day, then the prize will JACKPOT to a maximum of \$140.00 for that same species at the next Club competition.

If a Competition is cancelled, all prize monies will be re-banked into the club account.

NOTE: (COMPS) Mystery prize winners must be in the clubhouse at the time of the draw.

18. ALL COMPETITORS PARTICIPATING IN ANY COMPETITION ORGANISE BY THE B.D.P.B.C. (Inc) DO SO ENTIRLEY AT THEIR OWN RISK AND THE B.D.P.B.C.(Inc) WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY ANY COMPETITOR TO HIS OR HER PERSON OR EFFECTS.
19. The B.D.P.B.C. holds competitions to generate good fellowship between anglers and asks that all participants keep this in mind and conduct themselves with-in the guide lines laid down.
20. All anglers are reminded that even though only the Heaviest of each nominated species caught will be weighed in, they must adhere to the current West Aust fishing Regulations regarding bag size and limits and rules. Any boat found to be in breach of those regulations may suffer automatic disqualification of entire boat catch.
21. On competition day, the Weigh Master will accept for weigh-in any species of fish over and above those listed for competition prizes if it is considered that the fish qualifies for a **Club Record.** (The fish must be weighed in whole)
22. Random fish testing will occur at weigh-ins.

TO QUALIFY FOR END OF SEASON PRIZES, YOU MUST FISH IN NO LESS THAN 4 CLUB COMPETITIONS

The weigh masters official book of reference for all competitions and club records will be "The Marine and Estuarine Fishes of South Western Australia"