



MANGLES BAY FISHING CLUB INC.

GENERAL FISHING COMPETITION RULES (2024 SEASON)

1. COMPETITION DATES

- (A) Competitions will be run as per the fixture sheet. As posted and circulated to members or as available from the fishing committee.
- (B) If a general fishing event is postponed due to unforeseen circumstances it will be held seven (7) days later. If inappropriate due to other events being scheduled the fishing committee will allocate another date and time and if it is then cancelled, all prizes will be then transferred to another competition.
- (C) Special/other events do not automatically move to the next weekend if cancelled. These events may or may not be rescheduled in such circumstances.
- (D) The minimum number of boats in any general competition will be five (5). Any less than five (5) will cancel that competition.
- (E) Official start times will be 0500am from January to May, and 0600am from June to October. All competitors must sign the log off book by 3.00pm, this is separate to logging off with Marine Rescue Rockingham. Entry envelopes are to be placed in the entry letterbox located on the eastern wall of club premises, on the morning of the fishing competition. (No entries will be accepted prior to the official start time of a fishing comp) Skipper or deckhand must present entry form prior to leaving designated ramp.**
- (F) Non Demersal competitions will run on the first weekend of the specified months, with the best weather day selected advised Friday. If canceled due to bad weather competition will be postponed till following month.**

2. FISHING VENUES

- (A) All skippers and crew are to log-on at MBFC Inc., by means of filling the entry envelope and placing it in the competition letterbox on the east wall of the clubhouse, and skippers are to log-off in the fishing book on return by 1500 hours.
- (B) The venue is under the control of the fishing committee, or the person elected to do that duty. The decision of this person is final.
- (C) All boats competing must carry safety equipment as required by the department of transport, have valid registration and must be in a sea worthy condition prior to putting to sea.
- (D) The fishing committee may inspect any competing boat putting to sea and has the right to refuse any boat permission to enter the competition if not properly equipped, unseaworthy or overloaded.
- (E) The fishing committee has the right to cancel the event at any time due to inclement weather etc. Should such a situation arise the weigh master will announce the cancellation. If the competition is cancelled two hours after start time, it will be deemed to have been held and any fish caught up to that time may be weighed in to contest the prizes for the day. If the competition is cancelled prior to the two hours it shall be postponed or cancelled at the weigh masters discretion.

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3. COMPETITIONS

- (A) At least one competitor must be a financial member of the MBFC Inc. A senior financial member must accompany all junior competitors. No competitor will be allowed to fish proceeding competitions until all existing dues and fees are paid in full.
- (B) Any fish caught by a visitor cannot compete for points on that day but may weigh-in and will be eligible for prizes on the competition day.
- (C) All skippers must complete the necessary form / envelope and pay entry fee's prior to putting to sea. The form must be filled in correctly stating the **full name of each crew member on board**. All skippers are to put their name and boat number on the form prior to departure. It is mandatory that all skippers are to log in with Marine Rescue Rockingham, via VHF channel 16/72 or 27 mhz 88/90. Any skipper not completing the entry form correctly or not placing entry envelope in the letterbox prior to departure will have that boat and crew disqualified from that day's event.
- (D) All fish must be caught from a boat, jetski or kayak by a handline or rod and reel, fish caught by any other means (netted, set-line, marker buoy etc.) will not be accepted.
- (E) Only one of each of the fifteen **(15)** or Eight **(8)** listed species may be weighed in, per competitor.
- (F) The reference books for the fishing committee are;
 “THE MARINE FISHES OF NORTH-WESTERN AUSTRALIA” and
 “SEA FISHES OF SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA”
 By Barry Hutchinson, Roger Swainstone And Gerald R. Allen

- (G) **MBFC Inc. official fifteen (15) listed point scoring species:**
 GENERAL COMPETITION

1. Dhufish
2. Pink Snapper
3. King George Whiting
4. Red Snapper (excluding swallowtail & yellow eye)
5. Baldchin Groper
6. Queen Snapper
7. Breaksea Cod
8. Sand Whiting
9. Flathead
10. Skipjack
11. Herring
12. Squid
13. Tailor
14. Game Fish (All Tuna, all Bill fish, Spanish Mackerel, Shark Mackerel, Wahoo, Dolphin fish only)
15. Deep Sea Demersal (Grey Banded Cod, Blue Eye Trevalla, Hapuku and Bass Grouper. only)

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MINIMUM SIZE

In the interest of a healthy competition MBFC has a minimum size limit required to weigh in below species:

MBFC minimum size for Dhufish 50cm

MBFC minimum size Baldchin Grouper 40cm

MBFC minimum size Pink Snapper 50cm

MBFC minimum size Breaksea cod 30cm

- (H) Types of fish not accepted:
1. Port Jackson Shark
 2. Sea Carp
 3. Any member of the Eel family
 4. Gurnard or Scorpion Fish
 5. Rays (including Shovel Nose)
 6. Sharks
 7. Slimy and Scaly Mackerel
 8. Any member of the Wrasse family
 9. **Salmon**- unless specified in special event
- (I) Prizes for the day will be one of the fifteen **(15)** Or Eight **(8)** listed species.
- (J) Skipper's trophies: the heaviest of each species caught on that boat will be counted towards the skippers total points, this will then accumulate until the end of the fishing year, as per the point scoring system.
- (K) Individual trophies: the total aggregate of points accumulated will be awarded to the individual of the day, this will then accumulate until the end of the fishing year, as per the point scoring system.
- (L) Start and finish times will be as determined by the competition rules.

MBFC Inc. official eight (8) listed point scoring species:

Non Demersal Competitions Species

1. King George Whiting
2. Sand Whiting
3. Flathead
4. Skipjack
5. Herring
6. Squid
7. Tailor

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8. Game Fish (All Tuna, all Bill fish, Spanish Mackerel, Shark Mackerel, Wahoo, Dolphin Fish only)

4. WEIGH IN

- (A) Fish must be at the weigh in point prior to 3.30pm. Times shall be set by the club's official clock. Any fish presented after the closing time will not be accepted, (must be at the weigh in by 3.30pm) the only exception to this rule will be where a boat is delayed through having to assist or accompany a disabled or distressed boat. The accompanying boat only shall be entitled to weigh in. A one-hour limit after finishing time and must notify the fishing committee if possible.
- (B) All fish weighed in must comply with the department of fisheries size and bag limits, and or MBFC minimum size. Also a minimum size of 200mm (20cm) for fish not listed in the department of fisheries rules.
- (C) Any competitor found to have any under size fish or exceeded prescribed fisheries WA bag limits for weigh in will have all fishers on that boats catch disqualified.
- (D) All competitors must present their fish to the weigh master for weighing in the plastic tubs provided at the weigh station. Only one of each fish species is to be placed in a tub at any time.
- (E) Competitors may be eligible to win the heaviest fish overall, 2nd heaviest fish overall, skippers prize and only one of the 15 Or 8 species listed for heaviest fish prize in a competition. Your points will still be accumulated towards the end of year tally. All fish weighed in of the fifteen (15) Or Eight (8) listed species count towards the yearly aggregated points trophies for the largest fish of individual species for the year. (e.g., Largest pink snapper for the year). Fish may be weighed in whole or gutted.
- (F) No fish other than the listed species may be weighed in, except for fish that are being weighed in for MBFC Inc., state or national records.
- (G) The fishing committee will decide trophies.
- (H) In the event of a draw (e.g. equal weights, varieties) the points or prize allocated to that section of that competition will be retained or divided by the fishing committee and a voucher, points, or cash prize of equal value will be divided between the winners.
- (I) The weigh master will decide on any disputes arising out of the weigh in and his/her decision will be final.

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5. ENTRY FEE'S

- (A) Entry fees for club competitions shall be;
- \$5.00 per member & partner - inclusive of children under 18, if the member has family membership
 - \$10.00 per visitor
 - Special event competitions can attract a different entry fees
 - Children 18+ are classified as visitors
- (B) ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS ENTER AT THEIR OWN RISK.

6. SPECIAL EVENT COMPETITIONS

- (A) Kids Comps: Junior competitors must be 15 and under.
- (B) A Specific Species List will be provided for each competition.

WEIGH MASTER

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