



# WINDYBANKS FISHING CLUB

## 2022 SALTWATER CHAMPIONSHIP

### JIMMYS BEACH

#### GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

- The 2022 Windybanks Fishing Club (WBFC) Saltwater Championship is a Catch and Release Only tournament. Both bait and lure fishing methods are accepted.
- The target species are listed in the Competition Point Score Table. The points are based on the length of each fish, refer to Competition Point Score Table for detail on points awarded for each species.
- Each competitor will be awarded points for their best **X** fish of each species, where **X** is the Bag Limit number listed in the Competition Point Score Table.
- Each competitor will be awarded points for each species caught over the duration of the tournament.
- A bonus points system shall apply for the number of designated species measured by an individual angler. Refer to Competition Bonus Points Table for details on bonus points.
- Every fish must meet NSW DPI Legal Length requirements to be scored
- All competitors must have a current NSW fishing license and comply with NSW Fisheries regulations.
- Each competitor must hook and land their own fish, however, may have assistance with landing (netting).
- Competitors must fish with a maximum of 2 lines in the water at any one time.
- Please handle fish as best as you can for a safe release. Photos of bleeding, damaged or dead fish will not be accepted as the tournament is exclusively catch and release.
- Any competitor found in breach of these rules and conditions shall be subject to disqualification from the competition. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify any competitor who fails to act in the spirit of the competition; or acts in a manner that may bring the event into disrepute.
- The decision of the organizers is final and no further discussions or correspondence will be entered into.

#### RECORDING YOUR CATCH

- All Fish being entered must be photographed using a DPI brag mat, or on any other branded brag mat. The photo must be clear, include the anglers ID card with the nose of the fish touching the stopping board and the end of the tail clearly visible. ONLY if the fish is too large to boat and/or measure on a brag mat i.e. marlin, then a tape measure may be used with the fish in the water alongside the boat.
- Fish will not be accepted if the ID card is missing from the photograph.
- Please take additional photos of holding the fish so we can have them on display on WBFC social media.
- During the official weigh in you will be required to supply photographic evidence of your fish.

#### COMPETITION TIMINGS & BOUNDARIES

**Briefing:** A briefing for all anglers will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm at Asquith Bowling Club during the WBFC February social meeting. If anglers cannot attend, this document contains all the relevant information.

**Start Fishing:** Angler ID cards will be provided on arrival at Reflections Holiday Park Jimmys Beach from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 12:00pm. Fishing begins Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2022 at **12:00pm**, anglers must not commence fishing or berleying before designated start time.

**Stop Fishing:** Fishing will conclude Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at **10:00am**, any fish caught after the stop fishing deadline will not be counted.

**Weigh-in:** Weigh-in closes at **11:00am** sharp Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Weigh-in will be held at Reflections Holiday Park Jimmys Beach at the WBFC designated camping site. Those in the weigh-in queue by this time will have their fish accepted. The official presentation will commence once results have been finalized.

**Boundaries:** All offshore waters between Seal Rocks and Newcastle only. All inshore waters inside Port Stephens (Karuah River), Myall River, Myall Lakes and Tilligerry Creek only. Any fish not caught within these waters will not be counted.

## COMPETITION POINT SCORE

Minimum lengths of fish awarded points per centimeter (cm) for competitive purposes. Each competitor will be awarded points for their best **X** fish of each species, where **X** is the Bag Limit number listed in the Competition Point Score Table. Sharks, Rays, Saltwater Catfish, Rock Cale, Kelp Fish, Toad Fish, Sun Fish, Black Spinefoot, Wirrah Cod and Box Fish shall not be weighed-in. The 2022 Windybanks Fishing Club (WBFC) Saltwater Championship is a Catch and Release Only tournament. Photos of bleeding, damaged or dead fish will not be accepted. Please handle fish as best as you can for a safe release.

The following list shall apply to the WBFC Saltwater Championship. Abbreviations used below in the points list are: DS = Deep Sea & Oth = Other.

### NSW Fisheries Regulations take preference over lengths and bag limited nominated

Species	Points (per cm)		Minimum Length (cm's)	Bag Limit	Species	Points (per cm)		Minimum Length (cm's)	Bag Limit
	DS	OTH				DS	OTH		
Amber Jack	17	17	30	5#####	Morwong Red & Banded	11	11	30	5
Atlantic Salmon	-	17	30	5****	Mullet (Not Sea)	2	11	25	10
Barracouta	2	2	30	10	Mullet (Sea)	2	11	30	10
Bass / Estuary Perch	-	22	25	2*	Mulloway	11	11	70	1
Barr Cod	11	-	30	5##	Murray Cod	-	11	60	2#####
Bonito	7	11	30	10	Nannygai	2	2	30	10
Bream	17	17	27	10#####	Orange Perch	11	-	30	10
Callope	-	11	30	10	Parrot Fish	2	2	30	10
Carp	-	5	25	10	Pearl Perch	17	-	30	5
Catfish (Fresh)	-	11	30	2	Pigfish	2	2	30	10
Cobia	11	17	60	5	Pike	2	2	30	10
Cowyoung	2	2	30	10	Redfin	-	2	25	10
Dolphin Fish	17	-	60	10**	Red Rock Cod	2	2	30	5
Flathead Dusky	11	11	36	10#	Rock Blackfish	11	11	30	10
Flathead Other	11	11	36	10	Salmon	7	11	35	5
Flounder	17	22	25	10	Samson Fish	17	17	30	5#####
Frigate Mackerel	7	11	30	10	Sergeant Baker	2	2	30	10
Garfish	17	17	25	10	Silver Drummer	-	11	30	10
Gemfish	11	-	30	5##	Silver Perch	-	11	30	5****
Golden Perch	-	11	30	5	Snapper	17	22	30	10
Groper (Bass)	-	22	25	5**	Spanish Mackerel	11	17	75	5
Groper (Blue/Brown)	11	17	46	2***	Spotted Mackerel			60	Combined
Gurnard	2	2	30	10	Sweep	2	2	30	10
Hairtail	7	7	91	10	Tailor	7	7	35	10
Hapuka	11	-	30	5##	Tarwhine	17	17	27	10#####
Jackass Fish	11	-	28	10	Teraglin	11	11	38	5
John Dory	17	22	30	10	Trevella	11	-	30	5##
Kingfish	7	11	65	5	Trevally	7	7	30	10
Leather Jacket	11	11	25	10	Brown Trout	-	17	30	5****
Long Tom	2	2	30	10	Rainbow Trout	-	17	30	
Luderick	-	17	27	10	Tuna (90cm or more)	7	11	30	2
Mangrove Jack	-	22	30	5	Tuna (less than 90cm)	7	11	30	5
Maori Cod	2	2	30	10	Wahoo	11	-	46	5
Marlin, Spear & Swordfish	11	22	150	1 of each	Whiting	17	17	27	10
Morwong Jackass & Rubberlip	11	11	30	10					

#### Legend:

\* Only 2 fish in total (only 1 longer than 35cm) with closed season between 1st June & 31st August

\*\* Only 1 fish longer than 110cm

\*\*\* Only 1 fish longer than 60cm

\*\*\*\* Impoundment Only (Dams only)

\*\*\*\*\* Only 5 combined fish species in general streams & dams but refer current Fisheries Rules.

# Only 1 fish longer than 70cm

## All offshore deep sea species - maximum of 5 fish combined with only 2 Gem Fish & Boat limit of 10

### Only 1 fish longer than 100cm. Closed season from September to November.

#### Total of 5 fish combined Amberjack & Samson Fish & 10 fish combined for Bream & Tarwhine

**Note 1:** Club capture records can be caught and weighed in anytime and not gilled or gutted. Fish eligible for record status shall be weighed on the club scales by the Weigh-Master. Were this is not possible the eligible fish shall be photographed adjacent to an appropriate tape measure/rule and shall be weighed on registered scales with the identity of the owner with phone number recorded and weight of fish being clearly identified on docket or advice.

## **COMPETITION BONUS POINTS**

A bonus points system shall apply for the number of designated species measured by an individual angler.

<b>Number of Species</b>	<b>Bonus Points</b>	<b>Number of Species</b>	<b>Bonus Points</b>
1	0	10	11250
2	250	11	13750
3	750	12	16500
4	1500	13	19500
5	2500	14	22750
6	3750	15	26250
7	5250	16	30000
8	7000	17	33750
9	9000	18	37750

## **AWARDS CATEGORIES**

**Saltwater Champion** (x TOP 3): Based on points scored from the competitors best **X** fish of each species (where **X** is the Bag Limit number listed in the Competition Point Score Table, and bonus points awarded based on the number of designated species caught.

**Largest Fish:** Based on measurement.

**Most Notable Capture:** To be decided by WBFC committee members present at weigh-in.

**Lucky Door Prizes:** to be eligible for the lucky door prizes you must be present at the time of the lucky prize draw (weigh-in).

## **SAFETY**

It is the skipper's responsibility to look after the safety of the crew onboard the vessel at all times. All skippers must ensure their vessel comply fully with the safety requirements outlined by NSW RMS for vessels. If in doubt please contact your local RMS office or check the RMS website for full details. The decision to go out will be the responsibility of the individual boat crew and do so at their own risk – IF IN DOUBT - DO NOT GO OUT.