



WINDYBANKS FISHING CLUB

2023 FRESHWATER CHAMPIONSHIP

LAKE GLENBAWN

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

- The 2023 Windybanks Fishing Club (WBFC) Freshwater Championship is a Catch and Release Only tournament. Both bait and lure fishing methods are accepted.
- The target species are Australian Bass, Golden Perch (Yellowbelly), Silver Perch, Freshwater Catfish (Eel-tailed), Eel (Long-fin), Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Carp.
- Each competitor will be awarded points for their **best 4 fish of each species caught on day 1** of the event between 12:00pm Friday and 12:00pm Saturday and their **best 4 fish of each species caught on day 2** of the event between 2:00pm Saturday and 10:00am Sunday. If competitors do not attend the Saturday weigh-in, they can only submit their **best 4 fish of each species caught over the entire event**. The points are based on the length of each fish, refer to Competition Point Score Table for detail on points awarded for each species.
- 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 **and** WBFC Competition 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. Carp should be humanely euthanized after a photograph is taken and NOT returned to the water live.
- 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 competitors **require pen and paper to write their name & the day's fishing code on, and a mobile phone to receive the fishing code by txt.**
- All Fish being entered (competitors best 4 of each species on each day) **must be photographed using a DPI brag mat.** The photo must be clear, **include a piece of paper with the angler's name AND the day's fishing code** with the nose of the fish touching the stopping board and the end of the tail clearly visible.
- Tape measures or other measuring devices will not be accepted. Fish will also not be accepted if the **anglers name AND the day's fishing code** 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 each official weigh in you will be required to supply photographic evidence of your best 4 fish of each species (based on measurement)

COMPETITION TIMINGS & BOUNDARIES

Briefing: A briefing for all anglers will be held on Wednesday 1st November at 7:30pm. The briefing will be held at Asquith Bowling Club during the regular WBFC Social Meeting.

Start Fishing: **The day 1 fishing code** will be provided by text to all members at 12:00pm on Friday 10th November 2023. Fishing begins Friday 10th November 2023 at **12:00pm**, anglers must not commence fishing or berleying before designated start time.

Weigh-in #1 & Club BBQ: Weigh-in #1 closes at **12:00pm** sharp Saturday 11th November 2023 at the WBFC campsite. Those in the weigh-in queue by this time will have their fish accepted. A BBQ will be provided for all attending WBFC members during the weigh-in from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. **The day 2 fishing code** will be provided by text to all members at 2:00pm on Saturday 10th November 2023.

Weigh-in #2: Weigh-in closes at **10:00am** sharp Sunday 12th November 2023 at the WBFC campsite. 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 waters within the confines of Lake Glenbawn ONLY, any fish caught outside Lake Glenbawn 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 4 fish of each species at each of the two weigh-ins.** The following list shall apply to the WBFC Freshwater Championship.

Species	Points (per cm)	Minimum Length	Club Record (kg)	Club Record C&R (cm)	Junior Club Record C&R (cm)
Australian Bass	10	30 cm	1.85	45	40
Golden Perch (Yellowbelly)	5	30 cm	3.36	59	Vacant
Silver Perch	5	25 cm	1.74	39	Vacant
Freshwater Catfish (Eel-tailed)	5	30 cm	2.01	54	49
Rainbow Trout	5	25 cm	3.08	62	62
Brown Trout	5	25 cm	1.78	Vacant	Vacant
Eel (Long-fin)	2	58	Vacant	93	Vacant
Carp	1	n/a	6.94	85	49

- **Carp may be measured and photographed on the brag mat before being humanely euthanized**

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Note 2: Glenbawn dam has a small population of very large Murray Cod. The closed fishing season runs from September to end November. Murray Cod do NOT count towards the Competition Point Score nor the Competition Bonus Points and should not be specifically targeted.

Note 3: If a fish is to be weighed for Club Record purposes, it can be kept whole and submitted at the Weigh-in. The fish being weighted WILL NOT count towards the Competition Point Score nor the Competition Bonus Points (being a C&R only competition). The only exception to this rule is Carp, which must not be released alive in any case.

COMPETITION BONUS POINTS

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

Number of Species	Bonus Points
1	0
2	100
3	300
4	600
5	1000
6	1500
7	2100
8	2800

AWARDS CATEGORIES

Freshwater Champion (x TOP 3): Based on points scored from the competitors best 4 fish of each species and bonus points awarded based on the number of designated species caught.

Junior Freshwater Champion: Based on points scored from the competitors best 4 fish of each species and bonus points awarded based on the number of designated species caught.

Lucky Door Prize: To be eligible for the lucky door prize you must be present at the weigh-in at the time of the lucky door prize draw.

SAFETY

It is the skipper's responsibility to always look after the safety of the crew onboard the vessel. 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.