



WINDYBANKS FISHING CLUB

2024 SALTWATER CHAMPIONSHIP

LAKE MACQUARIE

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

- The 2024 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 caught on day 1** of the event between 12:00pm Friday and 12:00pm Saturday and their **best X fish of each species caught on day 2** of the event between 2:00pm Saturday and 10:00am Sunday. Where **X** is the Bag Limit number listed in the Competition Point Score Table. If competitors do not attend the Saturday weigh-in, they can only submit their **best X fish of each species caught over the entire event**.
- 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 both NSW DPI legal length **and** Competition Point Score Table minimum 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 4 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 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 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.
- Garfish are measured from the bottom (shorter) jaw to the tail, with a minimum size of 25cm. Garfish are to be measured with the tail of the fish touching the stopping board and the end of the lower jaw clearly visible.
- **ONLY** if a 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. A photo with the tape measure in place along the entire fish's length showing the angler and a second photo zoomed in to the total length measurement is required.
- Fish will not be accepted if the **anglers name AND the day's fishing code** is missing from the photograph.
- Please take additional photos of the angler 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 Wednesday 6th February at 7pm at Asquith Bowling Club during the WBFC February social meeting. If anglers cannot attend, this document contains all the relevant information.

Competition Base: All weigh-in and presentation activities will take place under the club gazebo at the WBFC campsite located at Wangi Point Holiday Park (2 Watkins Road, Wangi Wangi, NSW 2267).

Start Fishing: The **day 1 fishing code** will be provided by text to all members at 12:00pm Friday 16th February. **Fishing begins Friday 16th February 2024 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 17th February 2024 at the WBFC campsite. **Only 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 17th November 2023.

Stop Fishing: Fishing will conclude **Sunday 18th February 2024 at 10:00am**, any fish caught after the stop fishing deadline will not be counted.

Weigh-in #2: Weigh-in closes at **11:00am** sharp Sunday 18th February at the WBFC campsite. **Only 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 Nobbys Lighthouse on the South entrance to Newcastle Harbor (Northern limit) and Norah Head Lighthouse, Norah Head (Southern Limit) only. All inshore waters inside Lake Macquarie, Swansea Channel, Lake Entrance, Dora Creek, Cockle Creek, Karigan Creek, Wyee Creek and Pourmalong 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. Fish species that do not appear on the list below will not count towards the competition point score.

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The following list shall apply to the WBFC Saltwater Championship:

Species	Points (per cm)	Minimum Length (cm's)	Competition Bag Limit	Species	Points (per	Minimum Length (cm's)	Competition Bag Limit
Amber Jack	17	30	5**	Mackerel (Spotted)	17	60	5
Atlantic Salmon	17	30	5	Mackerel Tuna	11	30	10
Australian Bass	22	25	5	Mangrove Jack	22	30	5
Barracouta	2	30	10	Maori Cod	2	30	10
Barr Cod	11	30	5	Marlin, Spear & Swordfish	22	150	1 of each
Bonito (all)	11	30	10	Morwong (all)	11	30	10
Bream	17	27	10*	Mullet (Not Sea)	11	25	10
Carp	5	25	10	Mullet (Sea)	11	30	10
Catfish (Fresh)	11	30	5	Mulloway	11	70	1
Cobia	17	60	5	Murray Cod	11	55	5
Cowayoung	2	30	10	Nannygai	2	30	10
Dolphin Fish	17	60	10	Parrot Fish	2	30	10
Drummer (Black)	11	30	10	Pearl Perch	17	30	5
Drummer (Silver)	11	30	10	Pike	2	30	10
Eastern Cod	11	45	5	Redfin	2	25	5
Eel (Long-fin)	7	58	10	Red Rock Cod	2	30	5
Estuary Perch	22	25	5	Redfin (Perch)	7	25	10
Flathead (all)	11	36	5	Salmon	11	35	5
Flounder	22	25	10	Samson Fish	17	30	5**
Garfish	17	25	10	Sawtail Surgeon Fish	22	30	5
Gemfish	11	30	5	Sergeant Baker	2	30	10
Golden Perch (Yellowbelly)	11	30	5	Silver Perch	11	30	5
Groper (Bass)	22	25	5	Snapper	22	30	10
Groper (Blue/Brown)	17	30	2	Sweep	2	30	10
Gurnard	2	30	10	Tailor	7	35	10
Hairtail	7	91	10	Tarwhine	17	27	10*
Hapuka	11	30	5	Teraglin (Trag)	11	38	5
John Dory	22	30	10	Trevella	11	30	5
Leather Jacket	11	25	10	Trevally	7	30	10
Long Tom	2	30	10	Tuna (all)	11	45	5
Luderick	17	27	10	Wahoo	11	45	5
Mackerel (Frigate)	11	30	10	Whiting	17	27	10
Mackerel (Spanish)	17	75	5	Yellowtail Kingfish	11	65	5

Legend:

* Total of 10 fish combined for Bream & Tarwhine

** Total of 5 fish combined Amberjack & Samson Fish

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 Weighmaster. Club capture record fish that have been killed do not count towards the competition point score.

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	Number of Species	Bonus Points
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 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!**