



WINDYBANKS FISHING CLUB

2024 Windybanks Challenge

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

- The 2024 Windybanks Challenge is a Length Based fishing tournament. Competitors may Catch and Release (C&R) or Capture fish.
- If photographed on an approved brag mat with angler's name and fishing code clearly visible, fish do not need to be presented at weigh-in.
- Fish presented at weigh-in will be measured for length. These fish may be gilled and gutted, unless contesting a club capture record. Care should be taken of the fish's condition to ensure it can be eaten.
- Every fish must meet NSW DPI Legal Length and Competition minimum lengths to be scored.
- Each competitor must hook and land their own fish, however, may have assistance with landing (netting).
- If measuring and releasing a fish, please handle fish as best as you can for a safe release. Photos of bleeding, damaged or dead fish will not be accepted.
- 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.

DPI RULES

- All competitors must have a current NSW fishing license and comply with NSW Fisheries regulations.
- Every fish presented for point score must meet NSW DPI limits including size limits, slot limits, bag limits, boat limits & possession limits at all times.
- Competitors must fish with a maximum of four (4) lines in the water at any one time in tidal (saltwater) and a maximum of two (2) lines in the water at any one time non-tidal (fresh) waters within NSW.

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 fully complies 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.

RECORDING YOUR CATCH

- The competition fishing code will be released on the club member's Facebook page at competition start time. If you do not have access please notify the committee and we will text you the code.
- All competitors **require pen and paper to write their name & the fishing code on**. This paper must be present in all photos. Fish will not be accepted if the anglers name AND the fishing code is missing from the photograph.
- All Fish being entered must be photographed using a DPI or approved club sponsor's brag mat. The photo must be clear, with the nose of the fish must be 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.
- 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 at the WBFC social meeting, 7pm Wednesday April 3rd 2024 at the Asquith Bowling Club. If anglers cannot attend, this document contains all the relevant information.

Start Fishing: Fishing begins Friday 12th April 2024 at **12:00pm**, anglers must not commence fishing or berleying before designated start time. Bait gathering and berleying for the purpose of bait gathering only is permitted prior to start fishing.

Weigh-in: Weigh-in closes at **3:00pm** sharp Sunday 14th April 2024. Weigh-in will be held at The Galston Club outdoor BBQ area. Those in the weigh-in queue by this time will have their fish accepted. The official presentation will commence once results have been finalized. Fish do not need to be presented at weigh-in.

Boundaries: All tidal waters between Norah Head Lighthouse to South Head of Sydney Harbour and non-tidal (fresh) waters within NSW. Any fish not caught within these waters will not be counted.

COMPETITION POINTS

- There are four ways to score competition points:
 - Points per CM (Table 1). Points are based on the length of each fish.
 - Points per FISH (Table 2). Fixed points are awarded per fish / crustacean caught.
 - Bonus Points (Table 3). Bonus points are awarded for the number of different target species caught.
 - General Fish (Table 4). 0.2 points per cm are awarded for non-target species.
- The target species are listed in Table 1 and Table 2. These are the only fish that contribute to species points.
- Non-Target Species score 0.2 points per cm. These are fish not appearing in Table 1 or Table 2, not excluded above, at least 30cm long, and meeting guidelines. These fish shall not count towards species points. Some of these fish are named in Table 4.
- Excluded Species are listed in Table 5. These fish do not count in any way.
- Each competitor will be awarded points for their best **X** fish of each species, where **X** is the Bag Limit number listed in the species list.
- Each competitor will be awarded bonus points for each species designated on the Species List caught over the duration of the tournament.

Table 1: Target Species – Points per CM

Species	Points per CM	Min Length	Bag Limit
Amber Jack	0.5	30	5 **
Atlantic Salmon	1	30	5 #
Australian Bass	1	35	2 ##
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Barr Cod	5	30	5 ^
Bonito	0.5	30	10
Bream (Yellowfin)	1	27	10 *
Carp	0.5	25	10
Catfish (Fresh)	1	30	2
Cobia	0.5	60	5
Dolphin Fish	5	60	10
Drummer (Black)	0.7	30	10
Drummer (Silver)	0.7	30	10
Estuary Perch	1	35	2 ##
Flathead (Dusky) ^^^	0.7	36	5
Flathead (Other) ^^^	0.7	36	10
Flounder	1	25	10
Garfish	1	25	10
Gemfish	5	30	5 ^
Goat Fish	0.7	27	20
Golden Perch (Yellowbelly)	0.7	30	5
Groper (Bass)	5	25	5 ^
Groper (Blue *** /Other)	0.7	46	2
Hairtail	0.3	91	10
Hapuka	5	30	5 ^
John Dory	1	30	10
Leatherjacket	0.7	25	10
Luderick	1	27	10
Mackerel (Frigate)	0.5	30	10
Mackerel (Spanish)	0.5	75	5 ^^
Mackerel (Spotted)	0.5	60	5 ^^
Mackerel Tuna	0.5	30	10
Mangrove Jack	2	30	5

Species	Points per CM	Min Length	Bag Limit
Morwong (Grey & Jackass)	0.7	30	10
Morwong (Red & Banded)	0.7	30	5
Mullet (Not Sea)	0.7	25	10
Mullet (Sea)	0.7	30	10
Mulloway	0.7	70	1
Murray Cod	1	60	2
Orange Perch (Longfin)	0.5	30	10
Pearl Perch	1	30	5
Samson Fish	0.5	30	5 **
Sawtail Surgeon Fish	2	30	5
Silver Perch	0.7	30	5
Snapper	1	30	10
Spearfish	5	150	1
Tailor	0.5	35	10
Tarwhine	1	27	10 *
Teraglin (Trag)	0.7	38	5
Trevally	0.5	30	10
Trevella	5	30	5 ^
Trout (Brook)	1	30	5 #
Trout (Brown)	1	30	5 #
Trout (Rainbow)	1	30	5 #
Trumpeter	1	33	10
Tuna (Albacore)	5	30	5 @
Tuna (Bigeye)	5	30	5 @
Tuna (Longtail)	1	30	5 @
Tuna (Skipjack/Striped)	0.7	30	5 @
Tuna (Southern Bluefin)	5	30	1
Tuna (Yellowfin)	5	30	5 ~
Tusk Fish	1	30	10
Wahoo	5	46	5
Whiting	1	27	10
Yellowtail Kingfish	0.5	65	5

Table 1 Legend:

- * Total of 10 fish combined for Bream & Tarwhine
- ** Total of 5 fish combined Amberjack & Samson Fish
- *** Blue Groper are C&R only
- ^ All offshore deep-sea species - maximum of 5 fish combined with only 2 Gem Fish & Boat limit of 10
- ^^ Total of 5 fish combined Spanish Mackerel & Spotted Mackerel
- ^^^ Flathead over 70cm are C&R only
- # Total of 5 fish combined Atlantic Salmon, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout & Brook Trout
- ## Total of 2 fish combined for Australian Bass & Estuary Perch
- ~ Total of 5 fish combined for Albacore, Bigeye, Longtail, Skipjack (Striped) & Yellowfin Tuna
- ~~ Only 1 fish over 110cm

Table 2: Target Species – Points per FISH

- The species below score Points per Fish.

Species	Points per	Min Length	Bag Limit
Marlin	500	150	1
Swordfish	1000	150	1
Blue Swimmer	10	6.5	10

Species	Points per	Min Length	Bag Limit
Mud	10	8.5	5
Eastern Rock Lobster	10	10.4	3 *
Calamari (Squid)	10	0	20

Table 2 Legend:

- * None over 18cm for Eastern Rock Lobster

Table 3: BONUS POINTS

- A bonus points system shall apply for the number of designated species presented by an individual angler at the weigh-in.
- Only fish named in Table 1 or Table 2 will count towards Species Bonuses

Number of Species	Bonus Points
1	0
2	5
3	15
4	30
5	50
6	75

Number of Species	Bonus Points
7	105
8	140
9	180
10	225
11	275
12	330

Number of Species	Bonus Points
13	390
14	455
15	525
16	600
17	675
18	755

Table 4: Non-Target Species – 0.2 Points per CM

- This table shows general fish that are scored at 0.2 points per CM. These fish do not count towards species points.

Species	Points per CM	Min Length	Bag Limit
Barracouta	0.2	30	10
Cowanyoung	0.2	30	10
Eel (Long-fin)	0.2	58	10
Gurnard	0.2	30	10
Long Tom	0.2	30	10
Māori Cod	0.2	30	10
Nannygai	0.2	30	10

Species	Points per CM	Min Length	Bag Limit
Parrot Fish	0.2	30	10
Pigfish	0.2	30	10
Pike	0.2	30	10
Red Rock Cod	0.2	30	5
Redfin (Perch)	0.2	25	10
Sergeant Baker	0.2	30	10
Sweep	0.2	30	10

Table 5: Excluded Species – 0 Points

Species
Bait Fish
Black Spinefoot
Box Fish

Species
Kelp Fish
Rays
Rock Cale

Species
Saltwater Catfish
Sharks
Sun Fish

Species
Toad Fish
Wirrah Cod