

AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

C O N S T I T U T I O N

PART 1 NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be known as "Australian Anglers Association".

PART 11 GENERAL

2. The following words and expressions hereby set out shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them unless such meanings are excluded by or are repugnant to the context or subject matter, that is to say:

‘Angling’ means the taking of fish by rod and line and/or hand line.

‘Association’ shall mean the Australian Anglers Association.

‘Calendar Year’ means the year ending 31st December.

‘Carnival’ means a convention of the Association held in conjunction with the National Championships of the Association.

‘Delegate’ means a duly appointed representative of a Member.

‘In writing’ includes written or printed or typewritten.

‘Member’ means a duly appointed State or Territorial Division which has been accepted as a member of the Association.

‘Month’ means calendar month.

‘President General’ shall be the delegate appointed by the Federal Executive to perform the duties of President of the Association.

‘Secretary General’ shall be the delegate appointed by the Federal Executive to perform the duties of Secretary of the Association.

‘Treasurer General’ shall be the delegate appointed by the Federal Executive to perform the duties of Treasurer of the Association.

3. Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and words importing the plural number shall include the singular.
4. The masculine gender where necessary shall include the feminine.
5. ‘Federal Executive’ comprises the President General, Secretary General, Treasurer General and (subject to clause 31) two delegates from each member of the Association.

PART 111 OBJECTS

6. The objects of the Association are:
- (a) to conduct the business of the Association
 - (b) to conduct angling competition, social activities and conventions
 - (c) to exchange social visits between anglers and their friends
 - (d) to do all things as may be considered essential to the welfare of members and anglers generally
 - (e) to co-operate with other angling or sporting bodies
 - (f) to purchase, take on lease, exchange or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association
 - (g) to improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, sell, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Association
 - (h) to establish and maintain an Australia wide records authority
 - (i) to do all other such lawful things as may be incidental or conducive to the promotion or carrying out of the foregoing objects or any of them.
7. The income and property of the Association, from whatever source derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this Constitution provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration or honorarium to any officers or servants of the Association or to any member or any person in return for any services actually rendered to the Association or shall prevent the payment of interest on money borrowed from or lawfully due to any member or any creditor whatsoever.

PART IV MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

8. (a) Membership of the Association shall consist of the State and Territorial Divisions representing the Angling Associations of the States and Territories which have been or are admitted to the Association.
- (b) Associate membership may be offered to other nations wishing to participate in carnivals conducted by the Association.
9. (a) Applications for membership of the Association shall be in such form and shall be supported by such evidence as the Federal Executive may require.
- (b) The Secretary General shall submit such applications to the Federal Executive for consideration and when dealt with the applicant shall be advised of its acceptance or otherwise.
- (c) Provided that its application is accepted and that it is elected as a member by the Federal Executive and the required dues be paid, the applicant shall be considered

eligible to participate in all Association affairs and to appoint delegates.

10. Resignation of Membership:

Any member may apply to resign its membership by sending its resignation in writing to the Secretary General. Upon the resignation being accepted by the Association, but not until then, such member shall cease to be a member.

11. Any member may be expelled from the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of delegates at any Federal Executive meeting after due notice.

12. Any member who by any means ceases to be a member shall nevertheless remain liable for, and shall pay to the Association, all monies which at the time of ceasing to be a member, were due to the Association by such member.

PART V SUBSCRIPTIONS

13. Every member shall pay such fees as the Federal Executive may decide from time to time.

14. A member of the Association shall not be entitled to exercise any of the privileges of a member unless it be financial.

PART VI CLAIM ON FUNDS OR PROPERTY

15. No member retiring from the Association or ceasing from any cause to be a member shall be entitled to or have any claims upon any portion whatsoever of the property or funds of the Association.

PART VII MEMBER REPRESENTATION

16. Should a duly appointed delegate of a member be absent from any meeting of the Association or due to his unavailability be unable to appoint an alternative delegate, the said member may appoint an alternate delegate to attend and vote in his absence.

PART VIII MEETINGS

17. A general meeting to be called the "Annual General Meeting" shall, in addition to any other meeting held by the Association, be held in the year prior the next Convention.

18. The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:

- (a) Receiving and adopting, if thought fit, the Annual Report.
- (b) Receiving and adopting, if thought fit, the Statement of Accounts of the Association for the preceding year.
- (c) Receiving and adopting, if thought fit, the Records Authority Annual Report.
- (d) Any business of which a member has given prior notice under Rule 47.
- (e) The appointment of a Committee to operate the Records Authority for the ensuing year.

- (f) The election of office bearers and auditor.
 - (g) The selection of the venue for the next carnival which shall be held whenever possible by each member in rotation. The member conducting the carnival shall be known as the Host Division.
 - (h) Consideration of the report from the Host Division which conducted the previous carnival.
 - (i) Any other business with which the meeting has power to conduct.
19. A Federal Executive general meeting shall in addition to any other meeting held by the Association be conducted at least once in every calendar year and shall be known as a "General Meeting".
20. The Federal Executive shall transact whatever business it sees fit at a General Meeting.
21. The Federal Executive may by resolution and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit, permit an Annual General Meeting to be held in a calendar year, other than the calendar year it would otherwise by Section 17 be held or at a General Meeting other than as required by Section 23.
22. A carnival shall be held once in every three (3) calendar years unless the host state is able to hold a carnival in two (2) calendar years.
23. A General Meeting and an Annual General Meeting shall be convened to coincide with each carnival and shall be held prior to the carnival meeting. In any year in which a carnival is not held the Annual General Meeting shall be convened to coincide with the first general meeting of the calendar year. In both cases the Annual General Meeting may be held either prior to or after the General Meeting.
24. (a) The Federal Executive may, whenever it thinks fit, call a general meeting and fix the date and place of the meeting.
- (b) The President General, upon receipt of a requisition in writing expressing the objects of the proposed meeting and signed on behalf of not less than three (3) financial members, shall call a general meeting to be held within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the requisition at a place determined by him.
25. The carnival meeting open to all registered participants at a carnival shall be convened as near as possible to the conclusion of the carnival to receive reports from the Federal Executive and from the President of each member and discuss such other matters as the chairman may think desirable.

PART 1X CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

26. At least sixty percent (60%) of delegates entitled to be present at an Annual General Meeting and the General Meeting shall constitute a quorum.
27. At all meetings discussions shall be subject to the ordinary rules of debate.
28. In the absence of the President General any delegate appointed by those present shall preside.

29. The Secretary General shall cause full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association to be kept.
30. The Chairman shall adjourn any meeting to such future day and at such time and place as he may appoint if:
 - (a) a quorum shall not be present
 - (b) the whole of the business appointed to be done at such meeting be not completed by the time set for closing the meeting.

PART X VOTES

31. At meetings of the Federal Executive only two delegates from each member shall be permitted to vote. Each office bearer as soon as practicable after his election shall indicate to the Federal Executive whether he intends to exercise his vote as a delegate. If he decides not to vote, the member which he represents is entitled to appoint a voting delegate in his place.
32. All delegates shall have equal voting power. The Chairman shall not have a casting vote. An office bearer who has stood down as a delegate shall have no vote. Delegates representing associate members may only exercise voting rights in matters relating to competition.
33. Voting shall be by a show of hands or subject to rule 34 by secret ballot.
34. The Chairman may at his discretion, or on a resolution from the delegates present, call for a secret ballot to be taken.
35. All resolutions passed at a meeting of the Federal Executive shall be conclusive and binding on all members, whether represented by delegates or not at such meeting, provided that such meetings be held in conformity with this Constitution.

PART XI OFFICE BEARERS, AUDITORS AND PATRONS

36. The Office Bearers shall be President General, Secretary General and Treasurer General, all of whom shall act in a honorary capacity.
37. An Auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting.
38. In any year in which a carnival is not held, all office bearers shall hold office until new office bearers are elected at the Annual General Meeting. In any year in which a carnival is held, all office bearers shall hold office until the conclusion of the carnival.
39. Patrons:

Each member may make application for the appointment of one (1) Patron from its Division. Such person shall be one who has rendered outstanding service in fostering the continuance of the Australian Anglers Association, and such persons shall remain Patrons for life or until they resign. Patrons may attend all meetings and speak upon any matter but are not entitled to exercise a vote unless they be a delegate.

PART X11 FEDERAL EXECUTIVE - POWER TO FORM SUB-COMMITTEES

40. The Federal Executive shall have power to form sub-committees for any purpose that it shall think fit. The President General and Secretary General shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

PART X111 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARNIVAL FINANCES

41. The Host Division organising a carnival shall be solely responsible for the running and the finances of the carnival, may fix the charges for attendance and shall pay all carnival accounts. It may retain any profits for its own use but shall be liable for any losses to the exclusion of all other members.

PART X1V DUTIES OF PRESIDENT GENERAL, SECRETARY GENERAL AND TREASURER GENERAL

42. The President General shall:
- (a) have the power to convene Ordinary and Special Meetings in accordance with these rules.
 - (b) preside at all such meetings, superintend the discussion of questions tabled for consideration, preserve order so that the business may be conducted in due form and propriety, and upon the previous minutes being confirmed, shall sign same.
 - (c) sign all correspondence received and adopted at meetings over which he presides.
 - (d) authorise all statements on major policy as decided by the Annual General meeting, or any other properly consolidated meeting, for publicity purposes. In this regard he shall consult with at least two other Executive Officers prior to making statements in the interim between meetings.
43. The Secretary General shall carry out directions of meetings and shall, under and subject to any direction of the Federal Executive, have the right and duty to:
- (a) notify all members of meetings
 - (b) keep minutes of all meetings and distribute a copy of same to the Secretary of each member
 - (c) deal with all incoming and outgoing correspondence
 - (d) keep books recording the results of all competitions and have charge of all letters, documents and minute books of the Association.
44. The Treasurer General shall:
- (a) receive and give receipts for all money received by the Association
 - (b) bank all money received within fourteen (14) days
 - (c) pay all authorised expenditure

- (d) keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association
- (e) prepare and submit a statement of receipts and payments at General Meetings
- (f) submit at the Annual General Meeting the balance sheet and statements of account for the preceding term.
An audit shall be completed and presented to the Annual General Meeting conducted in conjunction with a carnival.
- (g) The outgoing Treasurer General, within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of his term of office, shall transfer all funds and records to the in-coming Treasurer General.

45. Duties of Honorary Auditor.

The Honorary Auditor shall audit the Association's books of account.

PART XV BANKING

46. A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Australian Anglers Association at an approved bank into which all monies of the Association received by the Treasurer shall be paid or by Members depositing by Electronic Funds Transfer / Direct Credit.

All accounts of the Association shall be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer/ Direct Debit or by cheques drawn thereon and shall be signed or authorised by any two of the following:-

President General
Secretary General
Treasurer General

PART XVI ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION

47. The Secretary General **shall call for** all business for inclusion on the agenda paper of an Annual General Meeting to be forwarded in writing to the Secretary General at least **ninety (90) days prior** to the date fixed for that meeting.

No addition, amendment or deletion shall be made to the Constitution without a notice of motion giving particulars in writing of the proposed addition, amendment or deletion having been forwarded to the Secretary General.

The Secretary General shall forward the complete agenda paper, including such proposed motion/s, to each member **at least sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for an Annual General Meeting.**

The sanction of at least three-quarters of the delegates represented and voting at such meeting shall be required.

Each member by its delegates shall have the right to veto any proposal which it considers of vital importance to it.

PART XV11 BY-LAWS

48. Subject to this Constitution the Federal Executive shall have the power to make such By-Laws as it shall deem necessary with respect to the conduct and administration of the business of the Association and of the carnivals and for the purpose of carrying out its duties hereunder, and may repeal or amend any such By-Laws.

PART XV111 DISSOLUTION

49. In the event of the Federal Executive at a General Meeting called for the purpose passing a resolution that the Association be dissolved, the assets of the Association after being realised and after the discharge of all liabilities, shall be given to an angling body with similar ideals or a charity as shall be decided by the Federal Executive.

BY-LAWS

August 27 2022

(SUBSIDIARY RULES OF THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION)

1. COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS

- (a) All competitors at National Championships and Conventions must be financial members of an angling club affiliated with their State or Territorial Division with the exception of overseas competitors who may be invited to participate under conditions fixed by the Federal Executive from time to time.
- (b) All competitors participating in any event or attending any function do so entirely at their own risk and neither the Australian Anglers Association nor any Member Division or its agents will be held responsible for loss or damage sustained by any competitor to his person or effects.
- (c) The Host State shall appoint a Field Officer who shall direct the conduct of the Championship events.
- (d) Clubs situated within eighty (80) kilometres of State borders shall be allowed to fish for the State of their choice.
- (e) The Host State shall provide a name badge showing both given and surname and Carnival ID Number to each registered participant.

2. PROGRAMME

- (a) All National Championships and Conventions shall be of a duration of up to fourteen (14) days.
- (b) The Host State when compiling its programme must give due consideration to the spacing of events.
- (c) At least two lay-days shall be provided for at all National Championships and Conventions. If one or more events are cancelled prior to a scheduled lay day, the first event cancelled will be held on the next available lay day.

- (d) When a picnic day is programmed there shall be no competitive events and no major trophies presented.
- (e) Each event shall be fished at specific venues, i.e. no go anywhere.
- (f) Competitions shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) hours.
- (g) At all National Championships and Conventions, the Host State shall arrange a familiarisation tour of the Estuary and Beach competition venues.
- (h) At all National Championships and Convention Casting events a First Aid Officer shall be in attendance together with a first aid kit. Safety helmets shall be provided for markers.
- (i) All essential information pertaining to National Championships and Conventions shall be in the hands of Divisions at least six (6) months prior the commencement of the event.

3. SPONSORSHIP

No commercial interest shall be permitted to exploit the Australian Anglers Association nor conduct any National Championships in conjunction with the Australian Anglers Association. The Host State may accept assistance or sponsorship from any source provided that adequate control is exercised and the name of the championship is not related to the sponsor.

4. FLAGS

At all National Championships and Conventions the flags shall be flown where possible and, to comply with flag protocol, in the following order:-

- (1)The Australian flag.
- (2)The flag of any other competing Nation.
- (3)The Australian Anglers Association flag.
- (4)The Host State flag.
- (5)Other States, according to order of membership in the Association.

5. PUBLICATIONS

- (a) The title for all publications shall include the words "National Angling Championships and Convention".
- (b) A Rules of the Day Sheet shall be produced. It shall be flexible enough to allow changes if required.
- (c) Competitors shall be provided with a schedule of fish unacceptable for weigh-in.
- (d) The National Championships and Convention Report shall contain a complete competition result list including the number of fish and weight. Two (2) copies of the Report, at least one to be a hard copy, shall be forwarded to each State Division and one (1) copy of the report shall be forwarded to any other competing nation.

- (e) The Electronic Archive is the intellectual property of the AAA Federal Body and can not be sold by its members. Care must be taken by members that they do not breach privacy laws when providing information from the archive.

6. MEETINGS

- (a) The Secretary General shall call for all business for inclusion on the agenda paper of a Federal Executive Meeting to be forwarded in writing to the Secretary General at least ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for that meeting. The Secretary General shall forward the complete agenda paper to all State Divisions at least sixty (60) days before the date of such meeting.
- (b) In any year which a carnival is not held, the venue for the Annual General Meeting and Federal Executive Meeting shall be decided by the Federal Executive. The business of the Federal Executive Meeting shall include a submission by the Host State of its full programme for the next National Championships and Convention.
- (c) An experienced Minute Secretary shall be appointed for each meeting of the Federal Executive and shall be responsible for both the recording and transcribing of the minutes. The Minute Secretary so appointed may be assisted by either electronic tape recording equipment or by a manual recorder.

If the meeting proceedings are to be recorded manually, only persons experienced in this field shall be utilised. If electronic tape recording equipment is to be used adequate provision must be made for recording the voice of each individual present and for a monitoring system which will ensure the system remains functioning for the period of the meeting.

- (d) Two (2) copies of all minutes, at least one (1) to be a hard copy on A4 paper, shall be forwarded to each State Division.
- (e) The minute book must be forwarded to the new Secretary General within three (3) months of appointment.
- (f) Reports, minutes and results of the National Angling Championships and Convention shall be circulated to all States within three (3) months.

7. PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- (a) A register be maintained which shall contain a photo of all trophies and the names of all the winners.
- (b) The holders of the trophies shall indemnify the Association against loss or damage. The indemnity form shall be provided by the Association. Holders shall be instructed to return the trophies at least three (3) months prior to the next National Championships and Convention.
- (c) The Host State shall coordinate the return of all trophies. Where applicable, freight costs shall be met by the returning State Division.
- (d) The wording "Do not use abrasives - use a jeweller's cloth" shall be attached to the base of each trophy.

- (e) The State Division whose members win trophies shall be responsible for the engraving of winner's names only.
- (f) All winners of the Tristram's Trophy shall be recorded in a form that shows only the State and date (no individual names).
- (g) All perpetual trophies won by overseas competitors shall be suitably engraved and shall remain in Australia in the custody of the Host State.
- (h) In addition to perpetual trophies, all individual champions and champion team members shall be presented with "champion" patches provided by the Host State. The patches shall be compatible with the Host State's convention embroidered badge.
- (i) No new perpetual trophies shall be introduced unless first accepted by the Federal Executive.

8. AWARDS

- (a) The President General shall be presented with a bi-ennial award known as the Presidential Gold. The Host State shall ensure that the badge is presented by the immediate Past President at the National Championships and Convention Opening Ceremony. The unused Presidential Golds shall be held in custody by the Constitutional Committee.
- (b) Continuous meritorious service of at least ten (10) years at both State and Federal level may be recognized by the awarding of a "Certificate of Honour". Each Member shall only be entitled to nominate one person for this award each biennial term, and the nominee must be an affiliate of that Member. In the case of dual affiliations, the nominee can only be nominated by the Member in which they are normally domiciled, or, in the case of a nominee from a club situated within eighty (80) kilometres of State borders, may be nominated by the Member for which they compete. All nominees for the award shall be considered at a Special Meeting to be conducted during each National Championships and Convention and comprising two delegates from each Member present. Persons under consideration for the award shall be excluded from this meeting. Engrossed and framed Certificates of Honour shall be provided by the Host State and paid for out of the Federal Account. The framing of the certificate and the printing of the recipient's name shall be of quality befitting the importance of the award.
- (c) Valuable service of at least five (5) years at both State and Federal level may be recognised by the awarding of a "Certificate of Appreciation". Each member shall be entitled to nominate only one person for this award each biennial term and the nominee must be an affiliate of that Member. In the case of dual affiliations, the nominee can be nominated only by the Member in which they are normally domiciled, or, in the case of a nominee from a club situated within eighty (80) kilometres of State borders, may be nominated by the Member for which they compete. All nominees for the award shall be considered at a Special Meeting to be conducted during each National Championship and Convention and comprising two delegates from each Member present. A framed Certificate of Appreciation be provided by the Host State and paid for out of the Federal Account. The certificate shall fit a standard 25 cm X 20 cm frame and be printed on parchment paper in purple.

Criteria for Certificates of Appreciation

For an individual –

- Need to have participated in at least three (3) Conventions

- Need to have contributed to the Hosting of a Convention, particularly involving the planning and/or running of the event.
- Need to have provided service in their own State Division.

For a non-AAA individual, such as a sponsor –

- Could be varied on a case by case basis.

9. HONOUR ROLL

An Honour Roll shall be maintained by the Secretary General in a bound book, for the purpose of recording the names of Federal Officers at each Biennial National Championships and Convention.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members subscriptions shall become due and payable on 1st July and be applicable to the year commencing on that date. An account shall be sent to each member.

11. BADGES

The Host State shall provide a metal badge as a memento of the National Championships and Convention. Badges shall be offered for sale.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT

- (a) All registered persons shall abide by the Code of Conduct as adopted by the Association.
- (b) The Federal Executive may call a Special Meeting if it believes a registered person has breached the Code of Conduct either during or prior to a Carnival and his actions have brought the Association into disrepute. The registered person shall attend the meeting to answer his accusers.
- (c) (1) If found guilty the registered person may receive a formal warning for a first offence.
(2) In extreme cases, or for subsequent offences, the registered person may be banned from competing for National Titles for a specified period.
- (d) A State Division can appeal a verdict or penalty to the Federal Executive if the registered person first satisfies the State Division that the decision was not fair.
- (e) A Host State may choose not to award competition prizes if the Federal Executive finds a registered person guilty of having breached the Code of Conduct during the Carnival they are hosting.

13. RECORDS AUTHORITY

- (a) The Records Authority shall be known as Australian Anglers Association Records Authority.
- (b) The Authority shall be managed by a Committee of five (5) persons, one drawn from the Records Registrars from each State, appointed by the Federal Executive to operate the Records Authority, to meet via video conferencing on a regular basis.
- (c) The Committee shall appoint from among its members a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

- (d) (1) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Records Authority.
- (2) The Secretary shall carry out directions of meetings and shall, under and subject to any direction of the Committee, have the right and duty to:-
- (i) Keep minutes of all meetings.
 - (ii) Deal with all incoming and outgoing correspondence.
 - (iii) Prepare and submit an annual report. The report shall include a summary of the activities of the Committee together with an audited statement of income and expenditure.
 - (iv) Be responsible for the safe keeping of the Records Book.
- (e) The Committee shall encourage and promote among anglers the submission of applications for Australian record fish captures.
- (f) (1) The Committee shall receive and process applications for record captures of any species of fish caught in Australian waters by any angler, amateur or professional, fishing as a recreational angler, which is submitted to it by that State Division. Applications for record fish from the Northern Territory may be processed initially by the South Australian Division and applications from Tasmania by the Victorian Division.

All claims for a record shall be made on the standard application form (a copy of which is appended to these By-Laws) and shall be accompanied by a coloured photograph of the subject fish and also the appropriate fee which shall be determined from time to time by the Federal Executive. Application fees are not re-fundable and each application must be received by the Records Authority within ninety (90) days of capture.

If a claim is unacceptable for any reason it shall be returned to the claimant. It may then be completed and resubmitted without further fee.

- (2) (a) Australian Anglers Association Records Authority reserves the right as to whether to accept or reject applications submitted to it.
- (b) Any rejection shall be accompanied by a letter of explanation.
- (3) Australian Anglers Association Records Authority reserves the right to request such further information, relevant to the claim, as they consider necessary.
- (4) Any decision to reject an application may be appealed by the applicant in writing to the Records Authority through the applicable State Division within 60 days of notification of such rejection.
- (5) If an applicant for a record is subsequently found to have lodged a false claim, all previous claims may be reviewed or rescinded.
- (g) (1) In all claims for records, fish identification shall be up to the Australian Anglers Association Records Authority and any dispute shall be referred to an Australian Anglers Association Executive Meeting. The only fish acceptable

for an angling record are those caught in Australian and Territorial waters. Species excluded are crustaceans, mammals and reptiles.

- (2) The Records Authority shall advise on an annual basis reference books in current use.
- (h) (1) Any name changes, scientific or common, to the Australian Anglers Association Records Authority Records List, together with reasons for such change, shall be recorded in the minutes of an Australian Anglers Association Records Authority meeting and the Association shall be advised in writing within 30 days of the relative meeting.
- (2) Old records for all protected species shall be marked as “Caught Prior to Being Protected”, and no further claims for protected species be accepted.
- (i) Upon a claim being accepted the Committee shall issue a certificate for transmission to the claimant. It shall contain full details of such capture and shall be forwarded to the State Division which processed the initial application.
- (j) (1) The applicant must have hooked, landed, boated or beached his/her own fish. He/she may receive assistance in gaffing, gilling or netting the fish, provided the help does not entail handling the applicant's rod, reel or line.
- (2) Fish taken by spearing, netting, trapping, power assisted winches or long-lining will not be considered.
- (k) (1) The fish must be weighed on a Government certified scale and verified by a reliable witness.
N.B. Club scales must have been tested and verified.
- (2) If no witness to capture is available a Statutory Declaration will be necessary to support the claim. Where a Statutory Declaration is provided in lieu of a witness declaration, the Records Authority reserves the right to require further evidence to be produced.
- (3) The fish when weighed must be free of all foreign matters (sand, weed etc.). Where a fish has been cleaned, headed or otherwise mutilated prior to weighing, no allowance shall be made for loss of mass.
- (l) (1) The Committee shall receive and process applications for Drycasting Records cast at National Championships, State Championships, Divisional and Interclub events. These records are to be maintained for each category of event (viz. - Level line up to 112 gm; Level line up to 56 gm; Level line artificial bait up to 112 gm; Double handed accuracy up to 112 gm and where applicable, Single handed plug casting accuracy up to 18 gm) for each section (i.e. Men, Ladies, Veteran Men, Veteran Ladies and Juniors). A casting record shall stand until it is beaten, not equalled.
- (2) To achieve a National Casting Record, the casting competition must be notified to the State body at least one (1) month prior to the event. To formalise the event, a minimum of eight (8) casters must compete. All measurements of casts made at the event must be made with an electronic measuring device for accuracy.
- (m) All claims for a record shall be made on the standard application form (a copy of which is appended to these By-Laws) and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee which

shall be determined from time to time by the Federal Executive. Application fees are not re-fundable and each application must be in the hands of the State Recorder no later than ninety (90) days of the casting date.

State Recorders shall forward on all applications to the Records Authority. If a claim is unacceptable for any reason it shall be returned to the claimant. It may then be completed and re-submitted without further fee.

- (n) Upon a claim being accepted, the Committee shall issue a certificate for transmission to the claimant through the State Division which processed the initial application.
- (o) The Committee shall maintain an up-to-date records book and shall from time to time supply a list of such records for publication through an appropriate channel or channels.

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES August 27 2022

(Incorporating August 27, 2022, Federal Executive Meeting resolutions)

FOR THE CONDUCT OF AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION ANGLING AND CASTING COMPETITIONS (TO BE OBSERVED AT ALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS UNLESS VARIED BY RESOLUTION OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE).

1. The competitions shall be conducted in four (4) sections:-
 - (a) Estuary (Mens, Ladies, Juniors, Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies).
 - (b) Off-shore (Mens, Ladies, Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies).
 - (c) Beach and/or Rock (Mens, Ladies, Juniors, Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies).
 - (d) Casting (Mens, Ladies, Juniors, Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies).
2.
 - (a) Each section, excluding Casting, shall be fished over two (2) rounds.
 - (b) Individual championship events in each section, except Casting, shall be fished-over two (2) rounds. In the event of any round being cancelled, the championship shall be determined over the completed round.
3.
 - (a) Competitors must be registered for the National Angling Championships and Convention.
 - (b) To be eligible to compete as a Junior, a participant shall be under the age of seventeen (17) years on the first day scheduled for competition.
 - (c) To be eligible to compete as a Veteran, a participant shall be over the age of sixty (60) years on the first day scheduled for competition.
 - (d)
 - (1) In both individual and team events, competitors may only compete in the category for which they have registered, i.e. Mens, Ladies, Juniors, Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies.
 - (2) If State Divisions are otherwise unable to field one (1) full team in any event, the following may apply:-
 - In team events, Junior males and Veteran Men, may compete as members of the Men's Team in Estuary and Beach and additionally, Veteran Men may compete in the Men's Off-shore.
 - In team events, Junior females and Veteran Ladies, may compete as members of the Ladies' Team in Estuary, Beach and Casting and additionally, Veteran Ladies may compete in the Ladies' Off-shore.

- In team events for Casting, Junior males and Veteran Men, may only compete in the Men's Team section by casting the Men's distances in the Accuracy Event as set out in General Competition Rules, Casting Section C.5.
 - Junior males and Veteran Men competing in the Men's Casting Teams Accuracy Event, shall have the points they have attained in that event, applied to the calculation of their individual event score.
- (e) No competitor may register in more than one category.
4. (a) Competitions shall be fished within boundaries and time limits as set out in the programme. Competitors must be within the defined boundaries whilst fishing.
 - (b) At the discretion of the Field Officer sewage outlets may be placed out of bounds, in which case, the boundaries shall be flagged accordingly.
 5. Any competitor fishing outside boundaries or time limits in a competition for which boundaries or time limits have been fixed, shall be disqualified from such competition.
 6. In all fishing events, competitors shall be on their honour to commence and cease fishing at the nominated times - this shall be referred to as the "Honour System".
 7. No fishing shall take place from any boat on which a competitor is present between registration and lines down.
 8. Competitors in all sections will be responsible for the provision of bait and other personal requirements.
 9. Fish caught by any legal means (except netting, deliberate jugging or with the use of power-assisted reels/winches) shall be eligible for all competitions. Jugging will be permitted.
 10. Any or all fish recorded must have been caught by the competitor weighing in.
 11. Each competitor must hook and land, boat or beach, their own fish, but they may receive such assistance from another competitor (gaffing, gilling, or use of a landing net) as does not entail their assistant handling their rod, reel or line at any time prior to the fish being landed, boated, or beached.
A non competing boat operator shall not provide assistance by gaffing, gilling or using a landing net, except for charter boat operators.
 12. In all angling events no competitor may receive assistance from anyone other than another competitor between lines down and lines up except as provided for in Rule 11.
The use of boats operated by a non competitor is permissible.
 13. In the event of fish being hooked in or through the mouth by more than one competitor, the points for that fish will be shared.
 14. (a) Minimum fish sizes shall not be less than those prescribed by the relevant State Fisheries laws. One (1) under-sized fish presented at the scale shall incur a penalty of fifty (50) points. Any more than one (1) under-sized fish presented at the scale shall incur disqualification.
 - (b) Where competitors present to weigh-in numbers of fish exceeding the State or Carnival bag limit, they will have the heaviest fish(s) of that species removed, plus where one (1) fish exceeds the bag limit they shall incur a penalty of fifty (50) points. Any more than one (1) fish over the bag limit presented at the scale shall incur disqualification.
 - (c) Any penalties to be restricted to the bag for that particular round only. No penalty shall result in the competitor scoring less than zero points in any round.

- 15 (a) Physically mutilated fish must exceed the scheduled length by at least three (3) centimetres. "Physically Mutilated" is defined to divide, cut up, mangle or dismember the fish in any way, including severing the isthmus. The Field Officer shall determine whether a fish is physically mutilated.
- 15 (b) Clipping the caudal fin shall disqualify the competitor and the competitor's bag from that round.
- 16 (a) All fish to be weighed shall be presented in an esky or similar rigid container with ice.
(b) All fish taken shall be weighed and recorded by Official Recorder/s, who shall be on duty at specified times.
(c) Undersize fish shall be removed from the competitor's bag prior to the bag being weighed. Undersize fish removed shall be weighed and recorded separately in case of dispute.
17. Receipts for fish weighed in will be issued to all competitors at the time of weighing in and competitors are responsible for checking correctness of particulars shown thereon before leaving the scales.
18. The marking of fish after weighing in and recording, to prevent re-submission, be left to the discretion of the Host State.
19. Competitors are responsible for their fish at all times and must remove them from the weigh-in area once weigh-in is completed.
20. (a) Details of any disputes arising out of competitions must be put in writing and handed to the Control Centre within two (2) hours of completion of weigh-in. The Disputes Committee shall meet and adjudicate on such dispute within twenty-four (24) hours of its receipt.
(b) The Field Officer shall determine the time of completion of the weigh-in and such time shall be announced and posted on the official score board.
21. The Disputes Committee shall consist of President General, Secretary General, Field Officer, and the Captain of each State or a person authorised to act on his behalf. Voting shall be limited to one (1) per Member State.
22. Competitors under the influence of liquor may be banned from competitions at the discretion of the Officials conducting any competition in question. This decision once made shall not be subject to any appeal.
23. Officials shall have the power to inspect equipment at any time before and during competition. Use of gear which does not meet required specifications will cause the competitor to be disqualified from the event. Any competitors who refuse or hinder such inspection shall render themselves liable for disqualification from the event in question.
24. (a) Men's team events shall be Estuary, Off-shore, Beach and Casting. Ladies' team events shall be Estuary, Off-shore, Beach and Casting. Juniors' team events shall be Estuary, Beach and Casting. Veteran Men's team events shall be Estuary, Off-shore, Beach and Casting. Veteran Ladies' team events shall be Estuary, Off-shore, Beach and Casting.
(b) State team events, except Casting, shall comprise the second round in each section. Should the second round be cancelled, the first round will constitute the teams' event.
(c) Each State Division may be represented by any number of teams in each team event.

- (d) Where a State Division is represented by more than one team, the scores of each team shall be aggregated separately for the purpose of determining championship winners. (e.g. The scores of the number one (1) team are aggregated, number two (2) team aggregated and so on.)
 - (e) Team members can only compete for the team for which they have been nominated. No team member shall be nominated for more than one (1) team in any event.
25. State Teams shall be nominated twelve (12) hours before the starting times of the competition team events.
26. (a) All competitors must report personally to the control centre before fishing in any round.
- (b) Failure to report shall render such competitor liable to disqualification, but any individual member so disqualified shall not necessarily render his/her team liable to disqualification.
- (c) The score of any member disqualified shall not be included in the aggregate of his/her team.
27. Points shall be allocated on the basis of one (1) point per fish plus ten (10) points per kilogram weight of fish (point score). The resultant point scores shall be converted to percentages on the basis of the highest point score in a round being one hundred (100) percentage points and all other bags being reduced to a percentage thereof (percentage point score).

In the context of these General Competition Rules -

- (1) Round means a single angling competition between lines down and lines up.
- (2) Percentages shall be calculated to two (2) places of decimal.

28. (a) The percentage point scores for each round in each section shall be aggregated to ascertain individual section winners.
- (b) For team scoring, the points score of all scoring team members in each round of team competition shall be aggregated and the team with the highest total points score shall be allocated one hundred (100) percentage points and all other teams total points scores shall be expressed as a percentage thereof.
- (c) Scoring team members are defined as:-
- (1) Men six (6) scores
 - (2) Ladies three (3) scores
 - (3) Juniors three (3) scores
 - (4) Veteran Men four (4) scores
 - (5) Veteran Ladies three (3) scores
- (d) If the teams' event is cancelled, the team's score will be taken from the first round and becomes the top 6 for men, top 4 for veteran men, top 3 each for ladies, veteran ladies and juniors.
29. (a) The score achieved in the Men's, Ladies, Veteran Men, Veteran Ladies and Juniors categories from the four (4) championship sections shall be the basis for determining the Champion State.
- (b) For determination of the Champion State (Warrnambool Trophy), the O. J. Collidge Trophy (Mens, Ladies and Juniors Beach and/or Rock and Estuary Teams events), the W.H. Wohling Trophy (Ladies Beach and/or Rock, Estuary, Off-shore and Casting Teams events) and the Auckland Trophy (Veteran Ladies Beach and/or Rock, Estuary, Off-shore and Casting Teams events) individual percentage point scores from each event, including casting, for each eligible member of each State Team will be

aggregated to determine the State Team scores for each event. The State Team with the highest aggregate point score shall be allocated one hundred (100) percentage points and all other States aggregate points scores shall be expressed as a percentage thereof. The percentage points scores of the team round of each angling event and the overall percentage points score of the team casting event shall be aggregated and the State Team with the highest score (100) possible per angling event and (100) possible for casting) shall receive one hundred (100) percentage points and all other State Teams aggregate points scores shall be expressed as a percentage thereof. The percentage points scores of each State Team for each event shall be aggregated to determine the winner.

30. (a) The Convention Champion of Champions (The Garven Family Trophy) shall be determined over the four championship events for all categories.
 - (b) To ascertain the Convention Champion of Champions the individual winners in each round of each event (highest score from all categories) shall be allocated one hundred (100) percentage points and all other event scores in each round, from all categories, shall be expressed as a percentage thereof. The percentage scores so achieved for each round, in each event, shall then be aggregated. The maximum possible score is eight hundred (800). The 3 individual casting events will be used to score the winners, where all percentage scores will be scaled back to 66.6% of the original so that the maximum score possible for the 3 casting events is (200) points.
 - (c) The Convention Champion Male (Bill Kerr Memorial Trophy) shall be determined over all championship events.
 - (d) The Convention Champion Lady (Phil Smith Memorial Trophy) shall be determined over all championship events.
 - (e) The Convention Champion Junior (Osborne Family Trophy) shall be determined over all championship events.
 - (f) The Convention Champion Veteran Male (Dick Cavill Memorial Trophy) shall be determined over all championship events.
 - (g). The Convention Champion Veteran Female (Hon Ken Smith MP Trophy) shall be determined over all championship events
 - (h) The Longest Cast (Doug Pettie Memorial Trophy) shall be determined by the longest cast for all competitors.
31. In the event of two (2) or more competitors having an equal number of points in any angling competition, the competitor who has taken the greater number of fish shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, multiple winners will be declared.
 32. The results of each day's competition must be visibly displayed for all to peruse.
 33. The Field Officer or any State Team Captain may call a meeting for the purpose of canceling or postponing an event. The decision to cancel or postpone shall be by majority vote of State Team Captains and to be made on the day on which it was originally scheduled. The meeting to cancel or postpone must take place no later than the programmed start of nominations on the day and where there is a likelihood of postponing the event, a wait and see period be adopted and an official announcement be made after this period.

ESTUARY SECTION

- E.1 State Estuary Teams shall consist of not more than:-
 - (a) Six (6) men.
 - (b) Three (3) ladies.
 - (c) Three (3) juniors.
 - (d) Four (4) veteran men.
 - (e) Three (3) veteran ladies.

- E.2 Estuary boundaries including those occurring on breakwaters, shall be clearly defined.
- E.3 Two (2) rods or lines may be used at any one time with two (2) hooks on each. A flight of hooks shall count as one (1) hook. All equipment must be manually operated.

OFF-SHORE SECTION

(Weather and circumstances permitting.)

OS.1 State Off-shore Teams shall consist of not more than:-

- (a) Six (6) men.
- (b) Three (3) ladies.
- (c) Four (4) veteran men.
- (d) Three (3) veteran ladies

OS.2 Fishing localities for each boat may be decided by the skipper of the vessel.

OS.3 In the interest of safety, all boats fishing in Off-shore Events must be over 4.25 metres in length, equipped with two-way marine radio and must be manned by no less than two (2) competitors. The method of measuring boats shall be from the bow to the stern in a direct line excluding bow fittings protruding beyond the bow and outboard motors protruding beyond the stern.

OS.4 Live bait may be gathered prior to competition registration time. It shall not be gathered for a competitor's use between registration and lines down.

OS.5 Two (2) rods or lines may be used at any one time with two (2) hooks on each. A flight of hooks shall count as one (1) hook. All equipment must be manually operated.

BEACH AND/OR ROCK SECTION

B.1 State Beach Teams shall consist of not more than:-

- (a) Six (6) men.
- (b) Three (3) ladies.
- (c) Three (3) juniors.
- (d) Four (4) veteran men.
- (e) Three (3) veteran ladies

B.2 Beach boundaries including those occurring on breakwaters, shall be clearly defined.

B.3 Two (2) rods or lines may be used at any one time with two (2) hooks on each. A flight of hooks shall count as one (1) hook. All equipment must be manually operated.

CASTING SECTION

C.1 State Casting Teams shall consist of not more than:-

- (a) Six (6) men.
- (b) Three (3) ladies.
- (c) Three (3) juniors.
- (d) Four (4) veteran men.
- (e) Three (3) veteran ladies

C.2 The Casting programme shall include:-

- Event 1 Up to and including 112 gram (4 oz.) Accuracy Event*
- Event 2 56 gram (2 oz.) V. Court Distance*
- Event 3 Up to and including 112 gram (4 oz.) V. Court Distance*
- Event 4 Up to and including 112 gram (4 oz.) Artificial Bait V. Court Distance*

All events to be run for both individuals and teams.

- C.3 Distance Events two (2), three (3), and four (4) will be measured to the point where the weight finishes. Measurements shall be taken in a direct line from the base line to the point where the weight finishes.
- C.4 (a) The Accuracy target shall be a circle 6.25 metres in radius, comprising twenty five (25) concentric circles, the radius of each being two hundred and fifty (250) millimetres larger than the preceding one. Maximum score of twenty five (25) points within the centre circle reducing by one (1) point for each circle from the centre circle. Measurement shall be taken at the first point of impact. The overall maximum total that could be scored would be two hundred (200) points for the eight casts.
- (b) The target for the Accuracy Event shall consist of a cone with a base of 500 mm in diameter with a height of 300 mm. The cone shall be made of tinplate and be pink in colour.
- C.5 The V. Court for Distance and Artificial Bait Events shall measure twenty (20) metres either side of the centre line, at a point one hundred (100) metres from the base line, measured at right angles to the centre line.
"The mid point of the base line will join the apex of the V. Court and the base line will be at right angles to the centre line of the V. Court. For the Accuracy Event the base line must be square to the target. All casts must be released from behind the base line, and at least part of one foot shall be within two (2) metres of the centre point of the base line."

In the Men's Accuracy Event, one group of distances shall be drawn from the following:-

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	61	64	67	70	73
Metres	30	33	36	39	42
Metres	76	79	82	85	88
Metres	46	49	52	55	58

In the Ladies, Juniors, Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies Accuracy Event, one group of distances shall be drawn from the following:-

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	40	42	45	52	54
Metres	30	35	30	36	38
Metres	60	56	53	59	61
Metres	50	49	37	43	46

- C.6 Each competitor shall have two (2) casts for each event nominated, except Event one (1). In Event one (1), two (2) casts will be allowed at each target. Casting sequence shall be as per the table group.
- C.7 Any method of casting will be allowed except revolving the rod around the body or head.
- C.8 There shall be no restriction on the choice of rods, reels or line.
- C.9 (a) In all events the breaking strain of line shall be optional and must be of equal gauge to the weight or leader.
- (b) In all events terminal knots shall not exceed 100 mm.

- (c) Breaking strain of all leaders must be no more than 50 kg, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used. Leaders will be permitted in:-
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| Event 1. | Accuracy |
| Event 3. | Artificial Bait Distance |
- (d) For Event one (1) (accuracy), leader length shall not exceed 250 mm.
- (e) For Events three (3) (artificial bait), leader length shall not exceed 1,000 mm.
- (f) Leader length is defined as the distance between the terminal knot and the top of the weight
- (g) Swivels, rings and loops may be used to form part of the leader.
- (h) Plastic tubing shall be used for 112 gram, 56 gram and artificial bait in level line distance events, the line to be inserted through the plastic tube prior to tying the knot. The plastic tubing shall be of a soft, flexible material, of minimum length 200 mm and maximum length 250 mm. Colour shall be "pink".
- (i) For the accuracy event pom poms shall be used. Pom poms of a consistent specification shall be supplied by the Host State. They shall be dark in colour with a maximum overall length of 100 mm and a minimum overall length of 50 mm and consist of a minimum of thirty (30) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent. Pom poms may be securely attached to the casting weight with any method of fastening such as a clip, a swivel/clip combination, a solid or a split ring, monofilament line, thread or wire. Any such item used for fastening which does not form an inline or weight bearing part of the leader shall not count for the application of rule C.9 (c).

C.10 Competitors shall use the artificial bait supplied by the Host State and made of wooden dowel 90.0 mm long and 13.0 mm in diameter. The colour shall be hot pink. It shall be attached to a swivel, ring or dropper loop by a line of a minimum length of 230.0 mm and must hang completely above the weight. Weights shall be made of lead or lead alloy. The casting weights will be standard at light blue 56 grams, white 84 grams and black 112 grams.

C.11 (a) Distance Events.
Casters must use the correct coloured weights for Distance Events. The Host State will provide these, with suitable scales to check weights. "No-cast" will be declared if the competitor fails to use the correct colour or weights and no points will be awarded for the cast. Plastic tubing or tags will not be allowed for identification in lieu of correctly coloured weights.

(b) Accuracy Event.
For the Accuracy Event the caster may use weights of optional colour and design providing the total weight, including pom pom, does not exceed 112 grams.

C.12 Each competitor shall cast within one minute of being called to the casting mark. "No-cast" will be declared if the caster fails to comply with this rule, and no points will be awarded for the cast.

C.13 No competitor shall cast until the "all clear" is given.

C.14 If any caster is distracted or interfered with in any way, the decision to award another cast rests with the officials conducting the event.

C.15 Break-offs shall be counted as a cast, but will not be eligible for measurement, nor will another cast be allowed to substitute the break-off.

C.16 Overstepping of the base line, break-offs or a weight or artificial bait landing or blown out of court shall be declared a "No-cast", and will not be eligible for measurement.

- C.17 Practice casting will not be permitted on the official courts on the day of competition prior to or during any event.
- C.18 Officials shall have the power to inspect equipment at any time before and during competition. Use of gear which does not meet required specifications will cause the competitor to be disqualified from the event.
- C.19 Any protests or disputes must go through the State Captain or his representative to the Disputes Committee, which shall resolve the matter before the completion of the event from which the dispute or protest arose.
- C.20 All Team Captains shall be responsible for their team's punctuality. Failure to comply could result in disqualification of a team member or members.
- C.21 All Team Captains shall make themselves available at a pre-arranged time for the drawing of teams' order of casting, and the four (4) Accuracy Event Distances.
- C.22 All State Team Casters shall be numbered as follows: - Men, one (1) to six (6); Ladies, Veteran Ladies, and Juniors each one (1) to three (3), and Veteran Men (1) to four (4). A group of competitors with corresponding numbers from each State Team shall cast in each round according to the order of the draw. No round shall be commenced before the previous round has been completed.
- C.23 CASTING SCORING In *each* of the four casting events, the best aggregate score by a caster shall be awarded 50 percentage points and all other member's scores shall receive a percentage thereof. Scoring shall be calculated to two (2) decimal points.

An individual's total casting score is determined by the addition of the percentage points accrued in all four (4) events.

For each State Team, their final percentage points scores for each event shall be aggregated and the top team's score shall be awarded 200 percentage points. The team with the highest score (200 possible) shall be the overall winner in the casting event.

(NB! This is to bring the total score possible for casting back to 200 percentage points in line with the two rounds of the fishing disciplines.)

EXAMPLE:-

Best Caster.

Event 1	Accuracy	140 points	= 50% = 50 points
Event 2	56 gram (2 oz.) V. Court Distance	130m, 134m = 264m	= 50% = 50 points
Event 3	112 gram (4 oz) Art Bait Distance	140m, 145m = 285m	= 50% = 50 points
Event 4	112 gram (4 oz) Distance	167m, 185m = 352m	= 50% = 50 points
			<u>Total 200 points</u>

Average Caster.

Event 1	Accuracy	100 points	= 35.71%	= 35.71 points
Event 2	56 gram (2 oz.) V. Court Distance	110 m, 125 m = 235 metres	= 44.50%	= 44.50 points
Event 3	112 gram (4 oz) Art Bait Distance	105 m, 102 m = 207 metres	= 36.31%	= 36.31 points
Event 4	112 gram (4 oz) Distance	135m, 140m = 275 metres	= 39.06%	= 39.06 points
				<u>Total 155.58 points</u>

C.26 Teams Events - (Accuracy, 56 gram. Distance and Artificial Bait).

- (a) In **each** Casting Event, each member's scores shall be aggregated and the highest score shall be awarded 50 percentage points and all other members shall receive a percentage thereof.

- (b) In the Accuracy Event the score of all scoring team members shall be aggregated and the highest score set to 50 percentage points and all other teams shall receive a percentage thereof.
- (c) Scoring team members are defined as:-
- (1) Six (6) men.
 - (2) Three (3) ladies.
 - (3) Three (3) juniors.
 - (4) Four (4) veteran men.
 - (5) Three (3) veteran ladies
- and are determined from points scores at the end of each round.
- (e) For each State Team their final percentage points scores for each event shall be aggregated. The team with the highest score (200 possible) shall be the overall winner in the casting event.
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AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION
CODE OF CONDUCT

1. AWARENESS AND ADOPTION OF FISHING REGULATIONS.

Anglers must acquaint themselves with all fisheries regulations, size and bag limits.

Adherence to the regulations will benefit fishing for the future.

2. RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHER ANGLERS

Avoid crowding fellow anglers, either on the shore or on the water.

Crowding and "hogging" jetty space detracts from the recreational fishing experience. The rights of all users of the fisheries resource should always be respected.

Always be aware of your surroundings and the impact you may have when fishing.

3. PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

The health of our fisheries resources depends upon the health of our environment. Damage to our environment can inadvertently harm the fish you are trying to catch.

Dispose of rubbish, unwanted fishing gear and bait scraps in appropriate refuse receptacles or take it home when you leave.

Only leave footprints wherever you go.

Take care when anchoring to minimise the damage to the aquatic environment.

Be aware of other plants and animals you may encounter fishing.

4. CAREFULLY RETURN UNDERSIZED, PROTECTED OR UNWANTED CATCH BACK TO THE WATER.

Catching undersized fish or unwanted species is inevitable, but should be returned to the water immediately.

Using a wet cloth when handling fish improves the survival rate, and their contribution to future catches.

Learn and practise the best methods of releasing live fish.

5. FISH SPECIES AND OTHER ORGANISMS MUST NOT BE RELOCATED/
TRANSFERRED INTO OTHER WATER BODIES.

Many problems, such as the establishment of feral populations like European Carp and the saltwater invasive weed *Calurpa Taxifolia* can result from such activities.

Unnatural interactions may result in depletion of fish populations.

6. ALWAYS SEEK PERMISSION WHEN ENTERING PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Having access to fishing waters within private property is a privilege, not a right. Respect the rights of property holders by:

Gaining permission prior to entering property belonging to others.

Do not interfere with live stock or crops in any way.

Leave all gates as they were found.

7. USE ESTABLISHED ROADS AND TRACKS

We all like to get away from it all, but this must be done responsibly.

Off road driving or "bush-bashing" causes erosion and vegetation loss; likewise tramping across sand dunes, reef beds and other fragile areas can cause damage.

Use established walking tracks and drive only on beaches where vehicle access is permitted. Protecting sand dunes and vegetation will help minimise beach and bank side erosion.

Treat all natural areas with care.

8. ATTEND YOUR FISHING GEAR AND VALUE YOUR CATCH.

Treat fish humanely and avoid waste by:

Attending your gear to ensure that fish are retrieved as soon as possible.

Dispatch fish humanely immediately after capture.

Ice is a good medium to dispatch fish.

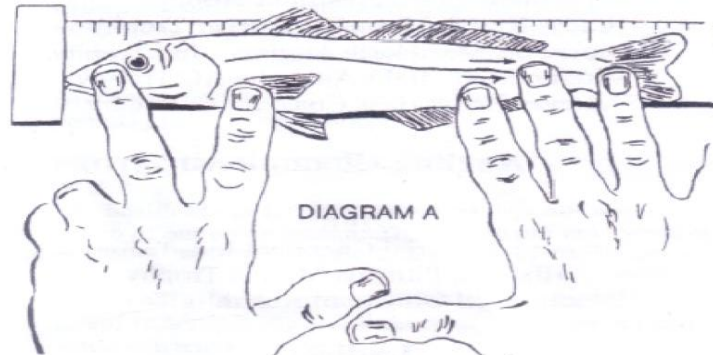
9. EDUCATION - PASS ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

Educating other anglers, particularly children to understand and observe fishery regulations will lead to a better-informed recreational angling community. This will encourage awareness of the environment and responsible angling

Measure your fish correctly

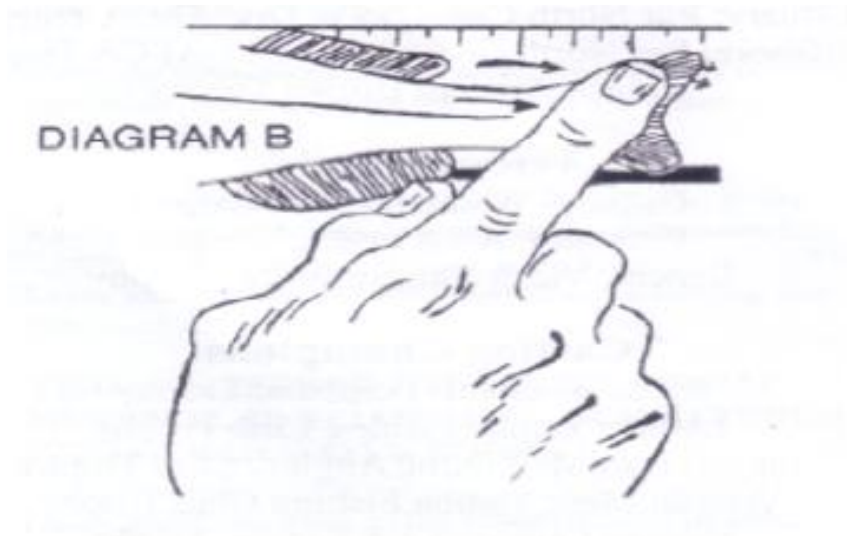
(Before placing them in the designated weigh-in area)

Measure your fish correctly by following this method. If you don't have a fish ruler then ask and borrow one or use an official allocated measure placed outside the weigh-in area before you enter them into the official weigh-in marked area



Method of measuring fish

The fish to be measured should be straightened if necessary so that it will lie flat and straight on the measuring stick and the mouth should be closed. The fish is placed on the measuring stick in such a position that the mouth is JUST TOUCHING the butt of the stick and held in position by the index and second fingers of the left hand (see Diagram A). The fingers of the right hand are then rubbed lightly along the body of the fish to extend it to its maximum length



If the FISH does not reach the required length then the index finger of the right hand may be used to move the top of the caudal fin downwards in an arc towards the line (see Diagram B). If the fish still does not reach the required length then it must be rejected as undersized.