

AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (W.A. Division) Inc

2008/2009 State Estuary Championships Walpole/Nornalup Estuaries, 29th and 30th November 2008

Rules of the Day

1. Venue, Times and Boundaries

- a) Briefing, Weigh-in and Presentations at the Rest Point Holiday Park, Walpole.
- b) Registration times from 11:00am to 12:00, Briefing at 12noon on Saturday 29th November 2008.
- c) Lines Down at 1:00pm on Saturday 29th November 2008.
- d) No specified lines up time (see 1 e below).
- e) Weigh-in commences at 11:00am sharp on Sunday 30th November 2008 (all bags **must** be in weigh-in area by this time).
- f) Presentations to commence after weigh-in (approximately 12:00noon) on Sunday 30th November 2008.
- g) Boundaries are the Walpole/Nornalup Estuaries and there tributaries to the inside of the narrowest part of the mouth.

2. Individual and Team Registrations

- a) All competitors must have registered as individuals on the supplied Individual Registration Form.
- b) Clubs may nominate any number of teams in each category by completing the supplied Team Nomination Form. These forms must be submitted prior to registration close. No separate fee is required.
- c) Team numbers are:
 - Mens : Up to 7 competitors with the best 6 scores counted
 - All other teams : Up to 4 competitors with the best 3 scores counted.
- d) Individual entry fees
 - Mens & Ladies : \$12.00
 - Veterans, Juniors & Mini Juniors : \$7.00.
- e) Ages for categories
 - Veterans : over 55 on the 1st August 2007
 - Juniors : under 16 on the 1st August 2007
 - Mini Juniors : under 12 on the 1st August 2007.

3. Condition of Fish at Weigh-In

- a) Any fish presented in a rotten, badly deteriorated or generally unfit for consumption state shall not be eligible for weigh-in. Fish must be whole and clean.
- b) Fish **MUST** be presented for weighing in either:
 - i) Natural fibre bags, such as Hessian or cloth, preferably in an esky with ice

OR

 - ii) Open weave bags, such as onion or dive bags, and **MUST** be in an esky with ice.
- c) Fish that have their necks broken will be pushed back into original shape and must be 1cm longer than the listed minimum size. This **does not** apply to gilled and/or gutted fish.

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4. Bag Limits and Point Scoring

- a) Competitors may only weigh **up to eight (8)** of each of the eligible species.
- b) Catch limits for any particular species must not exceed the Fisheries Department 1 day bag limit.
- c) The total number of fish to be weighed-in by a competitor cannot exceed fifty (50).
- d) Competition points will be awarded as follows:
 - 1 point per fish (maximum of 50 fish, with a maximum of 8 of any one species)
 - 4 points per kilogram of total bag weight
 - 10 points per listed species (see separate Eligible Species Sheet)

5. Fish Wastage

- a) All participants are required to observe the responsible fishing practices set out in the Association's Recreational Fishing Code of Conduct.
- b) Any competitor found to have knowingly discarded fish which were caught during any event run by the Association shall be disqualified from that event and disqualified from competing in any future Association event for a period determined by the disputes committee. Disqualification from the event concerned may be retrospective, and all winners, results and awards affected by that disqualification will also be amended retrospectively if and as required.

6. Trophies and Prizes

- a) Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up in all Individual and Team categories.
- b) Species Trophies will be awarded to the heaviest Herring, Tailor, Flathead, Skippy, Whiting (including King George) and Black Bream. In the event that one or more of the above species are not caught, a Flounder, then Tarwhine will be substituted.
- c) Each competitor is responsible for presenting their fish for weighing for the heaviest of species.