QUINNS ROCKS FISHING CLUB Inc.

PO Box 22 Ouinns Rocks. 6030. Phone 043 909 4000 **COMPETITION RULES 2016/2017**

- 1. Fishing competitions will be held on the 3rd Sunday (4th Sunday as stand-by- except for March) of each month, except December when it will be held on 2nd Sunday with the 3rd Sunday as stand by.
- Competition Times: A. Start October to March: (*Boats*) between 6:00 am. & 8:00 am. (*Beach anglers*) Saturday 5.00 pm. April to September: (Boats) between 7:00 am. & 9:00 am. (Beach anglers) Saturday 4.00 pm. B. Weigh-in All bags must be at weigh-in area no later than 4.00 pm or you are not allowed to weigh-in.
- COMPETITION FEES: \$5.00 for Adult's, \$2.50 for Junior's under 16 at start of season and \$5.00 for Visitors.
- All competitors must register at Mindarie ramp or SIGN ON and OFF via marine radio or by phone to the Club Captain or the *Designated competition organizer* this includes beach anglers.
- A. There must be a minimum of 3 boats enter in any one competition within 30 minutes of starting time otherwise that Competition will be cancelled by the Captain or Angling and Sports Committee member(s) running the competition for the month, even if some boats have already left the boat ramp(s).
 - B. A competition will automatically be cancelled if there is a STRONG WIND WARNING FORCAST for the day or night.
 - C. If due to inclement weather or other necessitating circumstances, a competition may be cancelled within 2 hours of the competition start time at the discretion of an Angling & Sports Committee member fishing in the competition, after calling other competitors.
 - D. It is the responsibility of the skipper of each participating vessel to make themselves aware of the current weather forecast and sea conditions before putting to sea.
- Safety equipment (as per Navigable Waters regulations) must be carried by all boats which may be subject to inspection by the department of transport.
- There will be 3(Three) competition divisions, Men's, Ladies and Juniors (Juniors under the age of 16 at July 1st at the Start of the fishing year).
- VISITORS: Visitors may enter in a competition, but do not accrue points towards the annual competition unless joining the QRFC. The points will then be added to the Anglers overall points for the year.
- There are 5 (Five) Trophy divisions; A. Club Champion (Overall), B. Mens, C. Ladies, D. Juniors and E. The biggest of each Of the species as listed by the Angling & Sports Committee. (Biggest fish species will include Men's, Ladies, Juniors)

10. WEIGHABLE:

- **A. Only 1 fish of each eligible species as specified in the Angling & Sports programme may be weighed.
- **B. A mutilated fish is not eligible for weighing in (a mutilated fish is by means of fresh piece(s) missing from Shark bites or alike or damaged by boat propeller etc.) (does not include Gilled and Gutted or cut for bleeding)
- **C. Fish that have their neck broken will be pushed back into original shape and must be 1 cm longer than listed minimum size. This also applies to gilled and gutted fish with the throat cut for bleeding.
- **D. Undersized fish are ineligible when brought into the weigh-in area and will DISQUALIFY THE CATCH IN ITS ENTIRETY (Remember a just size fish can shrink about 25mm, so remember to re-check your catch prior to entering the weigh-in area.)
- **Fish presented for weighing-in MUST BE in an INOFFENSIVE STATE or the weigh-in officer has the right to refuse to Weigh the catch. Bags must be wet to preserve your catch.
- 11. **Each competitor must present their fish in a separate and suitable container for weighing-in. (Plastic bags of any form are deemed NOT SUITABLE.). Eskies with ice or wet cloth or hession bags are preferred. Bags must be clearly labeled with anglers name.

12. POINT SYSTEM AS FOLLOWS.

- A. Any member can weigh in a Club Record in any competition such as the Australian Anglers Assn. event where the club is participating and/or any social or otherwise event supported by the club (Any fish species eligible). Club records can also be caught on club competition days and accrue 10 bonus points.
- B. Club competitions will be species competitions and run as follows: 10 for each species caught with 10 points for the heaviest of each species and 2 points for the second largest of the species in each category on the fish species list.
- 10 points will be awarded for those anglers participating in the monthly fishing competition
- D. 10 points will be awarded for catching the fish of the day and 10 points for the heaviest fish of the day.
- Prizes for the 1st place of Mens, Ladies and juniors along with other selected categories will be presented on the Friday night after the competition day. (For the selected categories prize winners must be present at the club for prize eligibility)
- E: Anglers must weigh-in an eligible species to be eligible for any divisional prizes.
- F. At the end of the fishing calendar year (June), Anglers best nine (9) scores will be their total points for the fishing season.
- 13. **It is the duty of the competitor(s) to notify the weigh master of a possible Club Record(s) to be weighed separately.
- 14. Cleaning of any fish near the launching ramps or in or around the weigh-in area is not permitted unless collecting fish frames.

- 15. Angler must not use more than two (2) rods or handlines at any one time and each rod or handline must not have more than two (2) hooks (A flight of hooks to be considered as one hook). No power assisted winches or rods and reels, no set-lines, drop lines, traps or hooks on marker floats used for finfish fishing is permitted on any boats, this will lead to disqualifications of all the anglers on the boat.
- 16. In the event of a breakdown, both boats may still weigh-in their catch.
- 17. **Club members to use Channel 90 on 27 MHz. and 73 on VHF call VJ6LQ Ocean Reef Sea Rescue from Mindarie.