# Australian Anglers Association







Eyre Peninsula – SA 19<sup>th</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Anglers 48800

The Australian Anglers Association acknowledges the support from the following sponsors.















Welcome to the Australian Anglers Association's 37th National Angling Championships and Convention.

It is great to see this wonderful event return to South Australia for the first time since 2015, which will provide a fantastic economic boost to the Lower Eyre Peninsula.

Every year, over a quarter of a million South Australians participate in and enjoy recreational fishing in South Australia.

Recreational fishing contributes strongly to the State's economy, supporting a range of businesses from tourism, to boating and retail and is estimated to be worth approximately \$160 million annually.

With our incredible seafood and wines, fantastic ocean adventures, wildlife experiences and award-winning local tours, there is something for everyone to enjoy in Port Lincoln. I invite you all to make the most of your time here.

For those competing, I wish you the best of luck for a safe and successful event, and I thank you for being part of the Australian Anglers Association 37th National Angling Championships and Convention.

Peter Malinauskas

### PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Message of Welcome from the PRESIDENT GENERAL

As both the President General and President of the South Australian Division of Australian Anglers Association, I extend to all participants 37th National Angling Championships and Convention, a very warm welcome to the Lower Eyre Peninsula.

The Lower Eyre Peninsula contains Coffin Bay, Port Lincoln and Cummins. This area produces cereal crops, sheep and aquaculture. Port Lincoln has the largest commercial fishing fleet in the Southern Hemisphere which targets mainly prawn, tuna, mussel, and crayfish. Coffin Bay is known world-wide for their oysters. The area provides some of the best facilities in South Australia for both the anglers and the social participants.

To host a Convention is mostly a thankless task. The challenges we face trying to get sponsorship was overwhelming at times due to today's economic climate. I would like to thank all the sponsors and supporters who have seen fit to support the Association.

A very special thank you to all the to all those people who have given up countless hours of their own time to make these National Angling Championships and Convention a success and I thank them sincerely.

I look forward to meeting you all and I wish you an enjoyable stay and a safe journey home from the Convention.

Stefan Salamon

**President General A.A.A** 



### Message from the Mayor, City of Port Lincoln

Welcome to Port Lincoln the Seafood Capital of Australia, an iconic South Australian regional coastal city. We are the major service centre for the southern Eyre Peninsula communities. We acknowledge the Barngarla People, the traditional owners of the land on which the City of Port Lincoln (Galinyala) rests, and their continuing connection to land, sea, culture and community.

Port Lincoln is located at the base of Eyre Peninsula some 650km west of Adelaide by road, on one of the world's largest protected harbours. The natural setting of Boston Bay is a defining feature of Port Lincoln, with the foreshore open space a highly valued recreation space and visitor experience.

Regional primary production including 50% of South Australia's wheat, barley and oil seed, together with our deep natural harbour and commercial fishing fleet, makes Port Lincoln a major agricultural export and fishing centre. The economy continues to diversify through the innovation and growth of production and industry, bringing new investment, workforce and population growth.

Port Lincoln is also a popular visitor destination, now enhanced by a growing program of cruise ship visits. Numerous festivals and events contribute to the city's vitality and attraction, including Tunarama, Adelaide to Port Lincoln Yacht Race, SALT Festival, Teakle Auto Sprint and the Mortlock Shield Football Carnival.

I encourage you to enjoy all that Port Lincoln has to offer, including our relaxed lifestyle, premier accommodation, restaurant and dining facilities, our boutique breweries and magnificent foreshore. Call into the Visitor Information Centre to learn more about our tourist destinations, including our Shark Cage Diving experiences, and the Port Lincoln Museum Trail. The Trail includes a guide to Axel Stenross Maritime Museum, where you step back in time at this absolute waterfront, unique museum. Take a tour of the MFV 'Tacoma', one of the most historically significant vessels ever built in Australia and learn about the impact this vessel made in the development of the tuna and prawn fishing industries in Port Lincoln.

I wish the Australian Anglers Association, their members, supporters and sponsors a wonderful National Championship, and welcome you all to our beautiful Port Lincoln!

Diana Mislov

Mayor, City of Port Lincoln



President General – Stefan Salamon Secretary General – Tim Hose Treasurer General – Stefan Salamon

STATE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	PATRON	CAPTAIN
SA	Stefan	Stefan	Paul Gesti	John Nicholls	Geoff Thomas
	Salamon	Salamon			
NSW	Robert Smith	Craig	Roe Martin	John Garven &	Robert Smith BM
	BM	McCartney		Bil Lee	
QLD	Ian Brill	Pam Crone	Rachel Bunker	Bruce Alvey	Steven Hunter &
					Paul Newton
VIC	Graham	Tim Hose	John Clarke	Keith Fleming	John Clarke
	McPherson				

The South Australian Division greatly appreciates the following people who have given many nights and hours of their time towards the preparation of the 37<sup>th</sup> National Angling Championships and Convention

### **CONVENTION OFFICIALS**

POSITION	NAME
Carnival Coordinator/Secretary	Stefan Salamon
Carnival Treasurer	Paul Rogers
Results Officer	Bob Hawes
Field Officer	Vaughn Gray
Casting Officer	Vaughn Gray
Trophy Officers	Heather Hampel & Lee Reed
YTT Newsletter Editor	Patricia Gray

# **GENERAL INFORMATON**

### **CARNIVAL REGISTRATION**

The National Angling Championships and Convention are open to anyone who is a financial member of any Angling Club affiliated; through its State Division, with the Australian Anglers Association.

Anglers may register in one of the six sections:

MENS \$70 LADIES \$70
VET MENS (Over 60) \$70 VET LADIES (Over 16) \$70
JUNIORS (Under 16) \$40 SOCIAL \$40
Juniors must be under 16 years on the 19 March 2023 while
Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies must have reached the age of 60 on or before the 19 March 2023.

### **CARNIVAL HEADQUARTERS**

The Carnival Headquarters will be at the Ravendale Community Sports Centre, Stamford Terrace Port Lincoln.

Headquarter will be staffed every day of competition. Free tea/coffee will be available daily and bar facilities will also be available. Snacks/finger food will be available for purchase from the kitchen area.

Headquarters is a licensed premises with includes the weigh-in area outside the building – please do NOT bring your own drinks.

### YESTERDAY TODAY TOMMOROW

Most days throughout the Carnival, an in-house daily news sheet, Yesterday Today Tomorrow (YTT) will be published and will be available from headquarters. YTT will contain the program for the following day's events and contain summarised results of the previous day's competition. It is most important that everyone reads the paper each day, as the YTT is the official mode of communication and will carry some topical and interesting news on the Convention.

# OPENING CEREMONY & OLD FRIENDS NIGHT- $20^{\text{TH}}$ March 2023.

The Opening Ceremony, Flag Raising and Old Friends Night social will be held at headquarters, beginning at 4pm. Proceedings will be kept short with the Old Friends Night social beginning at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

The Opening Ceremony is important to the Australian Anglers Association and needs to be conducted with dignity. Your attendance, in your state uniform, is requested, as the Association will be on display and could be judged by our appearance.

### **CONVENTION MEETING- FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023**

The Convention Meeting will be held at headquarters, beginning at 10am. It is most important to the Association's welfare that you attend and, if you so desire, express your views and voice your complaints for the Federal Executive to examine at future meetings. A presentation of minor trophies will follow the meeting.

### PRESENTATION OF DAILY TROPHIES

Following all events, the presentation of daily trophies will take place at headquarters.

A competitor can only win one-day prize per event where he/she is the only one nominating in his/her category for his/her State/Territory that day.

### **DAILY COMPETITION REGISTRATIONS**

Before fishing commences in any round, every competitor who intend to fish in that round must register personally at headquarters. Check the Program of Events for the registration times. A "Rules of the Day" Sheet will be available prior to registration.

### **RULES OF THE DAY**

Each day that competitors register to fish, they will receive a "Rules of the Day" sheet which will detail the venue, times and other particulars of the event including acceptable fish with bag limits and size limits and a list of unacceptable species. It will be the competitor's responsibility to collect a "Rules of the Day" at registration time.

### THE HONOUR START SYSTEM

The Honour Start System is now an integral part of our Angling Championships, and it is important that all competitors clearly understand fully how the system works.

After registering at the commencement of each fishing round, all competitors are allowed to proceed to their selected fishing spot. However, you are not permitted to start fishing in any way until "Lines Down" time.

Your Rules of the Day sheet gives you the Lines Down (start fishing) and Lines Up (stop fishing) times. On Competition days, you are not permitted to fish before or after these times and competitors found fishing outside of these set hours will be disqualified. At all times in Association events, your honour and trust is at stake.

### **WEIGH IN PROCEDURE**

All weigh-ins will be held at headquarters.

The weigh-in area at headquarters will be roped off and no one will be permitted inside the area other than the Field committee and State Captains.

If competitors consider that a fish in their catch may be eligible for a heaviest of species trophy they will be responsible to submit such fish for special weighing.

### **HEAVIEST OF SPECIES**

Trophies will be awarded for the following heaviest fish caught during the Convention:

Trevally, Tuna, Snook, Mullet, Salmon, Flathead, Sweep, Whiting, Other Species.

These trophies will apply to fish caught during scheduled competitions only.

# CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

### Sunday 19th March 2023

4:30pm- 6:00pm State Captains Meeting

### Monday 20th March 2023

9:00am-12pm Convention Registration

9:00am -12pm Boat Inspections

3:45pm-4:00pm Teams Assemble at

Headquarters

4:00pm - 5:00pmOpening Ceremony

5:00pm-8:30pm Old Friends Night

### Tuesday 21st March 2023 Off-Shore Championship – Day 1

6:30am Nominations at headquarters

7:00am Nominations Close

8:00am Lines Down

2:00pm Lines Up

3:30pm Weigh-in area opens for Fish

4:00pm Weigh-in area closes

4:05pm Weigh-in commences

5:45pm Presentation of Daily Trophies

### Wednesday 22nd March 2023 Casting Championship – Day 1

7:30 Assembly

8:00am Casting commences

### Thursday 23rd March 2023 Casting Championship – Day 2

7:30 Assembly

8:00am Casting commences

### Friday 24th March 2023

### Off-Shore Championship - Day 2

6:30am Nominations at headquarters

7:00am Nominations Close

8:00am Lines Down

2:00pm Lines Up

3:30pm Weigh-in area opens for Fish

4:00pm Weigh-in area closes

4:05pm Weigh-in commences

5:45pm Presentation of Daily Trophies

### Saturday 25th March 2023

Lay Day

### Sunday 26th March 2023

### Rock and Beach Championship - Day 1

6:30am Nominations at headquarters

7:00am Nominations Close

8:00am Lines Down

2:00pm Lines Up

3:30pm Weigh-in area opens for Fish

4:00pm Weigh-in area closes

4:05pm Weigh-in commences

5:45pm Presentation of Daily Trophies

# Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Estuary Championship – Day 1 6:30am Nominations at headquarters

7:00am Nominations Close

8:00am Lines Down

2:00pm Lines Up

3:30pm Weigh-in area opens for Fish

4:00pm Weigh-in area closes

4:05pm Weigh-in commences

5:45pm Presentation of Daily Trophies

### **Tuesday 28th March 2023**

Lay Day

### Wednesday 29th March 2023 Estuary Championship – Day 2

6:30am Nominations at headquarters

7:00am Nominations Close

8:00am Lines Down

2:00pm Lines Up

3:30pm Weigh-in area opens for Fish

4:00pm Weigh-in area closes

4:05pm Weigh-in commences

5:45pm Presentation of Daily Trophies

### Thursday 30th March 2023

### Rock and Beach Championship -Day 2

6:30am Nominations at headquarters

7:00am Nominations Close

8:00am Lines Down

2:00pm Lines Up

3:30pm Weigh-in area opens for Fish

4:00pm Weigh-in area closes

4:05pm Weigh-in commences

5:45pm Presentation of Daily Trophies

### Friday 31st March 2023

10:00am Convention Meeting

# **SOCIAL PROGRAM**

Monday 20th March 202

Activity: OLD FRIENDS NIGHT

Venue: Headquarters – Ravendale

Community Sports Centre,

Stamford Terrace Port Lincoln

Time: Start immediately after Opening

Ceremony approx. 5pm

Food: Finger food at no cost to all who are

registered.

Drinks: Purchased at the Bar

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Activity: Welcome morning tea followed by

games & adult colouring books

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 10am

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Activity: Moring tea Cards Bingo, games

puzzles and Jigsaws.

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 10am

Thursday 23rd March 2023

Activity: Artificial Flower arrangements

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 10am

Friday 24th March 2023

Activity: Morning tea and photography

session (how to improve the use of

camera on your mobile)

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 10am

Activity: Quiz Night Venue: Headquarters

Time: 7pm

Saturday 25th March 2023 (Lay Day)

Activity: TBA

Sunday 26th March 2023

Activity: Morning tea and general Wellbeing

Session

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 10am

Monday 27th March 2023

Activity: Morning tea/foot massage

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 10am

Tuesday 28th March 2023

Activity: Federal Executive Meeting

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 9am

Activity: State Night Venue: Headquarters

Time: 6pm

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Activity: Morning Tea & Geocaching

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 10am

Thursday 30th March 2023

Activity: Morning Tea & Family History

(Genealogy) chat

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 10am

Friday 31 March 2023

Activity: Convention Meeting & Presentation

of minor prizes

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 9am

Activity: PRESENTATION DINNER

Venue: Headquarters

Time: 6pm

Program is subject to change.

# **FISHING DETAILS**

### FISH SIZE LIMITS & BAG LIMIT SCHEDULE

SPECIES	MIN SIZE LIMIT (cms)	BAG LIMIT
BREAM	30	5
FLATHEAD	30	5
GARFISH	24	20
KING GEORGE WHITING	32	10
MULLET	23	20
LEATHER JACKETS	25	10
RED MULLET	25	5
SWEEP	25	10
SALMON	23 TO 35	10
SALMON	35	5
SNOOK	45	10
TREVALLY	24	10
TOMMY RUFF (Australian Herring)	18	20
TUNA	30	1
OTHER SPECIES (Combined)	30	20

### **UNACCEPTABLE FISH SPECIES**

All fish belonging to:-

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The Order	Anguilliformes	(Eels)
The Class	Elasmo Bronchii	(Sharks & Rays)
The Class	Holocephali	(Ghost Shark &
		Spook Fish)
The Sub-order	Tetraodontoidei	(Toad Fishes)
The Sub-order	Ostacioidei	(Box Fishes)
The Sub-order	Moloidei	(Sun Fishes)
The Family	Scorpaemidae	
The Family	Synancejidae	(Velvet Fish, Stone
		Fish etc.)
The Family	Aploaetidae	
The Order	Syngnathiformes	(Seahorses & Pipe
		Fish)
The Phylum	Molusca	(Molluscs including
		Cephalopods)
The Class	Crustacea	(Crustaceans)
The Phylum	Analida	(Segmented Worms)
The Family	Triglidae	(Gurnards)
The Family	Labridae	(Wrasse)
The Family	Neoodacidae	(Rock/Weedy Whiting
		& Herring Cale)
The Family	Bodianidae	(Groper)
The Family	Kyphosidae	(Drummer)

### **TIDE TIMES & MOON PHASES\***

	TIME	m		TIME	m
19 Sun	0203	1.44	25 Sat	0417	1.16
	0915	0.17		1009	0.18
	1535	0.92		1633	1.62
	2034	0.61		2306	0.37
20 Mon	0239	1.52	26 Sun	0430	1.07
	0927	0.17		1014	0.15
	1535	1.02		1655	1.65
	2101	0.43		2328	0.47
21 Tue	0310	1.54	27 Mon	0444	0.99
	0940	0.19		1025	0.15
	1542	1.14		1719	1.61
	2128	0.31		2352	0.59
22 Wed	0334	1.48	28 Tue	0450	0.92
New Moon	0951	0.22		1034	0.21
	1553	1.28		1743	1.51
	2155	0.25			
23 Thu	0353	1.38	29 Wed	0020	0.71
	1000	0.23	First Quarter	0317	0.88
	1603	1.42		1034	0.29
	2220	0.24		1805	1.37
24 Fri	0406	1.26	30 Thu	0052	0.84
	1006	0.21		0251	0.90
	1616	1.54		1026	0.38
	2244	0.29		1823	1.21

<sup>\*</sup>Bureau of Meteorology

### **FISH SPECIES-IDENTIFICATION**

"Sea Fishes of Southern Australia, Barry Hutchins & Roger Swainston" will be the Championship's official identification book. A copy will be available at Headquarters.

### **PIRSA Fish Species and limits**

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/recreational\_fishing/rules/species\_limits

### SPECIAL RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Leather Jackets shall be de-barbed flush with the body. Un-de-barbed, or improperly de-barbed fish shall be penalised by the removal of the fish from the competitions bag prior to the bag being weighed and 25-point penalty per fish shall apply. Fish removed from the bag shall be weighed and recorded separately in case of dispute.

# CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

### OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP

Nominations at Headquarters

Boat Ramps: All boats will launch and retrieve at Billy Light Point boat ramps or Axel Stanross boat ramp.

Marine chart Reference AUS 776

NOTE: There is no fishing in any Tuna and Mussel Leases, Sanctuary Zones or Port Lincoln Marina.

Boat: Offshore boats must be over 4.25 metres, be equipped with a two-way marine radio and must be manned by a minimum of two (2) persons.

Boat operators' licences are required in SA. Licences issued by interstate authorities are valid for 90 days.

Field Officer will be at Headquarter (Ravendale Community Sports Centre) at the commencement of the convention and will be checking all boats for current registrations and ensuring they are carrying the required safety equipment. You may be checked at any boat ramp or on the water, but we have arranged for inspections to be carried out at Headquarters at the following time: -

Monday 20th March 2023 between 9am- 12pm

### Safety Disc System:

Boat Skippers must collect a safety disc from headquarters the day before the first Offshore Day. Before the weigh-in commences, the Boat Skipper must report to the Field Officer or his delegate to return the disc and be marked off the list. This procedure will be repeated for the second day. Boat Skippers will leave a \$20 deposit. If the Boat Skipper forfeits a deposit for day one, they will need to make a further deposit of \$20 to compete in day two.

Safety disks NOT returned by weigh-in time will immediately be checked and a missing boat alert commenced.

Marine Radio:

Radio Channel on 27 MHZ is 96

Competitors for the Offshore event can log on and off via channel 88

### **ESTUARY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Boat Ramp: All boats will launch and retrieve at Coffin Bay boat ramp.

Boundaries: The boundaries are both land and boat based. Point longnose on the west lining up with imaginary line to the point at Little Douglas on the east.

Marine Radio

Radio Channel on 27 MHZ is 96

Competitors for the Estuary event can log on and off via channel 88

### **ROCK & BEACH CHAMPIONSHIP**

Boundaries:

- 1) The boundaries are from Farm Beach to north point of Hall Beach
- 2) The boundaries are from the Port Lincoln Yacht club to the Axel Stanross Boat Ramp.

Competitors cannot walk beyond the boundaries to fish.

### **CASTING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Venue: North Shields Sports Association, 1185 Lincoln Highway, North Shields

The site has been booked for the two-day casting event only. The proprietors have advised that they do not want people practicing there prior to the event.

The venue is a none smoking area so competitors will have to leave the site if you wish to smoke.

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA MARINE PARKS SANCTUARY ZONES

Sanctuary Zones – areas of high conservation value set aside for conservation and low-impact recreation. NO fishing is allowed in these zones.

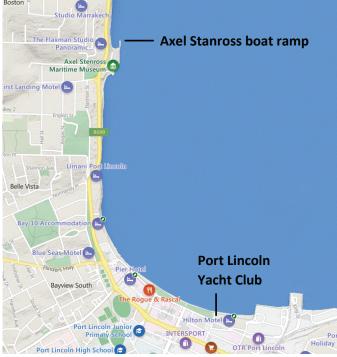
Restricted access Zones – areas that are off limits to the public (no entry)

Information on Marine parks can be found: https://www.marineparks.sa.gov.au

# **CHAMPIONSHIP BOUNDARIES MAPS**

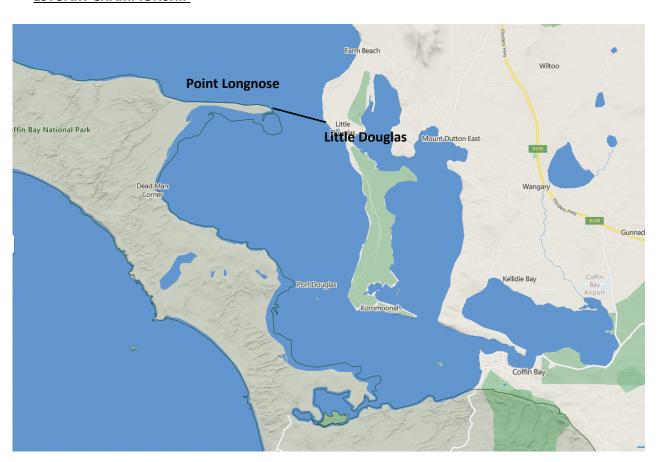
### **ROCK AND BEACH CHAMPIONSHIP**





Area 1 Area 2

### **ESTUARY CHAMPIONSHIP**



# **AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION** CONSTITUTION

### SEPTEMBER 2022

### NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION PART 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
  - '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
  - '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.

### **OBJECTS** PART 111

- The objects of the Association are:
  - (a) to conduct the business of the Association
  - to conduct angling competition, social activities (b) and conventions
  - to exchange social visits between anglers and (c) their friends
  - to do all things as may be considered essential to the welfare of members and anglers generally
  - to co-operate with other angling or sporting bodies (e)
  - to purchase, take on lease, exchange or (f) otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights. No member retiring from the Association or ceasing from any or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association
  - to improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, (g) sell, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Association

- to establish and maintain an Australia wide records (h) 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 1V MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 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.
  - Associate membership may be offered to other nations wishing to participate in carnivals conducted by the Association
- 9. Applications for membership of the Association shall (a) be in such form and shall be supported by such evidence as the Federal Executive may require.
  - 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.
  - 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 twothirds 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 V1 CLAIM ON FUNDS OR PROPERTY

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 V11 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 V111 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 to 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.
- 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.
- 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 X1 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.
- 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 an 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 subcommittees 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 incoming 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 Members deposition 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 XV1 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**

## (SUBSIDIARY RULES OF THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION)

### SEPTEMBER 2022

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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. 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-annual 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)

kilometers 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:-
- 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 or 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.
- (I) (1) The Committee shall receive and process applications for Dry casting 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. Available on the website aaa-wa.net.au Click on "Records".

### **GENERAL COMPETITION RULES**

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 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 five (5) 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 Offshore.
  - 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.

- 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.
- 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 jagging or with the use of power-assisted reels/winches) shall be eligible for all competitions. Jigging will be permitted.
- 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.
  - (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, Veteran's, Ladies and Veteran Ladies team events shall be Estuary, Off-shore, Beach and Casting. Juniors' team events shall be Estuary, 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.

- Percentages shall be calculated to two (2) places of decimal.
- (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 Mens, Ladies, Veteran Men, Veteran Ladies and Juniors categories from the four (4) championship sections shall be the basis for determining the Champion State.
  - 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 4 individual casting events will be used to score the winners, where all percentage scores will be scaled back to 50% of the original so that the maximum score possible for the 4 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 from out of 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 cancelling 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 Teams and Individuals.
  - Event 2 56 gram (2 oz.) V. Court Distance Event Teams and Individuals.
  - Event 3 Up to and including 112 gram (4 oz.) Artificial Bait
    V. Court Distance Event Teams and Individuals
  - Event 4 Up to and including 112 gram (4 oz.) V. Court
    Distance Event Teams and Individuals
- 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 midpoint 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:-

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

- 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:-

Event 1. Accuracy

Event 3. Artificial Bait Distance

- (d) For Event one (1) (accuracy), leader length shall not exceed 250 mm.
- (e) For Event three (3, 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 shall 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. The diameter shall be nominally 2.5 mm minimum inside diameter of 4.5 mm maximum inside diameter. 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.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 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. Blue – 56 grams (2 oz); White – 84 grams (3 oz); Black – 112 grams (4 oz). 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 "Nocast", 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), Veteran Men, one (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.

### **CASTING SCORING**

### C.23 Individual Scoring

- (b) For each of the Distance Events 56 gram, 112 gram and artificial bait, the scores of the individual caster for each event shall be aggregated and the highest score for each event shall be awarded 50 percentage points, and all other individual casters shall receive a percentage thereof.
- (d) For the Accuracy Event the scores of the individual caster shall be aggregated and the highest score shall be awarded 50 percentage points and all other individual casters shall receive a percentage thereof.

For each individual caster, the scores for all four (4) events shall be aggregated and the individual caster with the highest total points (maximum 200 points) shall be awarded 100% and declared the winner

EXAMPLE:-

### Best Caster.

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Event (1)	Accuracy	130 points = 50% = 50 points		
Event (2)	140 m, 135 m =	275 metres = 50% = 50 points		
Event (3)	152 m, 149 m =	301 metres = 50% = 50 points		
Event (4)	165 m, 173 m =	338 metres = 50% = 50 points		

### Average Caster.

Event (1)	Accuracy	100 points =	38.46% = 38.46 points
Event (2)	110 m, 105 m =	215 metres =	39.09% = 39.09 points
Event (3)	125 m, 129 m =	: 254 metres =	42.19% = 42.19 points
Event (4)	137 m, 141 m =	278 metres =	41.24% = 41.24 points

# C.24 **Teams Scoring** - (Accuracy, 56 gram, 112 gram Distance and 112 gram Artificial Bait).

For each State Team, the **total** percentage points scores for the individual team members shall be aggregated. The team with the highest overall total points score shall be allocated one hundred (100) percentage points and be the overall winner in the casting event. All other teams' total points scores shall be expressed as a percentage thereof.

### **EXAMPLE**:

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Tom Baker	<u>85.37</u>	
Adam Fish	80.49	
Peter Salmon	94.12	
John Green	81.89	
Tim Smith	78.54	
Bill Brown	100	

<u>TOTAL</u> <u>520.41 points</u> = 100%

### **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 practice 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 week 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 livestock 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 void waste by: Attending your gear to ensure that fish are retrieved as soon as possible. Despatch fish humanely immediately after capture. Ice is a good medium to despatch fish.

### 9. EDUCATION-PASS ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE

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

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