

## **CUNGULLA RECREATION, FISHING & SOCIAL CLUB (INC)**

### **2024 FISHING COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

**FISHING REGULATIONS**:- Are directed by the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF) and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and apply in all cases. There are some additional club imposed restrictions and these are outlined as follows.

Any disputes arising will be dealt with by a panel made up of no less than two members of the club's committee as well as the Fishing Coordinator. The panel's decision is final and cannot be appealed.

The fishing coordinator for 2024 is Dennis McCloskey.

All marine vessel owners and operators competing in club competitions are to abide by the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994.

### **NOMINATIONS**

Under the constitution there will be no nomination fees.

All financial members of the club are eligible to enter in any monthly event. The fishing coordinator must be given advance notice of any blue water nominations.

Members must be financial in order to receive an award at the annual presentation event.

### **COMPETITION TIMES**

Fishing is permitted from **12.01 a.m.** Saturday until **4.00 p.m.** Sunday for the event dates

Crab pots can be set from **12 noon** on Friday until **4.00 pm** Sunday for the event dates.

### **ALLOWED FISHING AREAS**

Teams events are bound by and include Cocoa and Bomber Creeks and all creeks and rivers in between. Fishing is permitted from the tree lines and along beaches in between these estuaries that can be reached in a vehicle or on foot.

### **FISH SPECIES AND SCORING:**

All eligible fish presented will generate a "Q" score. These "Q" scores and eligible species are listed in Appendix 1. Where more than type of a fish species occurs (e.g. black and silver bream) a competitor may submit a fish of each type. "Morwong" are not accepted.

### **FISH SIZES:**

All fish submitted must be two (2) cm. longer than the D.A.F. minimum size. This is referred to as the "Club Legal Size." See Appendix 1. Fish will be measured as they lie on the ruler.

### **WEIGH- IN.**

This is held on the Sunday of each competition at the club from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teams who cannot attend the Sunday weigh-in can tag their fish and leave them with another member to weigh in. In exceptional cases the fishing coordinator can measure fish and weigh crabs.

### **The club strongly recommends that all fishing competitors attend the weigh in.**

Fish must be presented whole- bled, gutted and gilled is permitted.

Fish and crabs can be measured over the weekend **primarily for members who live out of town. The Fishing Coordinator, President, Vice-President and Fish Measurer** can measure fish and/or crabs as well as Bluewater fish.

### **POINTS**

Points are calculated using this formula.

**Points= ( Fish length÷ Club Minimum) X “Q” score**

“Q” scores can be found in Appendix 1.

### **AGE DIVISIONS**

Seniors	18 years and over	Male
Seniors	18 years and over	Female
Juniors	13 to 17 years	Boys and Girls
Minor Juniors	0 to 12 years	Boys and Girls

The age that a participant turns during that year determines the division the member is in. Juniors and minor juniors must advise the coordinator of their date of birth when they weigh in their first fish. All competitors must fish in their correct age division.

### **COMPETITION CANCELLATIONS:**

The President and/or Fishing Coordinator can cancel a competition when deemed necessary to do so.

## **2024 FISHING EVENT DETAILS**

### **TEAMS EVENT**

Teams will consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) financial club members comprised of seniors and/or juniors. A team can use a maximum of no more than two boats on the water at any given time during competition times.

A team must nominate team members before participating in their first competition. A team register will be maintained. Teams with less than four members can add additional members during the year up to a maximum of four. The coordinator must be informed.

An individual can nominate in one team only. The committee has the right to allow a member to change teams due to extenuating circumstances.

### **ANNUAL TEAMS RESULTS- TEAM OF THE YEAR.**

A team can present up to five eligible fish with no more than one fish from each species.

Any fish presented for the "Target" competition cannot be used again in the Team's bag.

The "Q" score system will be used to generate each teams monthly total.

The best eight monthly results will contribute to an annual "**Team of the Year**" award.

**ANNUAL PRIZE ( Team of the Year) 1<sup>st</sup> = ? , 2<sup>nd</sup> = ? ,3<sup>rd</sup> = ?**

### **MONTHLY TARGET SPECIES:**

A team can present one fish only toward the monthly Target species competition. See Appendix "A" This fish will give a team entry into the monthly random draw. Team members do not have to be present at the weigh in.

### **MONTHLY PRIZES:**

**Teams Event- 3 X Random vouchers for \$20 each**

**Target Species- 2 X Random Vouchers of \$20 each**

### **LONGEST FISH LEADER BOARDS** (From all teams during the year)

Species are **Black Bream; Spotted Grunter; Dusky Flathead; Cooktown Salmon and Whiting**

Annual prize for each species to be determined.

### **MUD CRAB COMPETITION ( INDIVIDUAL)**

A mud crab competition will be held in conjunction with the monthly teams events.

**CRAB SIZE:** Crabs must be male and a minimum of 150m.m. across the carapace.

#### **WEIGH IN**

Financial members can weigh in one (1) crab per event.

Crabs are to be submitted green, tied and alive at the weigh in.

**MONTHLY CRAB PRIZES** ARE 3 x RANDOM DRAWS

#### **ANNUAL CRAB PRIZES ARE**

1. Heaviest crab 1<sup>st</sup> (T.B.A)
2. Aggregate weight from eight (8) events 1<sup>st</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> ( T.B.A.)

### **BARRAMUNDI COMPETITIONS ( INDIVIDUAL)**

There will be two barramundi competitions in 2024, in **February** and **October**. In February the target species will be barramundi. All team members as well as other financial members can weigh in a barramundi. There will be three random draws of \$20 each for this competition. Barramundi presented for the barra comp cannot become part of any teams "bag".

The **October Barra competition** will be a stand alone competition not associated with the teams event or target species competitions. Prize money will be allocated (\$500) provided by sponsors. Non -members will be invited but are required to become members. Brag mats will be issued to competitors and barramundi from 58 cms to 120 cms will be accepted. Prizes will go to the biggest fish, a mystery length and random draws.

### **BLUEWATER EVENTS.**

Members can fish on two consecutive days in a calendar month.

Selected fishing days must be given to the fishing coordinator before the event.

Members are able to weigh in up to five fish with just one from each eligible species.

All fish will be rated against the "Q" points system to calculate a monthly result. See Appendix 1.

**Monthly targeted species** - 2 X Random Draws

**Monthly Prizes** – 2 X Random Draws

#### **ANNUAL BLUEWATER PRIZES**

The best 8 monthly results will decide the winners

**Seniors** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Juniors** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CHILDREN’S FISHING COMPETITIONS.**

**GENERAL OUIJLINE:** Junior and minor junior fishing competitions will encompass **TWO** sections.

The Annual Champions will be decided by the individual **Longest Linear Meterage** of all fish submitted.

**Section 1:** Land bases competitions- to be conducted at Vivienne Lyons Park or Big Beach. Section 1 events are open to financial and non financial children. Daily prizes are on offer.

Financial juniors can add their fish to their cumulative score.

All fish recorded towards annual champion totals must be club eligible species and of club legal length.

**Section 2:** 10 X Monthly Teams Competitions. Juniors/ Minor Juniors can be part of a team or an individual and can submit up to five different eligible species at the Sunday afternoon weigh in. These fish can also contribute towards their team’s competition results.

**2024 COMPETITION DATES:**

**Appendix “A”**

**TEAMS EVENT**

MONTH	DATES	TARGET FISH SPECIES
January	20/21	Mangrove Jack
February	17/18	Barramundi
March	23/24	Flathead ( Mud/Dusky)
April	20/21	Estuary Cod
May	18/19	Black Bream
June	15/16	Silver Bream
July	27/28	Barred Grunter
August	24/15	Mangrove Jack
September	21/22	Fingermark
October	26/27	Blue salmon

**INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR BEACH EVENTS**

January to October	VENUE	COMPETITION
25/02/24	Vivienne Lyons Park	Junior Comp 1
05/05/24	Vivienne Lyons Park	Junior Comp 2
19/10/24	Vivienne Lyons Park	Junior Comp 3

**BLUEWATER****Appendix "A"****INDIVIDUAL COMP.**

MONTH	DATES	TARGET FISH SPECIES
January	Nominated 2 Days	Reef Jack
February	Nominated 2 Days	Trevally
March	Nominated 2 Days	Coral Trout
April	Nominated 2 Days	Sweet Lip ( Red Throat)
May	Nominated 2 Days	Nannygai ( Large Mouth)
June	Nominated 2 Days	Mackerel ( Spanish)
July	Nominated 2 Days	Red Emperor
August	Nominated 2 Days	Cod Species
September	Nominated 2 Days	Spangled Emperor
October	Nominated 2 Days	Cobia

**APPENDIX 1****2024 ELIGIBLE FISH SPECIES AND "Q" SCORES**

ESTUARY SPECIES	CLUB LEGAL SIZE (DAF + 2 cm)	"Q" Points.
Barramundi	60cm to 90 cm max.	125
Mangrove Jack/Fingermark	37 cm	110
Whiting ( All species)	25 cm	67
Bream ( All types)	27 cm	67
Flathead ( Mud/Dusky)	42cm to 73cm (max)	63
Flathead ( Bartail)	32 cm	63
Flathead (Sand)	32cm	63
Trevally	37cm	56
Queenfish	52cm	88
Grunter ( Barred)	42cm	94
Grunter ( Small/spotted)	32cm	84
Salmon( King/Threadfin)	67cm	64
Salmon ( Cooktown/Blue)	42cm	64
Estuary Cod	40 cm to 120 cm (max)	64

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<b><u>BLUEWATER SPECIES</u></b>	<b><u>CLUB SIZE ( DAF + 2 cms)</u></b>	<b><u>“Q” scores</u></b>
Coral Trout	40 cm	110
Coral Trout ( Chinese Footballer)	52cm	110
Mackerel ( Spanish)	77cm	110
Mackerel ( Grey/Spotted)	62cm	90
Mackerel ( Shark/School)	52cm	90
Fingermark	37cm	110
Grunter ( Barred)	42cm	94
Sweetlip ( Grass)	32cm	67
Sweetlip ( All others)	25cm	67
Sweetlip ( Red Throat)	40cm	110
Emperor ( Long Nose)	40cm	80
Emperor (Spangled)	47cm	80
Emperor (Red)	57cm	110
Parrot Fishes ( All)	27cm	80
Nannygai ( Small Mouth)	42cm	70
Nannygai ( Large Mouth)	42cm	90
Jobfishes ( All)	40cm	80
Cobia (All)	77cm	90
Cod ( All)	40cm	70
Flowery Rock Cod	52cm to 70 cm (max)	91
Maori Rock Cod	47cm	70
Amberjack	77cm	60
“Reef” Jack	37cm	110
Greasy Rock Cod	40cm to 100 cm (max)	70
Queenfish	52cm	88
Morwong( Slatey )	37cm	50