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TOURNAMENT FISHING RULES



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Garmin Billfish Bash 2017 hosted by the Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club is a Light & Heavy tackle, tag & release Team / Individual event. We hope that a healthy competition will result with the emphasis on sportsmanship and good spirit.

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY

\$200.00 for each senior angler
\$20.00 for each junior angler
\$120.00 for each non fishing crew (not compulsory)

Included in your entry for angler and paid crew is:

- Friday evening meet and greet (Cash bar available and pizza provided)
- \$10 meal voucher will be provided to anglers and paid crew to be used at chances on Saturday night. The voucher is only valid on Saturday night and must be used prior to 8:00 pm.
- Sunday buffet meal (main & dessert)
- Tournament Shirt
- Lucky angler prizes (crew not included in prizes and to be entered into the draw angler must fish)
- R.E.D. levy
- Marina berth for duration of competition

Early Entry:

Entries received prior to 6.00pm Saturday 18th November 2017 will go into the early entry draw.

Tournament Brochure and entry form available at mgfc.com.au. EFT payments available up to 24th November 2017, make cheques payable to Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc. and post to PO Box 1115 Mooloolaba 4557 QLD.

QUALIFICATIONS

The tournament will be fished to G.F.A.A. rules. Anglers MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either G.F.A.A or Q.G.F.A. All anglers may be asked to provide proof of current membership. The Club reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.

MARINA BERTHS

The Mooloolaba Marina berths will be available to competitors upon request (Early bookings essential due to limited numbers). Please observe Marina rules at all times, be respectful to other residents at the marina. Under no circumstances are the marina security gates to be left open at any time. Call Game Base on channel 15 or 21 or phone Micheal Wrack 0424 655 062 for berth allocation as you arrive in the marina.

VENUE

Chances, 45/123 (next to Hogs Breath), Parkyn Parade Mooloolaba.

REGISTRATION, BRIEFING & CALCUTTA

Registration will take place on Friday 24th November 2017 at the Chances, 45/123 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba, next to Hogs Breath from 6pm. This will be followed by a skippers only briefing at 7pm. The Calcutta will be held at 7.30pm.

SATURDAY NIGHT

There will be a \$10 meal voucher off a meal for Chances, for anglers and paid crew. Cash bar available.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of trophies and dinner will be held on Sunday 26th November 2017 at Chances, 45/123 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba, next to Hogs Breath . 2 Course (main & dessert). Cash bar available. Each angler must be present at the Presentation Dinner if he or she is to be eligible for the Lucky Angler Draw, early entry prize & Last Man Standing. Extra Presentation Dinner tickets are \$50 and must be pre paid with Tournament Entry on or before Friday briefing night.

BOATS DEPARTING OTHER PORTS

In the interest of creating atmosphere for the event we advise participants to attend the Friday briefing. For convenience boats may leave from their home port on Saturday and Sunday provided their entry fees have been paid prior. All boats competing must return to The Yacht Club at Mooloolaba Marina on at least Sunday to submit tag cards, activity sheets and have their tackle checked for qualifying fish (deadline 5:30pm) In the event of incorrect checked tackle on day 1 all points up to that point will be disqualified and the team will be allowed to accrue points on day 2. If a boat has fished from their home port and missed day 1 weigh in and is found to be outside of GFAA regulations on day 2 all points will be disqualified for day 1 and day 2.

FISHING DAYS

Fishing Days are Saturday the 25th of November and Sunday the 26th of November, 2017.

FISHING TIMES

Saturday:	Start fishing	7:00am
	Cease fishing	4:00pm
Sunday:	Start fishing	7:00am
	Cease fishing	3:30pm

RADIO SKEDS VHF 21 only

Competing boats must have VHF. All skippers must keep radio sked sheets. Skeds will be called on VHF 21 only.

SKED TIMES

10.03am, 1:03pm, 3:33pm Saturday (Overtime permitted)
10:03am, 1:03pm, 3:03pm Sunday (Overtime not permitted)

Skeds will be conducted as follows:

When Game Base calls your boat, respond by: Confirm Boat Name, then call number of Strikes, Hook-ups, Captures/Tags (eg: 2.1.1) All hook-ups/tags and captures to be reported immediately to Game Base. Game Base will issue the tag/capture time which is to be recorded in the sked sheet. All boats must answer the sked or relay via another vessel. A penalty may be applied for failure to do so. If relaying for another vessel, confirm your boat name, then the name of the vessel you are relaying sked details for. **NOTE:** All vessels must log on before start fishing and log off when back in the harbour, or have ceased fishing for that day. Once a vessel has logged off with Game Base it is understood that they will take no further part in fishing for that day.

HEAVY & LIGHT TACKLE

Teams must nominate to fish either the heavy or light tackle category before the start of fishing each day. Teams must radio game base should they elect to change category of tackle during the days' fishing. 8kg only for light tackle and 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg for heavy tackle (heavy tackle points 15000 & light tackle points 7500). The heavy tackle zone is restricted to waters with a depth greater than 150m. Game base must be notified when changing line classes. Light tackle zone is in less than 150m of water.

FISHING GROUNDS

Between a line running due East from Double Island Point and a line running due East from Point Lookout.

WEATHER AND BREAKDOWN

No allowance will be made for fishing time lost due to bad weather or breakdowns. The tournament committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone any day due to bad weather. If due to bad weather both fishing days are cancelled, the tournament will be re-scheduled for another weekend. (TBA) in the event of a gale or strong wind warning issued by the BOM of 25knots or over the club holds the right to cancel or postpone the tournament.

BOAT LENGTH

For the purpose of this tournament, boat length overall is to be determined from the measurement taken from the bow, (excluding bowsprit) to stern (excluding outboard pods). This measurement will be used to determine under 7 metres or 7 metres and over.

WEIGH-INS

Weigh-ins will be conducted at the Commodores Wharf, The Yacht Club on Saturday 25th from 4.30pm – 6.00pm and Sunday 26th from 4.00pm – 5.30pm. All anglers must remain with the weigh master during weighing and recording. Fish may be weighed outside these hours by arrangement only. All edible fish may be gilled and gutted. A 10% allowance will be made for any fish gilled and gutted. No fish are to be left at the weigh station. Points will be deducted for infringements. (Record claim fish must be intact) Daily activity sheets, tag cards and capture forms are to be delivered to the weigh master.

Deadline for tag cards and activity sheets is 5:30pm Sunday. No points will be awarded unless tag cards and activity sheets are filled out correctly and the tackle has been delivered and checked by the weigh master.

FISHING TACKLE

The tournament committee will perform random tackle inspections. Any team found to be using non-conforming equipment will be disqualified of any points.

DISPUTES COMMITTEE

A disputes committee comprising of members of a minimum of two competing clubs will hear protests, provided they are submitted in writing no later than 2 hours after cease fishing on the day of alleged infringement. The committee's decision is final and no further discussion will be entered into.

FACILITIES

Tags are required to gain access to the facilities and the Marina. Tags will be available as you arrive & on briefing night. A fee of \$50 will be charged which will be refunded upon departure. Please see a committee member to collect your tag.

SPEED LIMITS

Whilst steaming within the confines of the Mooloolaba Harbour, the speed limit of 6 knots must be observed.

FUEL AND ICE

Diesel and ice are available at Chippo's Fuel Supplies.

Chippo's Fuel Supplies (Diesel)
Phone: 0427 002 908

Browns (Unleaded)
Phone Michael Wrack, 0424 655 062 for fuel bookings

TROPHIES

Champion - Light Tackle Senior Angler
Champion - Heavy Tackle Senior Angler
Champion - Other Species Senior Angler
Champion - Male Senior Angler
Champion - Female Senior Angler
Champion - Junior Angler
Runner up - Junior Angler
Champion Boat over 7m
Champion Boat under 7m
Champion MGFC Boat
First Billfish Day 1 (Junior or Senior)
Last Billfish Day 1 (Junior or Senior)
First Billfish Day 2 (Junior or Senior)
Last Billfish Day 2 (Junior or Senior)

G.F.A.A. EQUIPMENT AND ANGLING REGULATIONS APPLY.

1. Each team will consist of no more than 6 anglers and no less than 2.
2. There will be 2 line categories fished. 8kg only for light tackle and 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg for heavy tackle (heavy tackle points 15000 & light tackle points 7500). The heavy tackle zone is restricted to waters with a depth greater than 150m. Game base must be notified when changing line classes. Light tackle zone is in less than 150m of water.
3. It is acknowledged that some skippers may also be anglers in which case will have equal fishing time and opportunity as the other anglers.
4. A maximum of 2 predetermined rods set with either lures or natural dead bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 2 predetermined rods at any stage while trolling lures or natural dead bait).
5. A maximum of 1 predetermined rod set with live bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 1 predetermined rod at any stage while live baiting). The rod must not be handled by others including pitch baiting or setting.
6. In regards to rules 3 and 4. There must also be equal fishing "time" and "opportunity" for each angler. (Clarification: no one angler can maintain strike more than another).
7. Skippers may manoeuvre the boat to assist anglers.
8. Boat crews are not permitted to assist anglers in any other way than to tag and release or capture fish as per GFAA rules.
9. Hookups that go into overtime are permitted on Saturday only but must be radioed into game base prior to cease fishing.
10. Only NSW DPI Billfish tags are to be used, failure to use the correct tags will result in zero points being allocated for that fish. It is the responsibility of each competing team to provide their own tags. No points will be allocated for weighed billfish.
11. Capture points are as follows: fish weight x 100 divided by line class. Fish may be gilled and gutted and a 10% allowance will be made for this. However potential record claims must be presented intact.
12. Other species: a limit of 2 fish of any one species per angler per day. Any fish to weigh must be equal to or greater than line class. Eligible species are limited to: Yellowfin Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Cobia, Mahi Mahi, Spanish Mackerel, Wahoo. Queensland Bag /Possession limits apply.
13. Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler or team recording their points total first.
14. The tournament committee will decide all trophy winners, that decision will be final. The club reserves the right to review the awarding of any trophy if a contravention of the fishing rules becomes apparent.
15. No fishing including bait fishing will be allowed prior to start fishing on day 1 only. Live bait collected during the tournament may be kept over for day 2. Collecting live bait before start fishing on day 2 is allowed. It is presumed that teasers are also fishing gear and may not be deployed before start fishing on either day.
16. Any protests are to be lodged on the day of the alleged incident. In the event of a protest a group will be formed from visiting clubs representatives and they will determine the merit of any such protest based on majority vote.
17. Anglers MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either G.F.A.A or Q.G.F.A. All trophy winners may be asked to provide proof of current membership. The club reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.

Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc. Reserves the right to refuse any application to participate in this tournament.

