



NORTHERN DISTRICTS SPORTFISHING CLUB SOCIAL MEMBERS COMPETITION RULES

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- 1) Competitions will be for Financial Members only. (Visitors and Guests are encouraged to weigh-in, and upon becoming Financial, any accrued points for their 3 previous Venues will be awarded to them).
- 2) All species must be caught in South Australian waters and are required to comply with any current State Laws, Regulations, and Australian Fisheries legal minimum lengths.
- 3) On Venues, Fully Protected Species are eligible for Weigh-in, but must be returned promptly to the water in the best possible condition to survive. However, Closed Season Species are not eligible for Weigh-in.
- 4) On Venues, all boats must launch at the specified ramp.
- 5) All fish measured must be of Minimum Legal Length, and a length of 21 cm. will exist for any Club recognized Species where there is no Legal Minimum Length already set.
- 6) All members Venue Weigh-ins must be submitted to the Club Adjudicator asap after the Venue, and no later than 2 days before the following General Meeting.
- 7) Any Members Fishing in Prohibited areas or Weighing in under size fish on Venues will result in the disqualification of the Angler's bag for the whole Venue.
- 8) Fish Species may be measured prior to the end of Venue, then returned to the water in the best possible condition or cleaned after using the following procedure.
 - Measuring devices that are approved for accuracy by the Adjudicator are used.
 - The last full centimeter of length is taken and recorded.
- 9) The Club Social Competition is open to Senior and Junior Members and the Anglers longest 5 species on each venue will receive 1 point for each full centimeter of length measured, multiplied by a Club Length Factor, using the following percentage calculations. 5 Species = 100%, 4 = 80 %, 3 = 60%, 2 = 40%, 1 == 20% of their total score.
- 10) The Club will recognize species from the ANSA list and also Barber Perch, Blue Devil, Garfish, Harlequin, Moonlighter, Pike, Red Mullet, Sergeant Baker, and Whiskery Shark. However, Rays are not eligible to be weighed in for Venue points.
- 11) Social Members are not restricted to line class but are encouraged to refine their skills and expand their fishing ability, and appreciation of fish.
- 12) Each Angler is allowed one Wild Card Venue, outside of club activities, fishing no more than 3 consecutive days, at 1 nominated location, to give them a possible 13 Venues to weigh in per angling year, where points go towards the Annual Social Club Champion Award, but not towards the Annual Champion Boat Award.

- 13) Where Venues are set as Open for the month, Anglers are allowed to fish no more than 3 consecutive days at 1 nominated location.
- 14) The Adjudicator or Senior Officers shall be responsible for seeing that Members abide by the Rules governing the Competition at all times.
- 15) All Juniors will be eligible for a Participation trophy if they participate at a venue (including Wild card). Juniors will be eligible even if they don't catch a point scoring fish. Onus is on the parents/guardian to let the adjudicator know in writing that their child has been fishing. Participation trophies are for juniors who don't receive any other trophy.
- 16) The Annual Social Club Champion Award will be calculated from the aggregate of their 8 best venue scores.
- 17) The Annual Champion Boat Award is calculated from the aggregate of the highest point scoring species in the boat (ANSA and Social) for each Venue, divided by the length of the boat. (Boat length is Hull plus Pod, with Cats measured diagonally)
- 18) All Fish being submitted for Club Records must be of an ANSA recognized Species, and have been caught in South Australian Waters, and witnessed, or photographed on an approved measuring device.
- 19) Consistent with conservation ethos, the Club and ANSA encourages the release of unwanted species. Accordingly, for Venue points, any capture of an unwanted Shark Species will automatically score 100 points if it is deemed greater than 1 metre, and 250 points if greater than 2 metres in length. Photographic evidence with an estimation of the length needs to be recorded, preferably including a reference. Under this rule the Shark must be brought to within 2 meters of the rod tip and return to its environment in a healthy condition to be eligible. Members wishing to maximize their points still have the option of measuring their capture. All recognized species of Shark regardless of length are an automatic Trophy Length Award, with the exception of Gummy Shark which must be 100cm.
- 20) Courtesy must be shown to all Boats and Fisherman at all times.
- 21) The decision of the Adjudicator, after consultation with the Committee on all Competitions is FINAL. A protest or appeal may be entered by the Angler and will be heard and settled by the Committee. The Committee may support the appeal or issue a reprimand, partial or total disqualification of the Angler's bag, or any penalty deemed fit.