

Whyalla's 21st Australian Snapper Championship

RULES & CONDITIONS - RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

1. ENTRY FEES – EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT

An earlybird discount applies to all entries received and paid by 5pm, Thursday, March 1, 2012.

Open \$40. Junior, 16 years and under as at 6/4/2012, \$10. (Please ensure you read Rule 3.) Same fees as 2011.

Special note: To qualify for the earlybird rate, entries must be received by the above time, not posted on the Thursday or still in the mail. Competitors who claim the discount, but whose entries do not arrive by the deadline, will be required to pay the balance.

2. ENTRY FEES – STANDARD

Open \$55. Junior, 16 years and under as at 6/4/2012, \$15. (Please ensure you read Rule 3.) Same fees as 2011.

3. TWO GENERAL SECTIONS – OPEN & JUNIOR

One section only per competitor to be entered – ie open or junior. Junior competitors compete for junior prizes only.

Juniors wishing to compete for the full range of snapper prizes must register in the open section.

Juniors under 16 years of age who enter in the open section are not included in the junior section or junior prize pool.

4. CLOSE OF ENTRIES

Final entries close at Whyalla Council and Whyalla Visitor Centre at 5pm, Friday, March 30 – six days prior to the event. No entries accepted after this date.

5. CHAMPION TEAM SECTION

A team of four competitors, on up to two boats, whose total weight of their four individual heaviest snapper is the greatest, will be declared the champion team. These fish will be the same snapper weighed in for the individual prize for the heaviest snapper. This section is an opportunity to win extra prizes with the same fish, while adding to the general atmosphere of the championship.

Teams must nominate on a separate nomination form in the championship marquee AT THE EVENT before they start fishing. Competitors can only enter in one team. A team nomination form is additional to the completion of a general entry form by the applicable dates.

Team nominations should be submitted by one only representative of the team, and carry an additional fee of \$5 per person payable at the time of nomination.

6. COLLECTION OF ID LANYARDS & INFORMATION PACKS

Every competitor (including juniors) must attend the marquee between 5pm and 9pm on Thursday, April 5, or from 6am on the Friday until the first time they start fishing to collect:

- Their personal ID lanyard, to **be worn at all times**.
- An information kit containing the official *Big Red* newsletter, fishing map, and other fishing/boating information.
- Any other outstanding information to which they are entitled.
- Any outstanding payment invoices for settlement.

(Competitors with outstanding fees are ineligible to enter until full payment is made.)

Competitors are responsible for ensuring they do not lose or forget their ID. Replacements will be at an additional fee of \$20.

SPECIAL NOTE: Fish will not be accepted for weighing at the Weigh Station or prizes presented to competitors who are not wearing their ID lanyard.

When competitors collect their ID and information pack, this will be regarded as them having “logged out.”

7. REGISTRATION DESK

The Registration Desk will operate in the marquee on Thursday 5pm-9pm and from Friday 6am continuously till Sunday 4pm. It is the overall control point for the championship, general enquiries,

distribution of competitor's information kits, visitor information, souvenir sales, and contact for organisers.

8. BOAT LAUNCHING ON DAY 1

Whyalla Marina and Point Lowly ramps will be closed to all users (competitors and non competitors) between 6am and 7am, after which competitors may launch their boats. Both ramps will be supervised during the initial launching period.

No car/boat/trailer is to be left unattended in the marina queue prior to the start. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

No boats are permitted to launch prior to the official start time. If a boat is detected to have launched early, it will be required to be removed and relegated to the end of the queue for relaunching. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

9. FISHING DAYS & HOURS

Snapper – Top 10 leader board & mystery weight

Snapper fishing from 7am Friday till 4pm Sunday.

Other Species

Day 1: Friday – 7am to 10pm.

Day 2: Saturday – 10pm Friday to 10pm Saturday.

Day 3: Sunday – 10pm Saturday to 4pm Sunday.

Fish to be entered in the individual fishing days must be weighed prior to closing time each day.

10. WEIGH-IN TIMES

Day 1: Friday - Noon to 10pm.

Day 2: Saturday - 7am to 10pm.

Day 3: Sunday - 7am to 4pm.

11. SNAPPER AND OTHER SPECIES

SNAPPER – heaviest and mystery weight

Competitors may weigh a total of three snapper for the duration of the championship with all weights being entered under the single category of “snapper.”

The 10 heaviest will be declared the Top 10 winners, however, the condition still applies that only the heaviest fish – should a competitor have more than one in the Top 10 – will be eligible. All other snapper will be eligible for a mystery weight prize.

The competitor with the heaviest snapper will be declared the 2012 Australian Snapper Championship champion.

In the event of a tie for any of the 10 positions, the affected placings will be regarded as equal, and prizes combined and distributed as evenly as possible. Should there be a tie for first place, each competitor will be declared a joint winner and receive a trophy. The additional prize packages will be combined and distributed as evenly as possible.

OTHER SPECIES

The following form daily categories in Other Species:

Blue crab, Australian herring (Tommy ruff), garfish, leather jacket, salmon, snook, trumpeter, whiting (any.)

Prizes will be awarded for each day's fishing: Day 1 Friday, Day 2 Saturday and Day 3 Sunday.

Blue Crab

One blue crab per competitor may be entered each day. One open and one junior prize will be awarded daily for the biggest crab when measured from claw to claw.

Trumpeter

As a novelty, prizes will be awarded for the heaviest trumpeter. One fish may be weighed each day with one open and one junior prize awarded daily.

All Other Species

Competitors may register one fish each day per category. These will not necessarily be the biggest, but based on mystery weights as per Rule 12.

In the event of a tie for any category, the names of those competitors will be placed in a container and the first drawn out will be deemed the winner. One open and one junior prize will be awarded per category daily.

12. WINNING MYSTERY WEIGHT SECTIONS

Competitors who register a fish closest to pre-determined weights will be deemed winners of mystery weight categories.

13. OTHER PRIZES

A further selection of special prizes will be awarded, including the Bob Buckton Memorial Award for the heaviest snapper caught by a female and general incentive prizes.

14. CLAIMING OF PRIZES

Snapper:

All snapper prizes will be announced and presented from 7pm on the Sunday in the championship marquee at the marina.

Other species:

Day 1 winners will be announced via the information board in the marquee as soon as results are determined at the close of Friday fishing. Winners will be required to collect their prize from the Registration Desk prior to Noon Sunday.

Day 2 winners will be announced via the information board as soon as results are determined at the close of Saturday fishing. Winners will be required to collect their prize from the Registration Desk prior to Noon Sunday.

Day 3 winners will be announced via the information board as soon as results are determined after the 4pm close of the competition for claiming from the Registration Desk prior to 7pm or after the presentation ceremony.

Other important information:

Prizes can only be claimed by the named winner, unless otherwise pre-arranged with the organisers.

NOTE: All prize winners must wear their ID lanyards to collect prizes.

As the presentation ceremony is part of the championship, it is a condition of entry that competitors who weigh a snapper will be available to receive their prize when announced at the ceremony.

Therefore, competitors need to be present to collect their allocated prize when their name is called.

Note: Unclaimed prizes become the property of the organisers.

Should arrangements be made for the organisers to forward prizes to winners, it is the competitor's responsibility to cover all costs associated with delivery to their nominated address.

Organisers reserve the right to:

- Defer finalisation of results or allocation of prizes subject to the satisfactory conclusion of any investigation that may be under way into any matter of rules contravention.
- Re-allocate or change prizes.

Prizes can not be exchanged or product converted to cash.

15. CATCHING OF FISH

Each competitor must hook and land their own fish, but may have assistance (eg. gaffing, gilling or with the use of a landing net).

Note: Competitors must adhere strictly to all legislative regulations relating to exclusion zones surrounding aquaculture leases in the Fitzgerald Bay area, the SANTOS Port Bonython shipping terminal and OneSteel harbour, and aquatic reserves.

16. PRESENTATION OF FISH AT WEIGH STATION

General condition

All fish must be presented in an undamaged condition in fish boxes/containers or plastic or hessian bags. All visible and/or accessible tackle/bait must be removed.

Note: Competitors must ensure all fish have been appropriately dispatched. No live fish are to be brought into the marquee, nor will they be weighed.

Mutilated fish, fish that have been frozen or that are in poor condition, and undersized fish will NOT be accepted.

NB. Competitors who present undersized fish may have their fish confiscated and be reported to compliance officers.

Special snapper conditions

All snapper presented and deemed to be within the Top 10 of the Heaviest Snapper category at any time throughout the championship must be gutted by the competitor in the presence of an authorised person immediately after weighing. The Top 10 competitors at the end of the event must be prepared to complete a Statutory Declaration prior to the presentation ceremony. Failure to comply with either of the above will disqualify the fish.

17. COMPLIANCE WITH SA REGULATIONS

All species caught must comply with Primary Industries and Resources SA regulations; and must be caught on fishing rods and/or hand lines. Competitors must comply with Port Authority regulations and all other relevant legislation.

It is the responsibility of competitors to be fully aware of regulations covering minimum size and bag limits of fish and crabs, and the requirement of boat licences and safety equipment in SA.

18. LAUNCHING & LAND-BASED AREA

As the championship is based at the Whyalla Marina, it is expected that sea-based competitors will launch from this location. While some competitors may choose to launch at the Point Lowly boat ramp, no registration, weigh-in or event organised catering facilities will be available at this site.

Land-based entrants must fish between the Foreshore Caravan Park and Point Douglas (north of Fitzgerald Bay), with the exclusion of the OneSteel and Santos areas.

19. COMPETITION TIMES COMPLIANCE

All competition times covering close of entries, fishing hours, and weigh-in will be adhered to strictly.

Competitors who are not in the queue at the Weigh Station with a fish at 4pm on the Sunday, when the championship closes, will be deemed ineligible to weigh any further fish.

20. PERSONS NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER

No person who works or has worked on a commercial fishing boat or recreational charter boat north of a line between Cowell and Wallaroo at any time during the preceding 12 months (calculated from the date of the event) is permitted to enter.

21. DISPUTES

Disputes and challenges will only be considered by championship organisers if made in writing stating all relevant facts at the earliest opportunity, but in any respect no later than 15 minutes after the close of weigh-in on the day of presentation of prizes, to either the Weigh Master or Championship co-ordinator. Disputes shall be resolved prior to the beginning of the presentation/distribution of prizes and the person or persons lodging the dispute advised of findings. Disputes and challenges will not be accepted once the presentation of prizes commences.

22. DECISIONS ARE FINAL

The decision of the Weigh Master and/or organisers is final and no further discussions or correspondence will be entered into.

23. DISQUALIFICATION

Any competitor found in breach of these Rules and Conditions shall be subject to disqualification from the competition, with specific reference to anglers who fail to comply with legislative regulations relating to exclusion zones. Organisers reserve the right to disqualify any competitor who fails to follow a reasonable direction of organisers, registration desk and weigh-in volunteers, traffic marshals, security personnel, or others acting on its behalf; fails to act in the spirit of the competition; or acts in a manner that may bring the event into disrepute.

24. ENTRY REFUSAL

The organisers reserve the right, without giving a reason, to refuse application for an entry. A refund shall be made for any refused entry.

25. AGREEMENT TO RULES & CONDITIONS

By signing this entry form and agreeing to the Rules and Conditions, the competitor thereby agrees to abide by any disqualification decision or ruling that may be imposed.

21st Australian Snapper Championship Entry Form

Post this page only to Australian Snapper Championship, PO Box 126, Whyalla, SA, 5600.

Payments by cheque should be made to: Whyalla City Council.

Faxed entry forms to 8644 2355 are acceptable provided payment is via credit card.

A separate form is required for each entrant. Photocopies are acceptable.

Phone 1800 088 589 for extra forms, or download from www.australiansnapper.com.au

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, SUPPLY ALL DETAILS & ENCLOSE FULL PAYMENT.

Surname _____ First name _____

Address _____ Suburb: _____

State _____ P'code _____ Ph: Hm _____ Wk _____

Mobile _____ E-mail _____ Fax _____

Male Female Open Junior (Please tick appropriate boxes.)

NB. Juniors wishing to compete for the full range of snapper prizes must enter open section

The following information is for administrative and planning purposes only. It should not be interpreted as competition categories.

Boat fishing Land-based (Please tick one or more boxes as appropriate.)

The BOAT OWNER/SKIPPER ONLY is to complete the following on his/her entry form:

Make _____ Length _____ Boat name _____

Boat rego _____ Trailer rego _____

Tow vehicle rego _____ Radio call sign _____

CREW MEMBERS ONLY are to complete the following, if possible, but not the above:

Name of owner/skipper of boat from which you will compete: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS

(Please fill out amount in appropriate space below. All entry fees include GST.)

EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT

To qualify, must be paid by 5pm, Thursday, March 1, 2012

Open (\$40.00) _____ Junior, 16 & under (\$10.00) _____

STANDARD FEES:

Applicable after 5pm, Thursday, March 1, 2012

Open (\$55.00) _____ Junior, 16 & under (\$15.00) _____

(Please tick appropriate boxes below.)

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Mastercard Visa No. _____ Expiry date: ____/____

Card holder's name: _____ Card holder's signature: _____

Please also send me: Accommodation details Visitor information (Please tick if required.)

*In consideration of and as a condition of my entry in the Australian Snapper Championship, I, my heirs, executors, and administrators agree to indemnify and to keep indemnified and to hold harmless the organisers of the Australian Snapper Championship, its servants and agents and rescue services and each of them from and against actions, costs, claims, damages, charges and expenses whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them or any of them arising out of or in relation to their participation in the Australian Snapper Championship. I have read the **Rules & Conditions**, which I understand and agree to be bound.*

OPEN ENTRANT

Signed: _____ Date: _____

JUNIOR ENTRANT A parent or guardian must sign the following:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

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| | Date | Processed by |

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL COMPETITORS

Please ensure you read the Rules & Conditions and the Entry Form thoroughly. Remember that by signing the form you acknowledge that you understand all rules and how the championship is run, plus your own obligations to the event.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

ONE: Your entry form MUST be completed in full, accompanied by correct payment or credit card details and signed, otherwise it will not be processed and you will not be registered. Only fully completed entries received by 5pm, Thursday March 1 will qualify for the special earlybird discount. Any additional costs incurred by organisers through dishonoured cheques or credit card rejections will be re-charged to the competitor.

TWO: Ensure you read and understand the various rules and conditions, as well as all other material that you will receive and details of other sources for boating, fishing or road rules information. Once you have sent off your entry form, please retain the Rules & Conditions page for future reference.

THREE: Nothing will be posted, faxed or e-mailed to competitors after earlybird close. Competitors who enter after March 1 will need to collect their receipt and any other outstanding information/advice from the event marquee at the championship.

LAST ENTRIES CLOSE 5PM, FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012 - SIX DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

Whyalla Visitor Centre – seven days
Phone: 1800 088 589. Fax: (08) 8645 3620
E-mail: visitor.centre@whyalla.sa.gov.au

ENTRY FORM PROCESSING ENQUIRIES:

Whyalla City Council – week days
Phone: (08) 8640 3444. Fax (08) 8644 2355
E-mail rebecca.lichtenberger@whyalla.sa.gov.au

WHAT NOW???

Keep in touch with the latest announcements as organisation of the 21st championship progresses by regularly checking the event website, or follow us on our new Facebook page:

Whyalla Snapper Comp CouncilPage

Media releases, fishing and boat safety links, sponsorship details, prize list and other advice will be progressively up-loaded onto the website.

DO NOT USE ENTRY FORM ON OTHER SIDE OF PAGE TO REGISTER ON-LINE!

If you wish to enter on-line you must log onto the championship's official website and use the electronic entry form version.

www.australiansnapper.com.au

A separate entry form is required for each person - whether entered electronically, by fax, by post or over the counter at Whyalla City Council or Whyalla Visitor Centre.

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