

MARMION ANGLING & AQUATIC CLUB

VB BLUE WATER

OPEN FISHING CLASSIC

PERTH - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SATURDAY - 18TH FEBRUARY 2012
COMPETITION RULES

1. **Field Day Officer** has complete charge of the Competition and is empowered to report any competitor whom he considers has breached the rules to the Disputes Committee. (3 people)
2. **Nominations** - All Competitors must have nominated prior to their start and late nominations may be accepted on the day until 0900 hours. **Competitors must sign-on before launching from either Hillarys or Ocean Reef Marinas.** This is a boat fishing event only. Land based anglers not permitted.
3. **Start Procedure** - The competition will start at 0600 hours by the sounding of a siren over the marine radio on Channel 4MHZ 27.91. No boats shall leave the Ocean Reef or Hillarys area prior to the start. All Competitors must have "Signed On".
BOATS ARE NOT TO CONGEST THE ENTRANCE TO EITHER MARINA.
4. **Finish Procedure** - The Competition will finish at 1500 hours and competitors MUST sign off. Any Competitor not signing off by 1515 hours will be disqualified. All bags must have been tagged and deposited in the Freezer Truck in the "Sign Off" area by 1500 hours. **ONLY ONE (1) FISH OF EACH LISTED SPECIES IS TO BE PLACED IN BAG. ANY MORE THAN ONE (1) FISH OF ANY SPECIES OR UNLISTED SPECIES WILL DISQUALIFY THE BAG.** Late bags are automatically disqualified. All Competitors must be "Signed Off".
"Fish not in natural fibre bags will be disqualified at weigh-in".
5. **Postponement** - The Competition may be temporarily postponed due to unforeseen circumstances on the day. If cancelled for the day, the Competition may be run on the following day and if cancelled due to weather etc. the Competition will be abandoned. If cancelled, no moneys will be refunded but Lucky Competitor prizes will be drawn. In this situation, competitors do not need to be present at the draw to receive their prize.
6. **Trophy Winners**
 - A. Individual heaviest fish species will be awarded to the Competitor weighing in the heaviest fish of the species as named on the Competition Species List.
 - B. All individual heaviest fish species will be retained by the MAAC for examination until after the presentation.
 - C. No awards are confirmed until announced at the presentation.
 - D. The decision of the Disputes Committee shall be final for all awards made.
 - E. In the event of a tie, the specified prize will be shared.
7. **Trophy Presentation** - All Trophies will be presented at the MAAC Clubhouse on completion of the tabulating of results at approximately 1930 hours, or earlier if possible. Lucky Competitor prizes will only be awarded to participants who have logged off, and who are attending the presentations.
8. **Angling Limits** - A Competitor must not use more than two (2) rods or hand lines at any one time and each rod or hand line must not have more than two (2) hooks. (A flight of hooks to be considered as one (1) hook). No drop lines or baited markers allowed. All anglers must use conventional amateur fishing tackle. Rope, sashcord etc not permitted.
A Competitor may use any gauge line. A Competitor must hook and land his own fish, but may receive assistance in landing which does not entail his assistant handling the rod, reel or line. "All fish presented for weigh-in must conform to current Department of Fisheries Regulations". If no size specified then the species must be a minimum of 200mm.
9. **Safety - Boat Pairing** is recommended for safety reasons. **Safety Equipment** as per navigable water regulations must be carried on all boats and may be subject to checking by the Safety Officer, or his Deputy and any boat not conforming may be disqualified.
For your own safety please log on with Whitforde Sea Rescue on Channel 90 or Channel C. MAAC Base Radio will be in operation on Channel 91 from 0600 hours to 1700 hours but not for Sea Rescue Operations.
10. **Disputes and Disqualifications** - Any dispute must be reported to the Field Day Officer no later than 10 minutes after the completion of the weigh-in, bag must remain unopened with **white zip tie** seal unbroken. The Disputes Committee shall adjudicate on all disputes within these rules and its decision will be final. Any Competitor found to have breached the Rules shall be liable to disqualification.
11. **Alteration to Rules** - The Controlling Committee shall have the power to vary the Rules or arrangements to contribute to the smooth running of the Competition.
12. **Liabilities** - All Competitors and persons taking part in the Competition do so entirely at their own risk and the MAAC will not be held responsible for any loss or damage sustained by any Competitor or any other persons to his or their own person and effects.
13. **Power Winches/Visitors** - No Power Winches are to be used. Visitors are not permitted on board Competitor's Boats.
14. It is the responsibility of the Skipper to know these rules and to provide appropriate advice to their crews. The MAAC will not accept any responsibility for any competitor misinterpreting the rules through either written or verbal communication reasons.
15. **The competition is open to amateurs only.**
16. **Entries Close 16th February 2012. A \$15.00 Late Entry fee will apply for entries received after the 16th.**

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