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Club policy - Species and Masters fishing competitions.

The Club runs Species, Junior Masters, Masters and Grand Masters fishing competitions for members, recognising the captures of a number of fish species from a list of eligible species.

Species entries only need to be legal sized fish, while Masters entries must equal or exceed the minimum weights set.

Policy.

The Club's policy is that these competitions are to recognise the personal achievements of an individual Club member while a member of the Club, and are not competitions between members.

The Club will attempt to ensure that all eligible fish are recognised and recorded by maximising the eligibility.

Eligibility.

Eligibility and requirements are covered in Section 5 of the Club's Competition Rules.

All fish caught while a financial members of the Club are eligible if they meet the requirements.

Fish caught while not a financial member of the Club are not eligible.

Changes to the rules to add eligible species, split categories or reduce minimum weights will be retrospective, that is earlier captures which would be eligible under the amended rules will be considered as though those amended rules had applied at the time of capture.

Changes to the rules to remove species or increase the minimum weight will not be retrospective, that is earlier recorded captures which were eligible under the previous rules at the time will remain eligible so that there is no disadvantage to the member from the change.

Timing of captures.

Junior Masters and Masters fish must be caught on Club fishing Field days.

Species and Grand Masters fish may be caught at any time, on Club fishing Field days or any other date.

Recording of captures on Club fishing Field days.

Fish and species caught on Club fishing field days are weighed and recorded, generally including the weight of the heaviest fish of each species caught by a member. In addition, captures which may qualify for one of the Master competitions will be noted separately within those records or may be extracted later.

Where a combined weight of a species is recorded but the weight of the heaviest fish of that species is not separately recorded, if it is obvious that the average weight exceeds the minimum weight required, then the capture will be eligible.

Entering captures.

Fish caught on Club fishing Field days.

Will be entered by the Club Recorder as below. No action or separate entry form will be needed from the member.

Fish eligible for the Species competition will be recorded in that.

Fish eligible for the Junior Masters competition will be recorded in that.

Fish eligible only for the Masters competitions will be recorded in that.

Priority will be given to entry in the Masters competition in preference to the Grand Masters competition.

Fish eligible for both the Masters and Grand Masters competitions will be recorded in the Masters competition unless the member already has a Masters entry for that species in which case it will be recorded in the Grand Masters.

A later capture of that species eligible for the Masters competition will replace that previous Masters entry which will then be transferred to the Grand Masters competition if there is no other entry.

These competitions only record that an eligible capture has been made, not the heaviest capture of that species by the member. Once an entry is recorded, later heavier fish are not recorded.

Once a member has achieved the number of captures required for a badge, later captures of extra eligible species will not be recorded.

The entries recorded and updates will be published in the Club magazine Reel Talk from time to time and posted on the Club's website.

The member may request a transfer of an eligible capture from one competition category to another category as specified in the Club's Competition Rules, and the Recorder will update the entries.

Fish caught on other than Club fishing Field days.

Will require a Fishing competition application form to be completed by the member and submitted to the Recorder within 30 days of capture. The Recorder may agree to relax this time requirement on application from the member.

The Recorder will check all applications for annual fishing competitions for eligibility for these competitions and will add these even if the member has not listed these competitions in the application.

Update by member.

A member may ask for a capture not already recorded in some or all of these competitions to be added by advising the Recorder of the details of a capture already recorded in the Club's fishing Field days or Open fishing competitions.

Opt out.

A member may ask for his captures not to be recorded in some or all of these competitions.

Presentation of badges.

Badges will generally be presented to the member at the Club's annual presentation of prizes night following the qualification for the badge.

Reference: Action Point No. 5 from Committee meeting April 2012