



BRISBANE FLY FISHING CLUB Inc.

Annual Top Ten and Champion Angler

INTENT

1. The fundamental purpose of the Annual Top Ten and Champion Angler is to engender fun amongst club members. Brisbane Fly Fishing Club Inc (BFFC) will achieve this by fostering friendly competition, stimulating the sharing of information and encouraging club members to target a variety of species on the fly. Scoring will be designed so that all Club Members, regardless of access to boats and personal financial means can be competitive in the Champion Angler contest.
2. The Top Ten is a contest to reward the largest capture on the fly of each of the ten nominated species by eligible anglers.
3. The Champion Angler contest will reward the angler who achieves the highest aggregate point score annually.
4. Other awards for the variety, quantity and size of fish caught monthly and annually will be made at the discretion of the Weighmaster and BFFC Executive Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

5. Annual Top Ten and Champion Angler is open to all financial members of the BFFC and everyone is strongly encouraged to participate.
6. All fish, except the Common Toadfish (*Tetractenos hamiltoni*) and Smooth Toadfish (*Tetractenos glaber*), caught and registered with the Weighmaster will be recorded and scored.
7. Only fish caught on fly fishing equipment¹ are eligible. Fish foul-hooked or snagged are not eligible.
8. Only fish caught in Australian waters² or on BFFC organised foreign fishing trips are eligible.
9. In case of any dispute arising over eligibility of fish caught in accordance with para 4 and/or para 5 the ruling of the BFFC executive committee will be final.

¹ Rods must conform and cast according to generally accepted fly fishing customs and practices. The reel must be designed expressly for fly fishing. Any type of fly line and backing may be used. The fly must be a recognised type of artificial fly. The use of any other type of lure or natural or preserved bait, either singularly or attached to the fly, is expressly prohibited. A conventional fly may be dressed on a single or double hook or two single hooks in tandem. Treble hooks are prohibited. Only a single fly is allowed, except when fishing for trout where a dropper is permitted if it accords to local fishing regulations.

² Strictly defined as all bodies of water within Australian States and Territories, Coastal Waters of Australian States and Territories, Australian Territorial Seas and the Australian Fishing Zone - <http://www.ga.gov.au/scientific-topics/marine/jurisdiction/maritime-boundary-definitions>

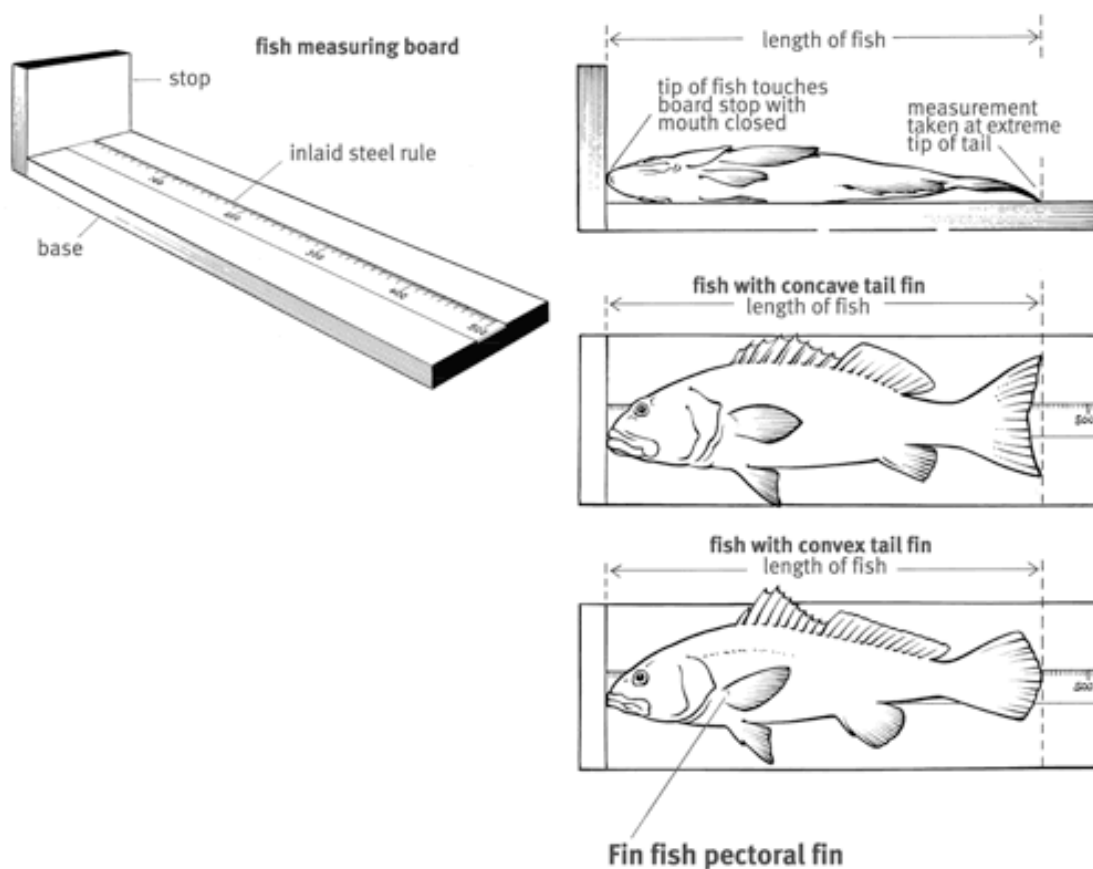
DURATION

10. The Monthly Top Ten and Annual Champion Angler will run from 1st January to 31st December annually.

SCORING

11. All fish entered in the Annual Top Ten and Champion Angler are to be measured and recorded to the nearest centimetre. There are no minimum lengths for fish entered.

12. Measurements are to be taken, in accordance Queensland Fisheries guidelines, from the most forward part of the fish's snout (with mouth closed) to the extreme tip of tail.



13. Anglers are to submit their capture records to the Weighmaster by email or in person.

14. Capture records must be received by the Weighmaster or delegate no later than 7 days past the end of each month unless other arrangements are made with the Weighmaster. Late entrants will not be eligible for monthly prizes. The Weighmaster may require photographic evidence, particularly in the case of unusual and extraordinary catches.

15. The Weighmaster will keep a record of all scores submitted and calculate the running scores for the Monthly Top Ten and Annual Champion Angler. The Weighmaster or delegate is to report the progressive results of the competitions to the membership at each monthly meeting.

16. To ensure the Monthly Top Ten and Annual Champion Angler are fair and fun for the majority of club members a scoring variable will be applied to difference species ensuring members without regular access to boats can remain competitive. The scoring variable is shown on the Monthly Scorecard.

ANNUAL TOP TEN

17. This contest recognizes the biggest fish of the year in each of the following species categories:

- a. Tuna (all),
- b. Saratoga (genus *Scleropages*),
- c. Snapper (*Pagrus auratus*),
- d. Trevally (all),
- e. Threadfin (*Polydactylus macrochir*),
- f. Australian Bass (*Macquaria novemaculeata*),
- g. Flathead (genus *Platycephalus*),
- h. Bream (genus *Acanthopagrus*),
- i. Cod (genus *Maccullochella*),
- j. Mangrove Jack (*Lutjanus argentimaculatus*).

CHAMPION ANGLER

18. This contest recognises the number and diversity of fish caught throughout the year as well as attendance at BFFC events.

19. All eligible fish³, count towards the Champion Angler scoring.

20. All fish caught during BFFC competitions will be included in the eligible anglers' scores by the Weighmasters.

21. Champion Angler will be calculated using the following formula:

- a. The cumulative score from monthly entries to the Weighmaster,
- b. A bonus 100 points for each of the Top Ten species caught,
- c. A bonus 100 points for each club outing attended, and
- d. A bonus 200 points for each club competition attended.

³ Excludes Common Toadfish (*Tetractenos hamiltoni*) and Smooth Toadfish (*Tetractenos glaber*)

AWARDS

22. At the annual presentation night the following awards will be made:
 - a. Champion Angler,
 - b. Ten awards, one for each of the biggest captures per species,
 - c. An award for the biggest capture off all other species, and
 - d. Other awards at the Executive Committee's discretion.

23. At monthly meetings awards will be made at the Weighmaster and Executive Committee's discretion.