



MOFSC



Monthly Fishing Competition



2020 / 2021 Season



Rules and Procedure



1st full weekend of month Oct– Aug





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Competitions are held on the first full weekend (Saturday & Sunday) of the month, unless advised by MOFSC's Captain of Fishing.

Minimum of 11 monthly competitions scheduled in each competition season; October to August. Minimum of (5) competitors are required to constitute a competition.

Control of the competition is with the Fishing Captain.

When strong wind warnings, the competition is restricted to the Mandurah Estuary.

Competitors

Open to all MOFSC members. All competitors must be amateur fishers. No professional fishermen or charter boat operators. Visitors are eligible to fish, but only 3 times per competition year. Juniors (6 -17 of age; not turning 18 in the club year), accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Registration (once a competition season)

Safety reasons: every competitor to fill in an annual registration form (avail on the website, or from the yellow Fishing box near the stairs/bar entry) and return to the Fishing Committee.

Entry envelopes (every monthly competition)

Entry envelopes must be filled in whether putting to sea or leaving for a land-based location. If in a boat, include registration and boat details. Place envelope in the Yellow Fishing box near the stairs/bar entry.

Entry fees

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| Juniors (and junior visitors) | no charge |
| Casual (and visitors) | \$10 each competition |
| Annual (members only) | \$60 the competition season |

Competition start and finish times

0700 hrs Saturday to 1500 hrs Sunday on competition weekends. No competitor shall commence fishing before the official starting time. The Captain in conjunction with Fishing Committee can change dates/times. Alterations to the calendar will be advised by email, club e-newsletter and notice displayed near the yellow Fishing Competition box.

Log off / Weigh-in

1500 hrs Sunday of the competition. Fishers returning early or not attending the weigh-in must log-off. Place a note in the yellow Fishing Competition box or contact the Captain or his/her delegate. This is a safety issue.

Weigh-in (hint: keep your fish in an icy saltwater slurry)

- Each competitor brings fish to weigh-in a bag. Absolutely no plastic bags. They must be natural fibre bags such as cotton (calico), or hessian. Natural fibre bags can be bought at weigh-in if needed.
- Only ONE (1) fish of each nominated species per competitor is to be placed in the bag.
- If UNDERSIZE fish are presented at weigh-in; ALL remaining species in that bag will be disqualified for that competition. **Hint: If unsure, check before weigh-in.**
- Any fish presented in a rotten, frozen, poor or deteriorated state or unsuitable for consumption are disqualified.
- All weights and lengths must be checked by a member of the Fishing Committee.
- Fish must be **whole** (gilling and gutting of sharks is permitted).
- Competitors must be present to weigh-in their fish. Exceptions apply.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Competitors are assisting another boat and their catch is at weigh-in
- Competitors seeking medical attention and their catch is at weigh-in
- Competitor has been approved for weigh in by proxy

PROXIES:

Must be pre-approved. Only available to members. Maximum of 50% weigh-ins/season by proxy. Contact Captain Fishing or delegate before the competition with request and reason. The Captain (or delegate) and one other fishing committee member will review request.

If approved; note on entry envelope it is a proxy entry and name (proxy must be a member).

It is the responsibility of the fisher to ensure their proxy is aware of all relevant rules.

Competitors with approved proxy are eligible for all points and prizes except the Anglers draw.

Any prizes won will be presented at weigh-in to their proxy .

Scoring system

- 10 points to be allocated for each eligible fish species a competitor weighs in
- 10 additional points for the heaviest of each nominated fish species
- 5 points for entering the competition and attending weigh-in

In the event of equal weight fish competing for points or prize, the first weighed-in fish shall win.

Monthly Prizes

These are open to all registered competitors who have entered and are present at weigh-in.

- The Anglers Draw
- All species prizes presented on the day
- Champion of the day

Annual Awards: open only to members who are registered and entered at least 4 competitions

Special prize draw on awards night for fishers who registered and attended 6 comps or more. All monthly points aggregate for annual award and trophy winners.

Penalties: Fishers caught discarding fish at any competition are penalised 50 points. Undersize fish—total bag is disqualified. The Fishing Committee has the right to review and change the penalty if a fisher re-offends.

List of eligible species. Check the types of fish NOT accepted as point scoring fish, p5

| October 2020 comp | FROM OCT 15th – DEC 15th Demersal Ban Applies | 2021 Competitions January to August |
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| FISH SPECIES | FISH SPECIES | FISH SPECIES |
| Baldchin Groper | | Baldchin Groper |
| Breaksea Cod | | Breaksea Cod |
| Bream | Bream | Bream |
| Dhufish | | Dhufish |
| Flathead | Flathead | Flathead |
| Flounder | Flounder | Flounder |
| Game Fish- <i>See below</i> | Game Fish- <i>See below</i> | Game Fish- <i>See below</i> |
| Herring | Herring | Herring |
| King George Whiting | King George Whiting | King George Whiting |
| | Leather jacket | |
| | Mulloway | |
| | | Salmon (West Australian) |
| Pink Snapper | | |
| Queen Snapper | | Snapper (Pink & Queen) |
| Sand whiting | Sand whiting | Sand whiting |
| Shark | Shark | Shark |
| Skippy – Skipjack | Skippy – Skipjack | Skippy – Skipjack |
| | Snook | |
| | Squid | |
| | Sweep | |
| Tailor | Tailor | Tailor |

| <i>Game Fish Species</i> | <i>Sub-species</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <i>Bonito</i> | |
| <i>Mackerel</i> | <i>Grey, School, Shark, Spanish, Spotted</i> |
| <i>Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)</i> | |
| <i>Tuna</i> | <i>Bigeye, Dogtooth, Longtail, Mackerel, Skipjack, Southern-Bluefin, Yellowfin</i> |
| <i>Yellowtail Kingfish</i> | |

(Rules from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development apply: http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/recreational_fishing/rec_fishing_guide/recreational_fishing_guide.pdf)

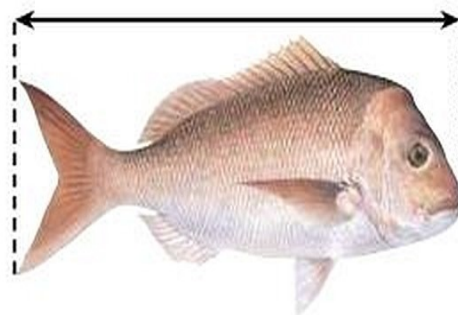
(if no size is applicable refer to MOFSC Fishing Competition **minimum size 200mm**).

Types of fish NOT accepted as point scoring fish:

Samson Fish
Blue Groper
Wobbegong Shark
Port Jackson Shark
Dusky Morwong
Buffalo Bream
Sea Carp
Any member of the Eel family
Gurnard or Scorpion fish
Marlin
Sailfish
Swordfish
All Rays: including Shovel Nose and Eagle Rays
Any fish under the minimum lengths set by MOFSC.

Size limits

To check if your catch is of a legal size, measure finfish from the point of the snout to the tip of the tail. Fish should be measured in a 'natural' position, i.e. tail not distorted.



Minimum Sizes Accepted at Weigh-in for all MOFSC Competitions

Fish sizes will be governed by current legal sizes (http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/recreational_fishing/rec_fishing_guide/recreational_fishing_guide.pdf) West Coast region.

The competition may be checked by Fisheries WA & Water Police at random.

Where no eligible fish sizes are applicable the MOFSC Fishing Section will adopt a minimum size of **200mm**.

Presenting undersize fish to weigh-in is unacceptable (see Penalties, page 3).

Fishing Regulations and Ethics

- All competitors will comply with rules from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development: (http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/recreational_fishing/rec_fishing_guide/recreational_fishing_guide.pdf)
- All fish must be caught by a hand line, rod or manual winch with competitors using not more than two (2) rods or hand lines or manual winches each with not more than two (2) hooks attached (a set of ganged hooks will be determined as one set of hooks).
- Fish caught by other means, e.g. speared, netted or set line will NOT be accepted.
- Drop lines or hooks attached to a marker buoy are NOT allowed, also power winches are not allowed.
- No angler will alter the structure of a fish in any way nor implant any object within a fish to gain an advantage.
- Discarding fish at any competition is unacceptable (see Penalties, page 3).

Protests

Any protest relating to the weight or measurement of a fish must be made to the Weigh Master and Captain of Fishing BEFORE the fish is removed from the Weigh Station.

All other protests should be made in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of when the dispute has occurred.

All protests will be decided by the Fishing Committee. Their decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Boating

All Skippers are to have a Recreational Skippers Ticket or higher qualifications.

All competitors to have a fishing licence if required in accordance with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development—rules for Recreational Fishing. All boats are to conform to the Department of Transport (DoT) regulations and may be checked by the Department. If not conforming a boat may be disqualified. All boats must be fitted with the safety equipment required by DoT for the distance at which the craft is operating offshore.

It is strongly recommended that boats pair up when overnight fishing.

Please be mindful of the size of your vessel and choose carefully where you fish. Generally the smaller the boat the closer the shore. Use common sense when assessing weather conditions; if in doubt don't venture out. Safety should always be your first priority and please fish responsibly. Remember: Life jackets only save you if they're being worn.



Communications

All boats to LOG ON and LOG OFF with "Mandurah Water Rescue VMR 611" with either;

Channel 77 and 82 for VHF

Channel 91 or 88 for 27Mhz

Hours of monitoring service:

6.00am to 6.00pm June 2 until Sept 30 public holidays and weekends only

6.00am to 6.00pm Oct 1 until June 1 7 days a week

CODE OF PRACTICE

Take no more fish than you need or can use.

Understand and observe all fishing regulations.

Support and encourage any activities that restore and enhance our fisheries and fish habitats.

Remove rubbish to prevent pollution and to protect wildlife.

Use established roads and tracks wherever possible.

Take care when boating and anchoring to avoid damaging sensitive areas.

Report environmental damage and pollution to the relevant authorities.

Quickly and correctly return unwanted or illegal catch to the water.

Use only legal tackle, attend your gear and value your catch.

Obtain permission to enter land and respect the right of all who use the waterways.

All competitors will participate in a sportsperson like manner.

Disclaimer

All those taking part in competitions conducted by Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility.

The Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, any sponsor or any other party involved in the organization of any event disclaims any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, to persons and things, both ashore and at sea, as a consequence of participation in any way in the competitions governed by these competition rules.

General

Competitors may fish from their own vessel or on another vessel or from the beach, shore, jetties, rocks, river banks, estuary or other waterways. Please remember to stay safe. The key is to ensure prize eligibility and return bags in time for weigh-in.

Club records may only be broken on competition days.

Hint: Keep your fish bag in a cooler (esky) in a slurry 50/50 ice and salt water. This should keep your fish fresh until weigh-in.

The Fishing Committee reserves the right to penalise any boat/angler by a deduction of points or disqualification from the competition for conduct considered detrimental to the competition or the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club.

NO FISH CLEANING OR DISPOSAL OF OFFAL SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE CLUB GROUNDS OR IN THE WATER ADJACENT TO THE CLUB. A fish cleaning station is located in the council carpark, next to the Fisheries building, east of MOFSC grounds.

Bring your family and or friends. The competition is about having fun.



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