



MANDURAH
OFFSHORE FISHING
AND SAILING CLUB



MOFSC

Monthly Fishing Competition Rules and Procedure



1st Full weekend of month August - June (UNLESS Otherwise Advised)

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Competitions are held on the first full weekend (Saturday & Sunday) of the month, unless otherwise advised by the Captain Fishing. A minimum of 11 monthly competitions scheduled in each competition season, August to June. Minimum of (5) competitors to constitute a competition.

1) Control of the competition is with the Fishing Captain

When strong wind warnings, the competition may be restricted to the Mandurah Estuary or in extreme weather be postponed or cancelled.

2) Competitors (Individual and Team categories)

Open to all MOFSC members. All competitors must be amateur fishers. No professional fisher- men or charter boat operators. Guests are eligible to compete in three competitions. Juniors (August competition - aged up to 17 years and not turning 18 by June Competition) must be always accompanied by a parent or guardian and able to land fish unaided as per rules. Annual award eligibility is a minimum of 4 competitions. The Captain/Skipper must nominate teams: all MOFSC members, maximum of 3 team members and all members to enter a minimum of 4 competitions.

ALL Competitors must Register via the Revsport App and select the fee structure applicable. (see below).

FAILURE TO REGISTER AND PAY SEASON/EVENT FEES WILL RESULT IN SEASON DISQUALIFICATION.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT EVENT ENTRY FORM FOR EACH COMPETITION WILL RESULT IN EVENT DISQUALIFICATION.

3) There will be two types of competition

a. General Competition

- i. This will be a monthly competition based on the nominated species list.

b. Special Species Competition

- i. Maximum of four special species competitions to be held each year.
- ii. A species or group of species will be nominated by the fishing committee at least 2 months prior to the competition.
- iii. The 3 fishers with the largest legal bags of the nominated species (by Weight) will be allocated the points on the day.
- iv. The maximum weight for an individual fish will be set at 10 kilograms.
- v. The points for the special competition will be separated from the general competition on the day but will be added to the end of year total points for each fisher.
- vi. Prizes for the special species competition will be separate from the general competition

4) Nomination Forms Individual and Boat Team (ONCE a competition season)

Every competitor must complete an INDIVIDUAL nomination form. In addition, a BOAT TEAM form must

be completed by the Captain/Skipper before competing. Nomination forms are available on the MOFSC website or from the yellow Fishing box near the stairs/bar entry). Give completed forms to the Fishing Committee. Maximum 3 Fishers per team.

5) Competition ENTRY ENVELOPES (Place in the Yellow Fishing box EVERY competition to enter)

Entry envelopes must be filled in whether putting to sea or leaving for a land-based location. Team envelopes to include every team member competing and Team name.

5.1) Entry fees

Juniors (and junior visitors) Up to 17 years of age	no charge
Casual (and visitors)	\$10 each competition
Annual (members only)	\$60 the competition season
CLUB Boat Fees	\$10 each competition
CLUB Boat season Pass	\$50 Full Comp Season Pass

6) Competition start and finish times

0600 hrs Saturday to 1500 hrs Sunday on competition weekends. No competitor shall commence fishing before the official starting time. The Captain Fishing, in conjunction with Fishing Committee can change dates/times. Alterations to the calendar may be advised by email, social media and/or by the club e-newsletter.

7) Boundaries

There are no boundary limits.

8) Weigh-in

1530 hrs Sunday of the competition with fish bags to be presented by 1500hrs (close of competition). Competitors returning early or not attending the weigh-in MUST contact Captain Fishing or his/her delegate.

9) Angling Limits

- 9.1 Rod and hook limits are as per the West Coast Fishing Rules as outlined in the Recreational Fishing Guide (West Coast Region) rules.
- 9.2 A competitor must hook and land their own fish, but may receive assistance in gaffing, gilling or landing which does not entail the assistant handling his rod, reel or line.
- 9.3 Power assisted winches and reels are not permitted for general species, unless exemption is sought in this event by an angler applying via the Fishing Committee to use power assisted fishing equipment because of impairment. Consideration will be made by the Fishing Committee to approve such an application. This application should be made at least one month prior to the competition.
- 9.4 Power assisted winches are permitted for deep sea demersal species (as described in species list) fishing (Depths exceeding 200m).
- 9.5 Set-lines, drop lines, traps or hooks on marker floats used for finfish fishing is not permitted on any boat.

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

- 10.1 Each competitor must bring fish to weigh-in in a bag. They must be natural fiber bags such as cotton (calico), or hessian. Commercial fish catch cooler bags will be accepted. Absolutely no plastic bags.
- 10.2 All fishers to present bags to the weighmaster prior to commencement of weigh in.
- 10.3 All bags to be identified with a tag stating the name of the fisher.
- 10.4 Only ONE (1) fish of each nominated species per competitor is to be placed in the bag.
- 10.5 When a special competition is held that includes a max bag size for a single or mixed species, these fish to be in a separate bag.
 - 10.5.1 upon weighing of the max bag the fisher may remove the largest of the species and place in the general competition bag for individual species weighing.
- 10.6 All weights and lengths must be checked by a member of the Fishing Committee.
- 10.7 Fish must be **whole** (gilling and gutting of sharks is permitted).
- 10.8 Competitors must be present to weigh-in their fish. Exceptions apply.

EXCEPTIONS:

- 10.8.1 Competitors are assisting another boat and their catch is at weigh-in
- 10.8.2 Competitors seeking medical attention and their catch is at weigh-in
 - 10.8.2 Competitor has been approved for weigh in by proxy.
 - 10.8.3.1 **PROXIES:**
 - a) Must be pre-approved prior to the competition's start time. Only available to MOFSC members. Maximum of 5 out of the 11 competitions allowable for weigh-ins/season by proxy.
 - b) Proxys will only be approved due to circumstances such as the following: Work commitments, Major Family event/emergency, injury or illness after commencement of the competition. Any other reason not listed will only be approved at discretion of Fishing committee.
 - c) If the competition is one that has been postponed, then proxies may be approved for circumstances other than those listed, at discretion of the Fishing committee.
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. 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 the proxy.

11) Registration on Competition Day (and eligibility for Anglers Draw prize)

- 11.1 All fishers competing on the day must register prior to event commencement (6:00am Saturday).
- 11.2 Registration is by filling out an envelope and lodging in the Fishing box located near

the weather station or by registering via Registration envelope in Word format and emailing Captain Fishing, or text call Captain Fishing.

11.3 All competitors Must have paid their dues prior to weigh in.

11.4 The Fishing secretary will transcribe the names in any order to the fishing register, and each name will be allocated a number by the Fishing Secretary.

11.5 The Anglers draw will be determined using numbered tokens or a random number generator based on the number allocated by the secretary and the draw to be witnessed by at least 2 Fishing committee members present.

12) Scoring system

12.1 General Competition

- a) 5 points for entering the competition and attending weigh-in (Attendance Points).
- b) 10 points to be allocated for each eligible fish species a competitor weighs in.
- c) 10 additional points for the heaviest of each nominated fish species
- d) Team points are the sum of points for all members in the competition.

12.2 Special Species competition

- a) Special competition bags to be weighed prior to general competition
- b) Maximum weight for an individual fish will be set at 10 kilograms
- c) Scores from the special species competitions are separated on the day for prizes but will be added to the overall total score for end of year prizes .
- d) Each fisher that weighs in a bag gets 10 points
- e) Heaviest bag 20 points
- f) Second heaviest bag 10 points
- g) Third heaviest bag 5 points

12.3 Dealing with a Tie

13.1 If two or more fish of the same species are weighed in by competitors at a monthly competition at the exact same weights, then both/all fish of the same weight will be measured by the weighmaster. The winning fish will be the longest fish. This will be the only fish scoring the additional 10 points for heaviest fish. If there are two or more fish that are the same weight and length, then the points shall be shared. If there are two or more fish with same weight and length, then to determine the prize winner (if applicable), a corresponding number of numbered tokens will be placed in a bag and a random draw will take place between the tied competitors. The competitor that draws the highest numbered token will take the prize for that competition. This assuming that the species in question has been selected for one of the 5 species prizes.

13.2 If two or more fish of the same species have the same weight at the end of the year, then the competitors will share the annual prize for that species.

13.3 If two or more teams tie on the day, the team with the most champion fish on the day will be team champion for that month.

14) Monthly Prizes

(General Competition)

These are open to all registered competitors who have entered and are present at weigh-in. Each month a total of 5 species prizes will be given. These will be chosen randomly by draw from all species weighed on the

day. The draw will be conducted using the species number as per the scoreboard and will be posted at weigh in. The draw is to be witnessed by at least two fishing committee members present. All Species as per species list can be weighed in for annual points but monthly prizes will only be given for the 5 nominated species.

Prizes will also be given out as below, with the winning Team presented with monthly Boat Team flag, no prize is awarded for Boat Team winners.

14.1 Champion of the day

14.2 The Anglers Draw

14.3 Winning Team Flag passed on each month to the winning team of each competition.

14.4 Prizes given on the day are final.

15) Special Species Competition Prizes

These are open to all registered competitors who have entered and are present at weigh-in and present a separate bag of the target species. Special Species Competition prizes will be given for the heaviest 3 bags weighed in on the day.

16) Annual Awards: for individuals and teams (all must have completed nomination forms)

16.1 4 competitions entered to be eligible (must submit Entry envelope every competition)

16.2 6 competitions entered to be eligible for the Anglers prize draw for individuals on awards night.

16.3 All monthly points including Special Species points aggregate for annual award and trophy winner.

17) Penalties

17.1 Fishers caught discarding fish at any competition are penalized 50 points.

17.2 Undersize fish— If first time offense the fish will not be weighed in and the fisher will receive a penalty of 10 points.

17.2.1 If the Fisher re-offends the total bag of that competition will be disqualified, and the fisher will be penalized 50 points

17.3 Any fish presented, in the opinion of the weighmaster or Captain, is in a rotten, frozen, poor or deteriorated state or unsuitable for consumption will be disqualified.

17.4 Any Fisher weighing in a fish that was not landed by them — If first time offense the fish will not be weighed in and the fisher will receive a penalty of 10 points.

17.5 If the Fisher re-offends the total bag of that competition will be disqualified with no points awarded, and the fisher will be penalized 50 points.

16) DEMERSAL LIMITS AND BAN PERIODS TO BE UPDATED ONCE INFORMATION AVAILABLE

17) Blue Swimmer Crab Ban Periods

17.1 Blue swimmer crabs cannot be caught from 1st September to 30th November and will not be included in the September and October competitions.

18) Fishing Regulations and Ethics

- All competitors will comply with the WA Fisheries Department Rules and Regulations. If no minimum size of fish is required, the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club Fishing Competitions have adopted 200mm as a minimum standard for weigh-in (see species list).
- 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. Except as allowed in the rules
- 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).

19) 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.

The Fishing Committee will decide all protests. Their decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

20) Boating

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

All competitors must have a Recreational Fishing License if required, in accordance with the WA Department of Fisheries rules.

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.

21) Communications

All boats to LOG ON and LOG OFF with "Mandurah Volunteer Marine Rescue VMR 611" on:

VHF - Channel 77 or 82

27Mhz Radios are No Longer monitored by Marine Rescue and are not to be used to Log On. If you do not have a VHF set on board your boat, please Log ON/OFF via Phone: 9535 4789



Times Of Radio Operation

October to May

Seven days a week

0600 hours to 1800 hours

June to September

Weekends & Public Holidays only

0700 hours to 1700 hours

In the event that you may still be on the water after our hours of operation you may still be able to Log on and Off through a Mandurah Volunteer Marine Rescue Home Base:

PH: 0409 081 801 or PH: 0429 081 801

22) 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.

23) General

Competitors may fish from their own vessel, 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.

The Fishing Committee reserves the right to penalize 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 CONDUCTED IN THE CLUB GROUNDS OR IN THE WATER ADJACENT TO THE CLUB. A fish cleaning station is located in the council car park, next to the Fisheries building, east of MOFSC grounds.

WEAR A LIFEJACKET! DON'T TRUST YOUR LUCK

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

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

DEMERSAL COMPETITION SPECIES LIST		NON-DEMERSAL SPECIES LIST	
FISH SPECIES		FISH SPECIES	
Baldchin Groper – 400mm		Bream (Silver(Tarwhine), Black) – 250mm	
Blue Swimmer Crab-127mm (Male Only)		Blue Swimmer Crab-127mm (Male Only)	
Breaksea Cod – 300mm		Flathead – 300mm	
Bream (Silver (Tarwhine) , Black) – 250mm		Flounder – 250mm	
Cuttlefish -No Size Limit		Cuttlefish -No Size Limit	
Dhufish – TBD		Game Fish- <i>See below 3 categories</i>	
Foxfish – 200mm		Herring – 200mm	
Flathead – 300mm		King George Whiting-280mm	
Flounder – 250mm		Leather jacket – 250mm	
Game Fish- <i>See below 3 Categories</i>		Mulloway – 500mm	
Herring – 200mm		Pike /Snook– 300mm	
Harlequin Fish – 200mm		Salmon (West Australian) – 300mm	
Pike/Snook-300mm		Sand whiting- 200mm	
Salmon (West Australian)-300mm		Shark – 700mm	
Samson Fish or Amberjack- 600mm		Skippy – Skipjack	
Snapper- Pink/ Queen – 500mm Nannygai-300mm Ruby Snapper-200mm		Squid – 200mm	
Sand whiting – 200mm		Sweep – 300mm	
Shark – 700mm		Tailor – 300mm	
Skippy – Skipjack – 250mm		Yellowfin Whiting-200mm	
Tailor – 300mm			
Yellowfin Whiting – 200mm			
Deep Sea Demersal (Hapuku/Eight bar Groper)			

WA Department of Fisheries sizes and rules apply.(if no size is applicable refer to MOFSC Fishing Competition **minimum size 200mm**).

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

Special Species Competitions

1) Whiting Competition

- a. Mixed Whiting species including; Sand Whiting, Yellowfin Whiting, Southern Whiting, School Whiting and King George Whiting.
- b. Maximum Bag size 30 whiting with a maximum of 12 King George whiting.

2) Mixed nearshore or estuarine Finfish.

- a. Includes; Snook, Skippy, Flathead, ,Whiting (all Species), King George Whiting, herring, Tailor, Bream, Garfish and salmon.
- b. Maximum Bag limit 16. Individual bag limits for each species applies (e.g Max 12 King George Whiting, max 4 Salmon etc)

3) Mixed Pelagic and Game fish:

- a. Includes all game fish and pelagic fish as per species list as well as Samson Fish and Amberjack.
- b. Maximum individual fish weight to be denoted as 10 kilograms
- c. Maximum Bag limit 3 fish.

Types of fish NOT accepted as point scoring 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 of 200mm set by MOFSC.

Minimum Sizes Accepted at Weigh-in for all MOFSC Competitions

Fish sizes will be governed by the legal sizes referred to in the current Western Australian Department of Fisheries Recreational Fishing Guide – 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 for Non-Demersal fish and 400mm - Dhu fish, 500mm- Pink Snapper, 400mm – Baldchin Groper and 300mm – Breaksea Cod.**

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

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 to your gear and value your catch.

Obtain permission to enter land and respect the rights of all who use the waterways. All competitors will participate in a sportsman like manner.

Disclaimer

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

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