



EDEN AMATEUR FISHING CLUB INC
45th ANNUAL FISHING COMPETITION
4TH MARCH – 11TH MARCH 2023

CLUBHOUSE HOURS 8AM-5PM

Enquiries Line 0414 357 348 or 0419 115 923

COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

ENTRY FEES: Seniors Men's and Ladies \$50pp

Juniors Boys and Girls \$5.00 pp (must be under the age of 16 as of 4/3/2023)

Under Sixes Free (must be under the age of 6 as of 4/3/2023)

Entry registrations will be processed online and will not be classed as Registered in the Competition until the EAFC approves and processes the entry.

Only Approved Registered Competitors are able to have their fish recorded and must be caught by that approved Registered Competitor.

Juniors between the age of 6 to 15 years can enter in their age section and/or in the Men's or Ladies sections and pay the applicable entry fees.

FISHING TIMES: Competition Commences on 4th March 2023 at 6.00am and concludes on Saturday 11^h March 2023 at 11.00am (except for Under Sixes Section which concludes on Friday 10th March 2023 at 5.00pm). All fish must be caught within these times.

PARTICIPATION: All competitors must comply with The Victorian Fisheries Authority, DPI NSW Laws and Saltwater Recreational Guidelines and under the Code of Practice for Fishing Events in NSW.



EDEN MARINE RESCUE:

All boat owners are **encouraged** to log on and off with the Marine Rescue App
<https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/plan-log-on/>

Always keep your marine radio on the 'Distress, Safety and Calling' channel.

This is VHF Channel 16 or 27MHz Channel 88

Marine Radio or phone: 02 6497 2500 Base Station, Mobile 0409 834 927 (SARCC).

Please always observe radio courtesy and in the event of an emergency call 000
Comply with Maritime NSW boating legislation with reference to safety equipment, Registration, Insurances, Licensing, safe operation, and speed limits.

FISHING AREAS: The Coast, Estuaries, Rivers from Northern side of Bega River south to Mallacoota which includes Betka River.

FISHING METHOD: All fish must be caught by hand line or rod and reel. Nets, spear guns, lead lines or motorised reels must not be used. Each angler must hook and land their own fish but may receive assistance with gaffing or netting the fish.

Catch and release is encouraged.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Competitors will receive a confirmation letter as a receipt via email that their entry has been approved and that they are now a Registered Competitor. Those without an email will receive confirmation by post or can be collected from clubhouse.

PHOTO SUBMISSION PROCESS:

All fish will be submitted as photographic entries
(except for weigh in Species)

Fish are to be correctly placed on an official
NSW DPI Brag Mat and clear of sand.

The overall measurement of a fish, whether it is fork-tailed or round tailed, is taken from the snout on the upper jaw to the end of the tail.

If the length is longer than the Official DPI Brag Mat allows, a clearly marked tape measure can be used alongside the fish to show actual measurement

*If the fish is not clearly identifiable and/or length is unclear in the submitted photo, our experienced weighmasters along with the Committee will decide on eligibility and reserve the right to amend the length or disqualify the submission.

*Our program identifies the date and time of each photo when taken. Any photo which has undergone digital manipulation, ie, photoshop, will be disqualified.

Dusky Flathead: The whole fish is to be in the picture and show the black spot at the caudal end of the tail. This may be best seen when the fish is laid on it's side.

Marlin: To be measured using only a 'Form a Sign' Marlin Measure' (available to purchase from EAFC) and a video of whole length be submitted.

Any entrant who does not have a mobile phone or is not familiar how to send a photos via SMS, can still have their photograph verified by taking the phone or bring the fish to the clubhouse to be measured.

***Once the Competition has commenced any photo submitted of a species with a date and time stamp earlier than the date and time of becoming a Registered Competitor will NOT be accepted.**

There is no need to send in photos in, if a larger fish has already been recorded on the leader board.

RECORD OF ENTRIES:

Submitted entries for all sections and categories, ONCE Approved will immediately be updated on the leader board on our *Web Page* : www.edenfishingclub.org

Fish record boards at the front of the club house will be updated hourly and posted on our *Facebook Page*: <https://www.facebook.com/edenamamateurfishingclub/>

Weigh In Guidelines:

Location: EAFC Club house.

Hours Daily 8am-5pm each except Saturday 11th March 8am-11am.

Please CALL AHEAD OF YOUR ARRIVAL on 0429 115 923 to enable our Weigh Master's to prepare and be present to officially record the weight and identify the species.

After clubhouse hours will be subject to the availability of weighmaster's.

Registered entrants can have their species of fish in the length categories weighed for personal interest and EAFC members can submit for club recording.

Fish may be iced down but not frozen and may be bled but not gutted.

Prizes Rules:

One of each species must be caught in the Combination Mens & Ladies section to be eligible for the lucky prize draw. Upsizing is of NO ADVANTAGE

In the event of equal weight/length of fish, the 1st recorded will be awarded as the winner.

Juniors who have registered as both an adult & junior cannot enter the same fish/photo in more than one age section.

Under Sixes Category:

There is a maximum of 2 legal size fish that can be recorded per Species.

All entrants with approved fish will be entered into each species category and winners will be determined via lucky draw.

THE MAJOR BOAT PACKAGE PRIZE: All approved registered Men's and Ladies entrants are eligible and the winner is determined by lucky draw.

The first drawn is declared the Winner. The Winner does not need to be present at the draw to win.

Raffle Prizes: All winners drawn and who are not in attendance at time of the draw will be contacted and will have 90 days to arrange collection, otherwise prizes will be forfeited.

Photo Promotions:

EAFC also welcomes the submission of any suitable media that you would like to have included whilst promoting the competition via SMS to 0419 115 923 or emailed to:secretaryeafc@inet.net.au

We wish to reflect all competitors having fun and enjoying themselves.

*Note EAFC Committee reserves the right to make changes at any time that they deem necessary and appropriate as per the T &C's.