

EDEN AMATEUR FISHING CLUB INC

46th MAJOR ANNUAL FISHING COMPETITION

2nd MARCH – 9TH MARCH 2024

CLUBHOUSE HOURS 8AM-5PM

All Enquiries Pam 0419 115 923

COMPETITION RULES, REGULATIONS & AS PER TERMS & CONDITIONS

ENTRIES ARE ONLINE ONLY <u>www.edenfishingclub.org</u> or our volunteers can assist at the clubhouse.

ENTRY FEES: Seniors Men's and Ladies \$60pp

Juniors Boys and Girls\$5.00 pp (must be under the age of 16 as of 2/3/2024)

Under Sixes Free (must be under the age of 6 as of 2/3/2024

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 2nd^h March 2024 at 6.00am and concludes on Saturday 9^h March 2024 at 11.00am (except for Under Sixes Section which concludes on Friday 8th March 2024 at 5.00pm).

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.

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION:

Competitors will receive a confirmation of entry via SMS text on their Mobile Phone. Those without a mobile phone will receive either an email or letter.

The SMS advises of your entry number and a link to submit fish entries.

The link will also connect you with access to the Leaderboard where you are required to check the current winning species, before submitting your fish photo.

Those without a mobile will be required to come to the clubhouse in person and have your fish assessed for eligibility and processed on your behalf.

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.

PHOTO SUBMISSION PROCESS:

All fish are to be submitted as photographic entries via the SMS Link

Fish are to be clear of sand and correctly placed on an official **NSW DPI Catch & Release Mat.**

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



Mouth Closed (where possible) & tip of jaw touches the end of measure, V of tail along midline of measure.

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



PHOTO SUBMISSION PROCESS cont.

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

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

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.

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

Eden Marine Rescue: All boat owners are encouraged to log on and off with the Marine Rescue App. <u>https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/boating-safety/marinerescue-app/</u>

RECORD OF ENTRIES:

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

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

Weigh In Guidelines:

Location: EAFC Club house. Hours Daily 8am-5pm each except Saturday 9th March.

Registered entrants can have their species of fish 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.

Please CALL AHEAD OF YOUR ARRIVAL on 0427 763 944 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.

Please refer to The Terms & Conditions for further detailed competition information.