



Beachcombers Angling & Boating Club of W.A. (Inc.)

Competition Rules.

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Code of Ethics

Use of Vehicles

Vehicles using beaches or accessing beaches shall be encouraged to use a pole carrying a flag or bunting which shall be a minimum of two and a half (2.5) metres from ground level on all field trips whilst off road.

The maximum speed on beach or tracks shall not exceed 50 km per hour. Members must always drive with caution when there are other people or vehicles sighted in any location. All vehicles entering or leaving the beach should preserve vegetation at all times and keep to made tracks where ever possible.

Offer aid and assistance to any fisherman or motor vehicle in trouble on the beach.

Camping and Environment

Comply with local, state and national statutes and the rights of property owners, particularly in regard to camping.

Do not litter the beach or campsites. Take your rubbish with you to prevent pollution and to protect wildlife.

Leave the campsite clean and tidy.

The Fishery

Take no more than you need.

Understand and observe all fishing regulations.

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

Observe the rules of common courtesy on the beach. Try not to overcrowd and leave room for fellow anglers.

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

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

Respect the rights of others and treat fish humanely.

Inform and encourage other people to adopt this code of ethics.

The philosophy of "Catch and Release" should be encouraged at all times.

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1 General

1.1.1 Club Ethics

All members and visitors must comply with the Club's Code of Ethics at all times when they may be identified with the Club, and are encouraged to follow these ethics at all other times.

1.1.2 Visitors

Any member has the right to bring a visitor or visitors to any club event. The said visitors may enter the competition providing they pay the nominated fees and comply with the Club and competition rules. The fee will be set from time to time by the Committee.

1.1.3 Visitors Points

No visitor may attend more than 2 field days and one and optional Dry casting day before joining, unless a motion is passed at a General or Committee Meeting either:-

- (1) exempting an individual from the rule, or
- (2) inviting an individual to attend an event, or
- (3) deeming that attendance at a specific club event or class of club event will not to be

counted for the purposes of this rule. Where a visitor pays the nomination fee to become a member, points earned while a visitor will be awarded towards Field Day and Dry Casting Competitions, Top Ten, Sections and Club Champion of the Year.

1.1.4 Disclaimer

This Club accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any injury or damage caused to, or by, members or visitors whilst attending any club event. The safety of Members and visitors is the responsibility of the individuals concerned and no liability is accepted by the Club or any individual member of the Club.

1.1.5 Co-Operation

All members and visitors are to cooperate with the Club's Officers at all times at all Club events.

1.1.6 Discipline

The Management Committee shall have the full power to suspend, expel or impose any other penalty, which it may deem fit, upon any member of the Club who shall have in the opinion of the Committee, been guilty of any conduct, act, matter, practice or thing, conducive to, or tending to cause ill feeling, friction or dissension amongst the members, or reflect discredit on the reputation of the Club. The accused member has the right of an appeal and can have an advocate to help their case.

1.1.7 Selection of Club Teams

For the selection of club teams (AAA events etc) the Top Ten for the relevant section may be used as a guide to assist the Officer concerned in selecting the best team to represent the club. If a member feels they have been unfairly overlooked in the team selection they shall have the right to protest in terms of Rule 1.1.8, Protests.

1.1.8 Protests

Members should discuss any problems with the Officer of the Day for Dry Casting, or for a particular Field Day venue, or with the Recorder for the Open Competition and all other awards. When the member considers, in his opinion, that there is not a satisfactory resolution, the member has the right to lodge a protest in writing with the Officer of the Day.

Any such protest shall be brought to the notice of the Committee by way of a written communication to the President within fourteen (14) days of the event. The Committee shall, if deemed necessary, appoint a Disputes Committee of not less than three (3) senior members, not including the Officer of the Day. The member lodging the protest shall present their case to this Committee, and all relevant parties are to be present. The Disputes Committee's decision shall be final.

1.1.9 Amendment to These Competition Rules.

The Club's "Competition Rules" are different from the "Rules of the Association" as set out in the Constitution

All proposed amendments to the Competition Rules must be notified to members via Shorelines before the meeting at which voting takes place.

All amendments made to the Competition Rules must be notified to all members prior to the commencement of the first affected event in any competition year."

The Competition Rules may be amended part way through a competition year and will only apply at the commencement of the next competition year.

These amendments must be endorsed by members of the Club, by a majority vote from eligible financial members at a general meeting present and voting at the meeting.

2 Field Days

2.1 Field Day Rules

2.1.1 Sign On

All participating members and visitors must attend the Field Day sign on. Members and visitors shall report to the Field Day Officer and pay the required fee. Sign on at the General Meeting may apply if advised in the Shorelines.

2.1.2 Late Sign On

Any member may make prior arrangements with the Field Day Officer for a late sign on. It is the responsibility of the member to ascertain any changes to weigh in times and boundaries.

Should no prior late sign on arrangements be made, no competition points will be registered. See also Rule 1.1.8 - Protests.

Should a member arrive late for a sign on due to unforeseen circumstances the Field Day Officer will sign the member on and measure in the catch. Points will be awarded by ruling of the Committee.

2.1.3 Sign off Times

Sign off times shall be as listed in the Shorelines but may be altered by the Field Day Officer at the Sign on. Should a member arrive at the Sign off after the designated sign off time, they will forfeit the right to submit length form. However if the Field Day Officer considers that the members late arrival was beyond their control (e.g. by rendering First Aid to an accident victim, or some other serious hindrance), the Field Day Officer shall accept the member's form and submit the case to the Committee for their decision. Further, if the member considers that they have a reason not to forfeit the right to competition points, and is in disagreement with the Field Day Officer, the Field Day Officer is obligated to accept the form in and submit the case to the Committee for their final decision. See also Rule 1.1.8 - Protests.

2.1.4 Leaving a Field Day Venue

No member shall leave a venue before the stated sign off time, unless they notify the Field Day Officer or another member who agrees to notify the Field Day Officer. The penalty for this offence shall be the loss of all points for that Field Day, plus **pay any costs** that may be incurred in the ensuing search.

If a member is required to leave a venue before the stated sign off time due to unforeseen circumstances, they may leave their completed form with another member to be presented at the sign off, and points will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

2.1.5 Fishing Times

Fishing times for each Field Day will be published in the Shorelines. Fish hooked prior to commencement of the Field Day and landed during the competition times are not eligible for the competition. Fish hooked during the Field Day Competition and landed after its conclusion may be included on the form.

2.1.6 Field Day Boundaries

The boundaries for the Field Day will be published in the Shorelines. Boundaries may be changed due to adverse weather conditions, safety concerns or substantial reason at the sign on at the discretion of the Field Day Officer and by consensus of the majority of the participating members. Any competitor fishing outside the boundaries during the fishing times shall be disqualified.

2.1.7 Boating

If boats are used they must stay within the field day boundaries and remain in sight of land and a maximum of 5 nautical miles from the shore and shall comply with all Marine and Harbours regulations. A minimum of 2 people per boat. Boats may not be used between Sunset and Sunrise

2.1.8 Open Field Days

Open Field Days shall include all Western Australian waters. All locations must equally be accessible to all members and visitors on the days of the field day. Sign on can be at the General Meeting prior to the Open Field Day or by way of a phone in sign on as detailed in Shorelines. All members and visitors attending an Open Field Day must sign off with Field Day Officer as detailed in Shorelines by the designated. (advised in Shorelines).

2.1.9 Cancellation of Field Day

Any Field Day may be cancelled due to inclement weather or otherwise at the discretion of the Field Day Officer. In the event of a cancellation the Field Day will be held at the same venue, at the Field Day Officer's discretion, one week later. In the event of a second cancellation, the field day for that month will be abandoned.

2.1.10 Confirmation of Field Day

If any member is in doubt about any Field Day details and did not attend the previous General Meeting then contact the Field Day Officer.

2.1.11 Safaris

Any club safari may include a Field Day, if the said safari falls on or near a normal club Field Day and makes attending that normal club Field Day difficult and/or impossible. The safari Field Day cannot be longer than the duration of the normal club Field day for that month's Field Day. The date and times of the safari Field Day are set at the December GM.

2.1.12 Use Of Vehicles

Vehicles using beaches or accessing beaches shall be encouraged to use a pole carrying a flag or bunting which shall be a minimum of 2.5 metres from ground level on all field trips whilst off road.

The maximum speed on beach or tracks shall not exceed 50 km per hour. Members must always drive with caution when there are other people sighted on any beach. All vehicles entering or leaving the beach should preserve vegetation at all times and keep to made tracks where ever possible.

2.1.13 Local By-Laws

All members shall observe local City or Shire By-Laws at all times.

2.1.14 Safety Of Members And Visitors:

The safety of Members and visitors is the responsibility of the individuals concerned and no liability is accepted by the Club or any individual member of the Club. Neither the Club nor a member or members of the Club can dictate safety issues to an individual or individuals whether Club members

or visitors. The Club Competition Rules have safety in mind, but cannot be enforced over the rights or decisions of any individuals, irrespective of circumstances or age groups. A member of the Club may encourage another member or visitor to use prudent safety measures. If this encouragement is ignored then potential loss of competition points may be applied by the committee. The following sentence addresses such possible action. "Any anglers who cannot swim proficiently should always wear a PFD. Waders are not to be used at Rottnest Island".

The Field Day Officer may consider the safety of members and visitors, and as such is empowered to strike out a person's field day competition points if such member or visitor refuses to comply with a reasonable request from the Field Day Officer concerning safety. e.g. an instruction not to wear waders on a reef which is considered dangerous. The member has the right to protest and appeal to the Committee against this decision. This appeal must be in writing and submitted within 14 days of the incident. See also Rule 1.1.8 - Protests.

2.1.15 Juniors

Juniors (under 16 years of age) must be accompanied by either their parent or guardian at all club events.

2.1.16 Fishing Space

All members are required to leave sufficient room for other anglers (clubs and otherwise) whilst fishing in a club event.

2.1.17 Playing a Fish

When a member or visitor has hooked a large fish, all others fishing in the vicinity shall retrieve their lines to give that person every opportunity of landing it.

2.1.18 Fishing Alone

Where ever possible members and visitors do not fish alone.

2.1.19 Notifying Others

Notify someone of your intended fishing locality, so you may be located promptly in an emergency or break down.

2.2 Fishing Equipment

2.2.1 Gaffs

All gaff hooks when not in use must be covered, for safety.

2.2.2 Exclusive Use of Gear

For club records and all other competitions, including Field Days the member must either cast the bait/lure, balloon/lure utilize a drift or live bait/lure, hook and play the fish unaided from the shore, jetty, groyne or wharf. No artificial methods of placing baits/lures such as taking out by water craft etc are permitted. Gaffing of fish by another person is permitted.

When fishing from a water craft the above methods of deployment of bait/lure shall apply.

2.2.3 Type of Gear

All fish must be caught on a line and hook and incorporate the use of rod and reel or hand line. All angling gear, including flight of hooks and trebles, must comply with Department of Fisheries WA Regulations. The use of treble hooks on Salmon and Tailor rigs is not permitted for Club competitions. All fish must be measured using a tape or ruler with at least centimetre graduations marked upon it.

2.2.4 Number of Rods or Lines

A competitor must not use more than two rods or hand lines at any one time. Each rod or hand line must not have more than two (2) hooks, where a flight/gang of hooks is to be considered as one hook so long as the flight fits into a single bait. Additional rods may be carried but competitors must not have more than two (2) lines in the water at a time.

2.2.5 Line Breaking Strain

A competitor may use any gauge or breaking strain of line, except on Single Handed gear where it shall not exceed 4.5 kg to be eligible for a Section Application.

2.2.6 Single Handed Equipment.

Single handed equipment shall be defined as a rod that is cast with only one hand on the rod during the cast and the reel shall be loaded with line of no more than 4.5 kg breaking strain.

Fly fishing equipment shall be classed as single handed equipment, and to be eligible for Field Day Category 14 and Open Category 8 the leader section shall include a length of line that is no more than 4.5 kg breaking strain.

2.3 Eligible Fish

2.3.1 Eligible Species List

All species are eligible except mutilated fish and all fish nominated as "Protected or out of season" by the Department of Fisheries WA Regulations.

2.3.2 Numbers of Fish for Personal Possession Limit

Members may possess any number of fish within Department of Fisheries WA Regulations for their personal use.

2.3.3 Mutilated Fish and Foul Hooked

Mutilated fish are not eligible for competition. A mutilated fish is defined as any fish rendered incapable of swimming e.g. bitten by a shark, or which has been beheaded or had a fillet removed. Damaged fish that would still have been capable of swimming will still be eligible for the competition. Foul hooked fish are not eligible for competition. A foul hooked fish is defined as any fish that is landed without a hook lodged in the mouth or head of the fish. The head of the fish is anywhere forward of the gill plates inclusive. Other hooks maybe lodged elsewhere in the body but at least one must be in the mouth or head for the fish to be eligible for competition.

2.3.4 Catch and Release

All fish must be caught and handled following known best practices to ensure they are released in the best possible condition and with every chance to survive.

2.3.5 Field Day Categories

- 1a. Longest Scale Fish (1st 6 Months)
- 1b. Longest Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)
2. Most Meritorious Fish
3. Longest Shark
4. Longest Mulloway
5. Longest Tailor
6. Longest Salmon
7. Longest Skipjack Trevally
8. Longest Mackerel
9. Longest Pike / Snook
10. Longest Scale Fish caught from the shore

11. Longest Scale Fish caught from a water craft
12. Most species measured on a Field Day
13. Most number of fish measured on a Field Day
14. Longest fish on a s/h rod 4.5 kg b/s line (max)

2.3.6 Length to Exceed Existing Entries

A fish must exceed the length of the fish which is currently leading in its section, except if two (2) or more fish of equal length are caught on the same day, both fish will be accepted for that section on an equal basis.

2.4 Field Day Point Scoring

2.4.1 Trip Field Day Attendance Points

All members who sign on for a Field Day and hand in the competition form shall receive ten (10) points. These will count towards top ten Field day points and thus for Club Champion of the Year

2.4.2 Points For Field Days

Points are awarded for the following:-

1. 10 points per centimeter for the demersal and/or large pelagic category fish.
2. 5 points per centimeter for the near shore and/or estuarine category fish.
3. 2 points per centimeter for the low category fish.
4. 1 points per centimeter for all other eligible species risk
5. 10 points for participating in the competition.
6. 100 points per species
7. 50 points for handing in form

2.4.3 Multiple Hook-Up

Multiple hookups are not eligible for competition points

2.4.4 Field Day Top Ten

To determine the Top Ten for each competition year, the monthly scores of each angler shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's top twelve (12) field day totals.

2.4.5 Field Day Prizes

Prizes may be awarded by the Field Day Officer for one or more of the following categories. A visitor can win any of these prizes.

1. Longest Scale Fish
2. Longest Bag Scale Fish
3. Longest Shark
4. Longest Bag of Fish (includes shark)
5. Junior prizes may be awarded.

On a Field Day an individual member or visitor can only receive only one (1) award or prize. If the member is successful in winning more than one section, he will be allocated all points for those sections towards the Club Champion of the Year award.

3 Dry Casting Rules

3.1 Attendance

3.1.1 Competition Start Times

Competition start time shall normally be 8:30 am.

3.1.2 Sign On

Any member who has not placed name on the starters "List of Competitors" before the commencement of the first event shall be eliminated from that event at the Dry Casting Officers discretion.

3.1.3 Supervision for the Day

Casting shall be under the direct supervision of the Dry Casting Officer of the Day. For another court in operation the assistant Dry Casting Officer, or a person nominated by the Dry Casting Officer is to act as the Casting Officer for that court.

3.2 Etiquette at Dry Casting Day

3.2.1 Practice Casting

Practice casting shall commence only after Dry Casting Officer has given permission and all the requisite equipment has been set up. A warning will be given by the Dry Casting Officer to end practice, normally 5 minutes prior to the official start of competition. Any member infringing this rule shall forfeit the next competition cast, unless the cast was made with the direct permission of the Casting Officer who may give this permission if requested to clear line after an overrun etc.

3.2.2 Casting Order

Casting shall be in the correct order as per "List of Competitors". Any member not responding to the call by the starter within one (1) minute shall forfeit that cast. Provided however that the "Casting Officer" has the right to waive this rule in respect to competitors also acting as officials or upon request by a member having an overrun etc.

3.2.3 Markers Casts

All markers competing in casting shall carry out their respective competition casting at the completion of each event.

3.2.4 Casting Arena

The casting arena is the area behind the base line required for a caster to complete the cast safely and without interference or obstruction.

3.2.5 Presence at Casting Arena

Members are to enter the casting arena in their correct order when called by the Casting Officer. Only the member actually casting is allowed into the casting arena.

3.2.6 Permission to Cast

No cast shall be made until permission is given by the starter who shall wait until the all clear is signaled by the marker and has replied with the same signal before giving the permission to markers via a flag sign. Any defaulter of this rule shall not be credited with a score for that cast.

3.2.7 Completing a Cast

Upon completing a cast, the caster is to immediately vacate the casting arena and move clear to rewind the line. Any caster needing to retrieve his weight or un snag his line must first obtained permission from the marker before entering the casting arena or the area in front of the base line.

3.2.8 Consideration of a Caster

Competitors shall consider the member about to cast and shall not cheer, whistle, yell or otherwise infringe upon the concentration of a caster. The Dry Casting Officer may allow another cast, if in his opinion the Caster has been unduly disturbed. See also Rule 1.1.8 - Protests.

3.2.9 Markers to Signal All Clear

The markers may stop casting in an emergency.

3.2.10 Safety of Markers And Others

By the nature of the sport, care must be exercised when casting. The caster MUST ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into an area where they may be in danger from his cast. This includes the area behind and adjoining to the caster performing pendulum type casts.

Markers shall pay special attention when casts are about to be made. Markers shall wear safety helmets and stand to the side of the target area in accuracy events, not behind, and shall stand perfectly still while the cast is being made.

Any caster wishing to use a pendulum or backwards style casting action, must notify the Dry Casting Officer prior to commencement of any dry casting event.

There shall be two (2) markers for each event.

3.3.0 Mini Juniors

Mini Juniors division is open to any participant who is less than 12 years old on the first day of January at the beginning of the clubs competition year. Mini Juniors are not permitted to mark.

3.3.1 Juniors

Juniors division is open to any participant who is less than 16 years old on the first day of January at the beginning of the clubs competition year.

3.3.2 Veterans

Veterans division is open to any participant who is over 60 years old on the first day of January at the beginning of the competition year. A veteran may choose to compete with the senior members, but may only do so at the beginning of a competition year or at the first attendance at Dry Casting during a competition year.

3.4 Dry Casting Equipment

3.4.1 Double Handed Equipment

All level line distance and double handed accuracy events will be contested with standard double handed fishing equipment using level line throughout.

3.4.2 Single Handed Equipment

The single handed events shall use a standard single handed fishing rod. A single handed rod shall be defined as a rod that is used in only one hand and must not be braced in any manner during the cast. Fly fishing equipment shall not be used for Single Handed Accuracy.

3.4.3 Weights

Weights using lead alloys for level line shall be manufactured from the standard mould available from the Australian Anglers Association. The weight nominated in the event is the maximum weight allowed. Weights are in sizes 56 grams, 84 grams, 112 grams. For 112 gram events, casters may use the 56, 84 or 112 gram weight. Weights up to 112 grams may be used for Double Handed Accuracy events, and up to 56 grams for single handed events. For accuracy events, any weight and not necessarily made from standard mould, up to the nominated maximum weight may be used.

3.4.4 Leaders

A heavy leader is compulsory for all events. Breaking strain of all leaders must be no more than 50kg and must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop and/or one swivel to be used.

3.4.5 Line and Terminal Knots

In all events the breaking strain of the main line shall be optional, but must be equal gauge throughout apart from any leader allowed. Terminal knots shall not exceed 100 mm in length. The knot length measurement shall be taken from the end edge of the weight, dowel or swivel.

3.4.6 Artificial Bait Rigs

Plastic tubing must be used for artificial bait level line distance events. The Artificial Bait shall be made of wooden doweling 90 mm long and 13 mm in diameter and shall be attached to a swivel, ring or dropper loop by a line of minimum length of 230 mm. The length of the leader to the weight must be less 1000mm. The weight must hang completely under the dowel. Weights may be made up to 112 gram. No modifications allowed to the dowel other than painting or identification. No other modification allowed to the artificial rig, for example rings to control the bait.

3.4.7 Plastic Tube and Pompoms

Plastic tubing must be used for 112 gram, 56 gram and Artificial bait level line distance events. The plastic tubing shall be of a soft flexible material, of minimum length of 200 mm and maximum length of 250 mm. The diameter shall be minimum 2.5 mm inside diameter to 4.5 mm maximum outside diameter. Colour must be flouro pink.

3.4.8 Safety Gear

All markers shall wear protective head gear at all times when marking.

3.4.9 Accuracy Targets

The Double Handed Accuracy target shall consist of a cone with a base a 500 mm diameter and a height of 300 mm. The cone shall be made of sheet metal and must be a distinctive colour (flouro pink). The target shall be mounted on a steel, locating peg and supported at the cone apex. The locating peg shall be driven into the ground until the cone base lightly touches the ground to allow the measuring tape (stretched from a ring at the locating peg) to slide under the cone.

For Single Handed Accuracy, the target shall consist of a cone 500mm diameter and height of 300mm.

3.4.10 Measuring Tapes

a) Measuring Tapes - Distance.

Standard commercial measuring tapes shall be used to lay the court out. Measured "Cross Lines" or flags can be set up and a measurement, by tape, can be taken from the centre line. Alternatively approved laser equipment may be used.

b) Measuring Tapes - Double Handed Accuracy

Standard tape material shall be used with a length in excess of 6.25 metres. At one end shall be a metal ring. The tape shall be marked in increments of 250 mm from the centre of the ring. The first increment from the ring centre to the first mark shall read 25, the second increment from first mark to the second mark shall read 24, and so on.

c) Measuring Tapes - Single Handed Accuracy

Standard tape material shall be used with a length in excess of 2.5 metres. At one end shall be a metal ring. The tape shall be marked in increments of 250mm from the centre of the ring. The first increment from the ring centre to the first mark shall read 10, the second increment from first mark to the second mark shall read 9, and so on.

3.5 Dry Casting Events

3.5.1 Level Line Distance Casting

Each member taking part is allowed two (2) casts in the following events:

- a) Up to 112 grams
- b) Up to 112 grams Artificial Bait
- c) Up to 56 grams.

The sequence of casting the distance events shall be 56 gram, then Artificial Bait, then 112 gram as for State and National dry casting events.

3.5.2 Double Handed Accuracy

Two (2) casts will be made at a target at four different distances, a total of 8 casts.

3.5.3 Single Handed Accuracy

Two (2) casts will be made at a target at two different distances, a total of 4 casts.

3.5.4 Open Events

There may be up to four (4) Open Casting events of the following:

- 1) Two (2) Open 112 grams level line distance events.
- 2) Two (2) Open 56 grams level line distance events..

These events are carried out during the competition year. Members will have a maximum of two (2) casts in each event.

3.6 Lane Sizes / Target Distances

3.6.1 Distance Lane

The lane utilised for level line distance casting shall be a "V" court. Ropes shall be used to form and mark the "V". The point of cast shall be behind a base board or base line at the "V" apex. All casts must be released from behind the base board or line.

For casting under Australian Anglers Association Rules, the "V" court shall be based on the following measurements:-

From the apex of the "V", measure out 100 metres. From this point, measure out twenty (20) metres each side of this point, at right angles. The "V" court shall intersect these points, (i.e. at a distance out of 100 metres, the "V" court is 40 metres wide).

3.6.2 Double Handed Accuracy Target Distances

In the Double Handed accuracy event, the target distances from the base line shall be decided by drawing one of the following groups:-

- a) For the open section

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	30	33	36	39	42
Metres	46	49	52	55	58
Metres	61	64	67	70	73
Metres	76	79	82	85	88

- (b) For Ladies, Juniors and Veterans sections,

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	30	35	30	36	38
Metres	40	42	37	43	46
Metres	50	49	45	52	54
Metres	60	56	53	59	61

- (c) For Mini Junior Section

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	20	25	20	26	28
Metres	30	35	30	36	38

3.6.3 Single Handed Accuracy Target Distances

In the single handed accuracy event, targets shall be set between 20 and 40 metres.

For the open section, the target distances from the base line shall be decided by drawing one of the following groups:-

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	20	22	24	23	21
Metres	40	38	37	35	36

For Ladies, Juniors and Veterans casting at the furthest target, the caster shall move forward by 10 metres (i.e. 30 metre maximum cast). For Mini Juniors the caster shall cast at the closest target only, two casts from the base line (i.e. 25 metres) then move forward by 10 metres (i.e. 15 metre cast.)

3.7 Scoring System

3.7.1 Marking Of Casts

Accuracy points are to be allocated from where the weight first strikes the ground, not to where it bounces. Distance events are measured from where the weight comes to rest. Competitors must not touch or move the weight until the marker has completed the task of identifying and/or measuring distances. Should the weight be moved by either the wind or retrieved by the competitor before the measurement can be completed, the marker will use this final position of rest as the position for measurement for level line distance events.

3.7.2 Scoring Of Level Line Distance Casts

To score full points, the weight cast must come to rest in the "V" court marked by ropes and/or flags. For 56 gram and 112 gram level line the weight must remain attached to the line, and for 112 gram Artificial Bait, the weight and dowel must both remain attached to the line. Any cast which comes to rest outside the "V" court receives zero score, however for Juniors and Mini Juniors a penalty loss of ten (10) metres is imposed.

The distance of the cast shall be the measurement from the base line to the point where the weight finishes. The distance is to be rounded off to the nearest whole number using 0.5 metres as the changeover, i.e. 72.5 metres is read as 73 metres, 72.4 metres is read as 72 metres.

After each cast, the distance in metres shall be shown on the scoreboard provided. Should a penalty for a Junior or Mini Junior be incurred it shall be signified by the letter "P".

3.7.3 Distance Record Attempts

Any caster intending to attempt a distance record under AAA Rules shall advise the Dry Casting Officer who in turn will advise the markers accordingly. For record distances use a tape or a laser measuring device and record to two decimal places e.g.: 147.83 metres. Club records can be cast at an AAA registered State or National event.

3.7.4 Scoring Of Double Handed Accuracy Casts

The point score shall be the mark on the tape from where the point of impact of the weight is in relation to the target. The tape marks are:

1st increment (i.e. a bull)	- 25 points
2nd increment	- 24 points
3rd increment	- 23 points
and so on	
25th increment	- 1 point
Outside of tape marking	- No Score

Two (2) casts will be made at each target in the order of 3...1...4....2.. repeated i.e. a total of 8 casts for a maximum of 200 points.

3.7.5 Scoring Of Single Handed Accuracy Casts

The point score shall be the mark on the tape from where the point of impact of the weight is in relation to the target.

The tape marks are:

1st increment (i.e. a bull)	- 10 points
2nd increment	- 9 points
3rd increment	- 8 points
and so on	
10th increment	- 1 point

Outside of tape markings - No Score

Two (2) casts will be made at each target. i.e. total of four (4) casts for a maximum of 40 points.

3.7.6 Scoring Of Open Events

Members will have two casts in each event. and only the greater distance is recorded. No accuracy is required in these events and no penalties can be incurred except those relating to miscasts. The individual score of both events is totaled to give a gross aggregate score for the competition year.

For a State record to be claimed in an open event, the cast must be within the A.A.A. "V" court specifications as per Rule 3.6.1.

3.7.7 Overall Score for The Day

The overall score for the day shall be calculated from the declared events for the day.

Double handed accuracy event	8 Casts
(except Mini Juniors will have	4 casts)
Single handed accuracy event	4 Casts
Level line 112 gram (max)	2 Casts
Level line Artificial bait	2 Casts
Level line 56 gram (max)	2 Casts

For accuracy events the points scored shall be added.

For level line distance events, the length of the two casts in metres will added, divided by 10 and rounded to the nearest whole number to give the points for the level line distance event.

Example – Casting day with 112 gram level line distance, 56 gram level line distance, artificial bait distance and double handed and single handed accuracy

Name	112g L.L.		Total	56g LL		Total	Art Bait		Total	D/H	S.H.	Attend-	Total
	Cast1	Cast2	Point	Cast1	Cast2	Point	Cast1	Cast2	Point	Acc.	Acc.	ance	Day
										Total	Total	Points	
J.Brown	112	123	24	B/O	105	11	110	112	22	113	21	10	201
T.Jones	133	127	26	112	124	24	105	106	21	78	29	10	188
Hence	112gram winner						T Jones		26 points				
	56gram winner						T Jones		24 points				
	Artificial bait winner						J Brown		22 points				
	Double handed accuracy winner						J Brown		113 points				
	Single handed accuracy winner						T Jones		29 points				
	Winner of the Day						J Brown		201 points				

3.8 Miscasts and Disqualification

3.8.1 Foot Fault

Only casts made from behind the official casting plate or line shall be accepted. Stepping on or over the official casting plate or line shall be called a foot fault and all the score from such a cast shall be forfeited.

3.8.2 Break Off

The object being cast, weight, and / or artificial bait, must leave the rod tip and stay attached to the main line to count as a scoring cast, i.e. a break off does not qualify for a score in that event. In the event of a break off it is the responsibility of the caster concerned to retrieve the weight etc, immediately after the event.

3.8.3 Miscast

A miscast, such as a backlash, break off, or failure to put the reel into spool or trip the bail wire, shall count as a cast only if the weight or dowel touches the ground in front of the casting plate or line.

3.8.4 Unauthorised Practice Cast

A practice cast after start of the competition when not authorised by the Dry Casting Officer shall void the next cast. Refer to Rule 3.2.1 Practice Casting.

3.8.5 Casters Not Complying With The Rules

Casters not complying with the rules shall be disqualified or have those points disqualified for cast(s) completed in violation of the rule. Other casts made are to be allowed. See also Rule 1.1.8 - Protests. Note: Measurements or score and the reason for disqualification shall be recorded in case these are needed for a successful protest.

3.8.6 Dry Casting Officers Discretion

A Caster may be allowed to have another cast should there be any doubts about that cast in the opinion of the Dry Casting Officer of the day or his Appointed Assistant. For example, an accuracy cast for which the marker did not see where the weight landed; or if another person or animal inadvertently shifted the weight or dragged the weight out of the "V" court by accidentally catching the line etc.

3.9 General

3.9.1 Top Ten Casters

To determine the Top Ten for each competition year, the monthly scores of each caster shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's top 12 (12) casting day totals. This addition shall show each members progressive score for the competition year.

3.9.2 Caster Of The Year Points

To establish the Caster of the Year, points are gained on the caster's ability in every event held during the competition casting year. The events for Caster of the Year will be 112 gm level line distance, 112 gm artificial bait distance, 56 gm level line distance, double handed accuracy and single handed accuracy.

In all events, points will be awarded as follows:

Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	5	2nd	4
3rd	3	4th	2
5th	1	6th	0

If a caster wins all events, 25 points are recorded. The caster who has gained the greatest number of points is the Caster of the Year.

3.9.3 Attendance Points

Casters obtain ten (10) points for competing in the dry casting field day. Club members who also attend, but do not cast, and assist in running of the event shall also receive ten (10) points towards the day's points tally.

Casters who attend the monthly dry casting event and members who assist in running Dry Casting then attend the following General Meeting shall receive an additional ten (10) points towards the day's points tally.

4 Game Fish, Club Record and Open Competitions.

4.1 Entries

Entries must be lodged with the Recorder within thirty (30) days of capture on the appropriate form available from the Club. Entries not fully completed will be rejected.

4.2 Photographs

Photographs of fish must be supplied with the application, showing side elevation of fish with ruler. The photograph must be taken so that the fish fills the photograph. For a light fish use a dark background, for a dark fish use a lighter background. Colour, fin size and fin ray count of scale fish and shark must be clearly shown.

4.3 Other Details Required

Length and girth of fish must be supplied plus place and date of capture and description of the type of bait/lure used. For sharks include a top and bottom tooth.

4.4 Weighing State and National Records

All fish entered should be weighed on Government Tested and Certified Scales with proof of weight supplied with the application.

4.5 Witness

Witness to the capture and weight must be over the age of sixteen (16) years. If captured alone, a statutory declaration must be provided.

4.6 Assistance To Angler

Gaffing of fish by another person is permitted. Refer to 2.2.1

4.7 Eligibility Of Species

Refer to 2.3.0.

4.8 Game Fish Badge

Any of the following fish, with a minimum legal length according to Fisheries WA regulations may be entered for a Game Fish Badge. If the species does not have a legal length then the following lengths shall apply. **Rule 4.8 not applicable yet – needs review**

Albacore	length cm	Queen Fish (all species)	length cm
Amberjack	length cm	Sail Fish	length cm
Cobia	length cm	Samson Fish	length cm
Bonefish	length cm	Tunny or Tuna (all species)	length cm
Dolphin Fish	length cm	Trevally (all species)	length cm
Marlin	length cm	Wahoo	length cm
Mackerel (all species)	length cm	Whaler Sharks	length cm
Tailor	length cm	Yellowtail Kingfish	length cm

4.9 Open Competition Minimum Lengths

Section	For	Legal length
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None
Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.		
Section 2	Best Shark	
Section 3	Best Mulloway	
Section 4	Best Salmon	Legal length
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal length
Section 6	Best Tailor	Legal length
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	Legal length
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4.5kg line class	Legal length
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	Legal length
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	Legal length
Section 11	Best Mackerel	Legal length
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	Legal length
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	Legal length
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	Legal length
Section 15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	Legal length

The minimum Lengths and species listed in the section categories shall only be changed at the beginning of the competition year. The minimum lengths and species as recommended by the committee shall be ratified at the December General Meeting each year and published in Shorelines. Of the eligible fish entered in, only that equal to or in excess of the minimum lengths listed in Shorelines shall be eligible for Section Points towards the Club Champion of the Year award.

4.10 Open Competition Eligibility

The Open Competition is for fish caught other than on Club Gazetted Field Days.

Members entering fish in the Open competition shall qualify entries by attending at least three (3) Club meetings, Field or Casting Days within the current January to December Club season. This requirement may be relaxed at the discretion of the Committee for members such as country members.

4.11 Length to Exceed Existing Open/Record Entries

For the Open competition or Club Record categories, a fish must exceed the length of the fish which is currently leading in its section, except if two (2) or more fish of equal length are caught on the same day, both fish will be accepted for that section on an equal basis.

5 Species

5.1 Species Competition

The Club Species competition will be run under the appropriate Competition Rules.

- 1. Entries to be submitted to the Recorder on the appropriate form, unless caught on a Field Day.
- 2. Fish may be caught only Club Field Days.
- 3. Must capture ten (10) of the listed species to qualify.
- 5. Photographs and witnesses to length of fish are optional.

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| 1. Whiting (all species) | 10. Snook or Pike |
| 2. Herring | 11. Mulloway |
| 3. Skipjack Trevally | 12. Salmon |
| 4. Tarwhine | 13. Black Bream |
| 5. Pilch | 14. Pink Snapper |
| 6. Tailor | 15. Sampson Fish |
| 7. Flathead | 16. Mackerel (all) |
| 8. Garfish | 17. Wrasse |
| 9. Flounder | 18. Banded Sweep |

6 Club Champion Of The Year Points

The member who gains the greatest number of points in any one competition year shall be known as the Club's "Club Champion of the Year"

6.1 Points For Field Days

- Attendance on each Field Day..... 2 points.
- Top Ten as determined by Rule 2.4.4 10 - 1 points.
- Field Day Categories as listed in Rule 2.3.5
or as decided for that competition year..... 3 points each
- To each award winner on the Field Day:
- Longest Scale Fish 2 points.
- Longest Bag of Scale Fish 2 points.
- Longest Shark..... 2 points.
- Longest Bag of Fish including sharks 2 points.

6.2 Points For Dry Casting Days

Attendance each Casting Day	2 points.
Top Ten as determined by rule 3.9.1	10 - 1 points.
Most Points Level Line Distance (up to 112 grams)	2 points.
Second Level Line Distance	1 point.
Most Points double handed Accuracy	2 points.
Second double handed Accuracy	1 point.
Most Points single handed Accuracy	2 points.
Second single handed Accuracy	1 point.
Most Points 56 gram Level Line Distance	2 points.
Second 56 gram Level Line Distance	1 point.
Most Points Artificial Bait	2 points.
Second Artificial Bait.....	1 point.
Each section winner on casting day	1 point.
Overall winner on the day	1 point.