

CUNGULLA RECREATIONAL, FISHING & SOCIAL CLUB (INC)

2025 FISHING COMPETITION GUIDELINES.

As our Constitution clearly states, “This Club is principally formed to promote the sport of family fishing within the Cungulla Community, and also to provide a sustainable social format for its members.”

Keeping this in mind, the new committee is making changes to the structure of some competitions, introducing new competitions for Children and Adults and, with feedback from members, trying to improve existing competitions.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **To participate** in any competition, you must be a **Financial Member**.
- **Brag Mats are now permitted** to be used within any of the competitions to help preserve fish stocks.
- Fishing regulations are directed by the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF) and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and apply in all cases. There **are some additional club-imposed restrictions**, and these will be outlined in more detail as they **become competition specific**.
- Any **disputes** arising will be **dealt with by the current committee**. Their decision will be final and cannot be appealed.
- Regular monthly competitions will be published in advance.
- Stand-alone Competitions e.g., “Barra Comp” will be advertised in advance and **competition specific rules will be posted** with competition advertising.
- **All marine vessel owners and operators** competing in club competitions are to abide by the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994.
- **All fish submitted must be two (2) cm.** longer than the D.A.F. minimum size. This is referred to as **“Club Legal Size.” (Appendix 1)**
- **ALL fish measurements** will be **rounded up** to the **nearest CENTIMETRE**.
- **IMPORTANT:** In the event that **a draw occurs in any competition** throughout or at the end of the year (apart from the Junior and Minor Junior specific comps), a **Random Draw will determine the winner**.

Competitions on offer:

Crab, Longest Species, Teams Event, Blue Water and Junior / Minor Junior Competitions.

Nominations: **All financial members** (Adults, Juniors & Minor Juniors) of the club are eligible to enter any monthly event. The fishing coordinator must be given **ADVANCED NOTICE** of any blue Water nominations.

Competition Times:

For Monthly events fishing is permitted from **12:01am** Saturday until **4:00pm** Sunday for the event dates.

Crab pots can be set from 12:00 noon on Friday until 4:00pm Sunday for the event dates.

Allowed Fishing Areas:

Teams', Crab and Children's events are bound by and include Cocoa and Bomber Creeks and all creeks and rivers in between. Fishing is permitted from the tree lines and along beaches in between these estuaries that can be reached in a vehicle or on foot.

Fish Species and Scoring:

All eligible fish presented (in Team events) will generate a "Q" Score. These "Q" Scores and eligible species are listed in **Appendix 1**. Where more than one type of fish species occurs (e.g., Black and Silver Bream) a competitor may submit a fish of each type. "Morwong" are not accepted.

For Junior and Minor Junior events, each participant can weigh up to 5 fish. These fish can be of the SAME or DIFFERENT SPECIES from the Eligible Species List. (Appendix 1). Fish must also be of **CLUB LEGAL** size.

Weigh – in:

This is held on the Sunday of each competition at the club between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Teams / Competitors who cannot attend the Sunday weigh-in can tag their fish and leave them with another member to weigh-in. **Brag Mats** can also be used, with a photo of the catch being sent to the **Fishing Coordinator** on **0492 279 103**.

The club strongly encourages all participants to attend the weigh-in (when possible) and help support the activities planned.

Fish presented at the weigh-in whole/bled, gutted, and gilled is permitted.

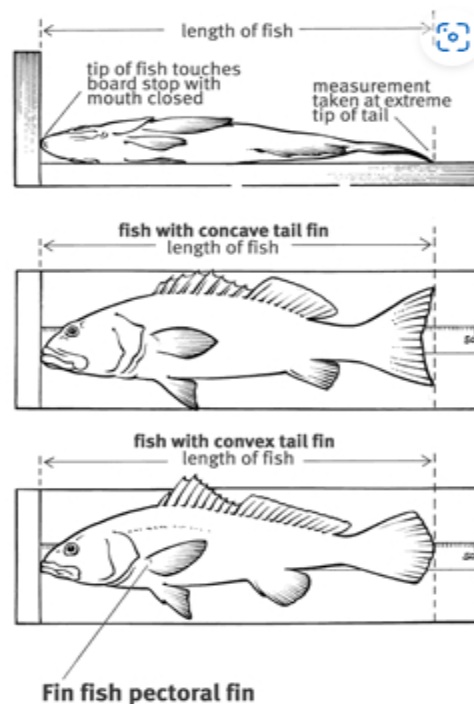
Fish and crabs can be measured over the weekend, primarily for members who live out of town. **The Fishing Coordinator** can be contacted on **0492 279 103** to measure fish and crabs.

Brag Mats:

Brag mats are permitted to be used within any of the competitions to help preserve fish stocks.

- Brag Mat "TOKEN" will be published the Friday night before the monthly competition on the **"Cungulla Neighborhood Connection" Facebook site**, after 5pm.
- Photos can be submitted in person at the weigh-in or texted to the nominated phone number no later than 4:00pm on the day of the weigh-in. **Nominated Phone Number: - 0492 279 103**
- The bragmat must be on a flat surface with no creases. One edge (top or Bottom) of the mat must be fully visible in the photo and not obscured by the fish. Photos must be respectful of the fish, e.g., no blood or mutilated fish. The nose of the fish must be clearly on the zero mark of the brag mat and the nominated token clearly displayed in the photo.
- The photo of the whole fish must be able to be zoomed in clearly.

- ALL Photo submissions must have the Team's and or Individual's name in text to accompany it.
- The Weighmaster / Fishing Coordinator will determine the eligibility of any fish submitted on a brag mat and may at their discretion disqualify any entry they deem not eligible. Their decision is final.
- Measure from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. The fish must not be manipulated to increase or decrease its length.



Points:

Points are calculated using this formula.

$$\text{POINTS} = (\text{FISH LENGTH} \div \text{CLUB MINIMUM}) \times \text{"Q" SCORE}$$

"Q" Scores can be found in Appendix 1.

Age divisions:

- The age that a participant turns during that year determines the division the member is in. Juniors and Minor Juniors must advise the Fishing Coordinator of their date of birth when they nominate or weigh their first fish. All competitors must fish in their correct age division.

Seniors	18 years and over	Male
Seniors	18 years and over	Female
Juniors	13 to 17 years	Boys and Girls
Minor Juniors	0 to 12 years	Boys and Girls

Competition cancellations:

- The President and /or Fishing Coordinator can cancel a competition when deemed necessary to do so. **Set monthly competition WILL NOT be rescheduled if cancelled.**

TIDES FOR 2025 CUNGULLA MONTHLY FISHING COMPETITIONS

January	18/19
February	15/16
March	22/23
April	12/13
May	10/11
June	7/8
July	5/6
August	16/17
September	20/21
October	18/19

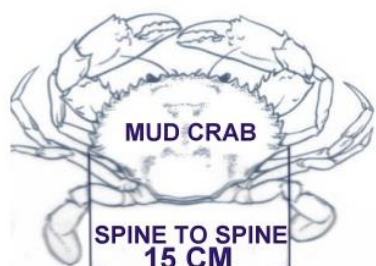
CUNGULLA BARRAMUNDI COMPETITION

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October

MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

CRAB:

- This is an **individual competition**, open to **all financial members**. This includes adults and children.
- The crab competition will be held in conjunction with the monthly teams' events.
- Crab size must be **MALE and a minimum of 15cm (150mm)** across the carapace.



- Each financial member **can only weigh in one (1) crab per event**.
- Crabs are to be submitted Green, Tied and Alive at the weigh-in.
- **Monthly Crab Prizes** of up to 3 x Random Draws.
- **Annual Crab Prizes:** 1. **Heaviest Crab.**
2. **Aggregate weight from BEST 8 events.**

JUNIOR AND MINOR JUNIOR COMPETITION

- All financial Junior and Minor Junior members are encouraged to participate in their respective age group.
- In conjunction with the regular monthly competition, children can weigh in their catch of up to **5 fish**.
- These 5 fish can be of **the same species or differing**, provided they are from the **eligible estuary species list (Appendix 1)** and **meet CLUB legal lengths**.
- There will be 10 monthly competitions (as per Teams events).
- Junior and Minor Juniors can fish as part of a team or individually.
- **A child cannot weigh in the same fish in more than one competition.**
- Juniors and Minor juniors who are part of a Team **CANNOT DOUBLE DIP**. This means they will need to submit a separate bag of 5 fish for their individual accumulation of points.
- **The Annual Champion** will be decided by the individual's Cumulative **LONGEST LINEAR METERAGE** of all fish recorded

Monthly Prizes:

- Each monthly competition will have a Random draw for participating Juniors and Minor Juniors (combined). The number of random draws will depend on the number of participants. See table below.

No. of Competitors weighing in Crabs/fish.	Random Draws Conducted.
6 or greater	3 x Draws
3-5	2x Draws
1-2	1 x Draw

NEW: Starting in the Easter Holidays, we hope to introduce a program called **“IGFA Passport to Fishing Program”** for all Juniors and Minor Juniors.

The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) is a non-profit fishing organization dedicated to ethical recreational fishing and to the conservation of game fish and their habitats worldwide. IGFA has members in over 100 countries and has members of its International Committee of Representatives in countries fishing.

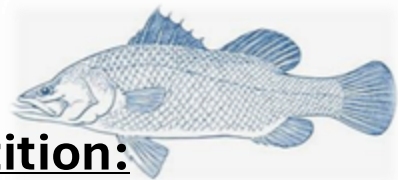
The Passport to Fishing program is a compact fishing clinic educational teaching aim made available to fishing clubs and interested groups with the aim of teaching junior anglers obtain skills to enjoy fishing safely and gain an appreciation of the environment and their fishery.

More information in the New Year.

If interested, search **“International game fishing association passport to fishing”** and read about the program.

TEAMS EVENT:

- Teams will consist of a minimum of 2 with a maximum of 4 financial club members, comprising of either Seniors and/or Juniors and can fish from a maximum of 2 boats on the water during competition times.
- A team must nominate their team members before they participate in their first competition.
- An individual can nominate in one team only.
- A team with less than 4 members can nominate later, another member to bring their nominated team to a maximum of 4.
- The committee has the right to allow team member changes during the year for extenuating circumstances.
- A team can weigh in for each monthly event up to 5 fish **for points**, with 1 fish only from each eligible species. (Appendix 1)
- All fish presented will be rated against the “Q” score system (Appendix 1) to calculate a monthly result.
- **(NEW)** The **best 6** monthly results for a Team score will decide the ultimate “Team of the Year”. (See table below for “Prize” details).
- **(NEW) TARGET Species no longer exist.** In its place a new category has been introduced.....” **The Longest Length of an Estuary Species**” ...see below for more details.
- Team members can use their Brag Mats to record the lengths of any extra eligible species for the Longest Length category. These extra fish DO NOT earn extra points, but their lengths are simply recorded and updated all year for the” The Longest Length of an Estuary Species”.
- Junior and Minor Juniors who form part of a team **CAN NOT double dip**. This means they will need to submit a separate bag (up to 5 fish) for their individual accumulation of points.
- **Please Note:** - For points in the Team Events, the maximum Club imposed length of a Barramundi to be **measured at the Club weigh-in** is still **90cm**.
- Larger barramundi can be recorded on Brag Mats.
- Those that measure up to 120cm can earn points towards the team effort. Larger than 120cm can be Brag matted (for Largest Species).
- **We strongly promote and support the Capture and Release of all Barramundi over the 90cm mark.**



Stand Alone Barramundi Competition:

October 11th & 12 will see the **Annual Barra Comp** take place. Information regarding Registration, Fees etc. will be published as the event date approaches.

LONGEST LENGTH ESTUARY SPECIES

This New Category will replace the Target Species Competition.

- Like the Crab Competition, **any Financial Adult, Junior or Minor Junior Member**, can submit a fish (from the list below) at the monthly weigh-in.
- The fish can be presented at the club weigh-in, or a Brag Mat photo can be submitted.
- All eligible fish species' lengths can be upgraded at each monthly competition.
- All fish must meet Club Legal Minimum Sizes. (Appendix 1)
- At the end of year Presentation Night, a prize of \$50 will be awarded to the person/s who have recorded the Longest Length for each species.

Species List: -

Barramundi
Mangrove Jack
Fingermark
Whiting (all species)
Black Bream
Silver Bream
Flathead (All species)
Trevally
Queenfish
Grunter (Barred)
Grunter (Spotted)
Salmon (King/Threadfin)
Salmon (Cooktown/Blue)
Estuary Cod

***** Barramundi over 90cm can only be submitted via Brag Mat. *****

BLUEWATER COMPETITION

- Members can fish 2 consecutive days in a month.
- Nominations for **the desired fishing days** and **the people fishing** MUST BE made before fishing.
- All nominations to Fishing Coordinator on: - **0492 279 103**
- Members can weigh in for each event up to 5 fish with 1 fish from each eligible species. (Appendix 2).
- All fish presented will be rated against the “Q” Score system to calculate a monthly result.
- No monthly, or Target Species Prizes will be issued this year.
- The best Bluewater adult and Junior fisherpersons will be presented at Presentation night.
- To be eligible for prizes at the end of the year, **contestants must fish a minimum “6” competitions.** Like the Teams event, the best 6 outing scores will be counted.

ANNUAL RESULTS AND PRIZES.

- **Crab Competition:** -

Monthly Crab Prizes of up to 3 x Random Draws.

Annual Crab Prizes: 1. Heaviest Crab.
 2. Aggregate weight from **BEST 8** events.

- **Teams & Bluewater:** -

Prizes are set out in the table below and are determined by the number of Teams/participants **that weigh a crab/fish, in NO LESS** than 6 competitions throughout the year.

It is a requirement that a **minimum of 2 Teams/Participants** weigh in fish at 6 or more competitions during the year. If this does not occur, the competition is deemed to be abandoned, and no prizes will be awarded.

No. of Competitors	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Greater than 10	\$500 Team \$125 Individual	\$400 Team \$100 Individual	\$300 Team \$75 Individual
6-10	\$400 Team \$100 Individual	\$300 Team \$75 Individual	\$200 Team \$50 Individual
5 or less	\$300 Team \$75 Individual	\$200 Team \$50 Individual	\$100 Team \$25 Individual

- **Monthly Prizes at Weigh-in:**

For Teams and Crab competitions, RANDOM DRAWS will be conducted at each weigh-in. The number of draws will be determined by how many individuals/teams have weighed in crabs/fish that day. See table below.

No. of Competitors weighing in Crabs/fish.	Random Draws Conducted.
6 or greater	3 x Draws
3-5	2x Draws
1-2	1 x Draw

IMPORTANT: In the event that a draw occurs in any competition throughout or at the end of the year (apart from the Junior and Minor Junior specific comps), a Random Draw will determine the winner.

Fishing Coordinators:

NEW CLUB MOBILE: 0492 279 103

Michael Martini will be responsible for all Monthly Estuary, Crab, Children's Competitions and Blue Water events.

Dennis Mc Closkey will be responsible for the October Barra Competition and the Fish Restocking program.

APPENDIX 1: 2025 ESTUARY ELIGIBLE FISH SPECIES AND “Q” SCORES

ESTUARY SPECIES	CLUB LEGAL SIZE (DAF + 2 cm)	“Q” Points.
Barramundi	60cm to 90 cm max.	145
Mangrove Jack/Fingermark	37 cm	110
Whiting (All species)	25 cm	67
Bream (All types)	27 cm	67
Flathead (Mud/Dusky)	42cm to 73cm (max)	63
Flathead (Bartail)	32 cm	63
Flathead (Sand)	32cm	63
Trevally	37cm	56
Queenfish	52cm	88
Grunter (Barred)	42cm	94
Grunter (Small/spotted)	32cm	84
Salmon (King/Threadfin)	67cm	64
Salmon (Cooktown/Blue)	42cm	64
Estuary Cod	40 cm to 120 cm (max)	64

APPENDIX 2: 2025 BLUEWATER ELIGIBLE SPECIES AND “Q” SCORES

BLUEWATER SPECIES	CLUB SIZE (DAF + 2 CMS)	“Q” scores
Coral Trout	40 cm	110
Coral Trout (Chinese Footballer)	52cm	110
Mackerel (Spanish)	77cm	110
Mackerel (Grey/Spotted)	62cm	90
Mackerel (Shark/School)	52cm	90
Fingermark	37cm	110
Grunter (Barred)	42cm	94
Sweetlip (Grass)	32cm	67
Sweetlip (All others)	25cm	67
Sweetlip (Red Throat)	40cm	110
Emperor (Long Nose)	40cm	80
Emperor (Spangled)	47cm	80
Emperor (Red)	57cm	110
Parrot Fishes (All)	27cm	80
Nannygai (Small Mouth)	42cm	70
Nannygai (Large Mouth)	42cm	90
Job fishes (All)	40cm	80
Cobia (All)	77cm	90
Cod (All)	40cm	70
Flowery Rock Cod	52cm to 70 cm (max)	91
Maori Rock Cod	47cm	70
Amberjack	77cm	60
“Reef” Jack	37cm	110
Greasy Rock Cod	40cm to 100 cm (max)	70
Queenfish	52cm	88
Morwong(Slatey)	37cm	50