

# **CUNGULLA RECERATIONAL, FISHING & SOCIAL CLUB (INC)**

## **2026 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:**

- **Let’s make FISHING FUN for ALL.**
- **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**.
- **Longest Fish Category:** - **The FIRST person** to catch and set the Longest Measurement of a species, **will solely HOLD that measurement**. There will be NO sharing of the measurements.

### **Age divisions:**

- **The age** that a participant turns during that year determines the division the member is in. Juniors, Minor Juniors and Midge 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.

<b>Seniors</b>	16 years and over	Male
<b>Seniors</b>	16 years and over	Female
<b>Juniors</b>	12 to 15 years	Boys and Girls
<b>Fingerlings</b>	6 to 11 years	Boys and Girls
<b>Midges</b>	0 to 5 years	Boys and Girls

### **Competitions on offer:**

Crab, Longest Species, Largest Catfish, Teams Event, Junior / Fingerlings / Midge Competitions and Blue Water.

**Nominations: All financial members** (Adults, Juniors & Fingerlings and Midges) of the club are eligible to enter any monthly event.

### **Competition Times:**

For Monthly events fishing is permitted **from 5pm FRIDAY until 2pm SUNDAY** for the event dates.

Crab pots can be set from **12:00 noon on Friday until 2:00pm 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 **Score of 3, 2 or 1**. These 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 **Fingerlings** and **Midge** 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. Total length of fish will be recorded.

**Weigh – in:**

**This is held on the Sunday of each competition at the club between 2:00pm and 2:30pm.** **Brag Mats** can also be used, with a photo of the catch (with TOKEN) 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 must be 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.

**TIDES FOR 2026 CUNGULLA MONTHLY FISHING COMPETITIONS**

<b>January</b>	<b>24 / 25</b>	
<b>February</b>	<b>21 / 22</b>	
<b>March</b>	<b>7 / 8</b>	
<b>April</b>	<b>11 / 12</b>	
<b>May</b>	<b>23 / 24</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>20 / 21</b>	<b>BLACK BREAM ONLY COMP.</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>18 / 19</b>	<b>WHITING ONLY COMP.</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>22 / 23</b>	<b>at Alligator Creek (More info to come)</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>19 / 20</b>	
<b>October</b>	<b>3 / 4</b>	<b>BARRA COMP</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>31 Oct / 1 Nov</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>21 / 22</b>	<b>(If required)</b>

**NEW:** Competitions in June and July are “NOMINATED SPECIES” events. AUGUST event will be our “AWAY EVENT”, held at Alligator Creek.

**ONLY** the nominated species can be weighed in. This means each team can weigh in FIVE (5) of the nominated species only, for points. Brag-matted other species for the Longest Fish will be accepted, but not for points. ( This includes ALL age groups).

**Points:** Points are calculated from table in Appendix 1.

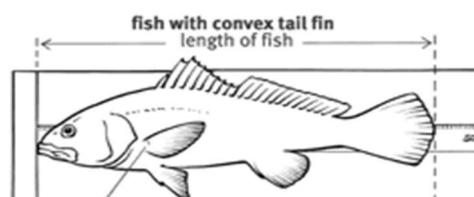
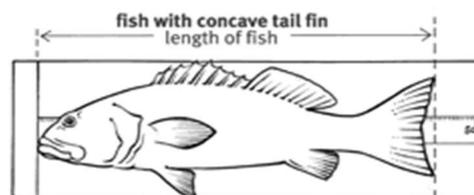
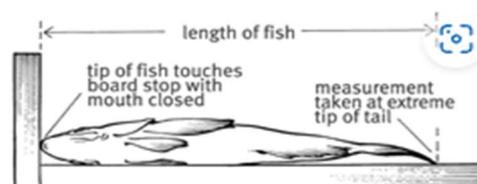
### Competition cancellations:

- The President and /or Fishing Coordinator can cancel a competition when deemed necessary to do so. **Set monthly competition may be rescheduled if cancelled.**

### 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 afternoon before the monthly competition on the “**Cungulla Recreational Fishing and Social Club**” Facebook site, after 4pm.
- Photos can be submitted in person at the weigh-in or texted to the nominated phone number **no later than 1:30pm** on the day of the weigh-in. **Nominated Phone Number: - 0492 279 103**
- The brag mat 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.



Fin fish pectoral fin

## 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 ( Adult or Child) **can only weigh in one (1) crab per event.**
- Crabs are to be submitted Green, Tied and Alive at the weigh-in.
- **All crabs must be 'DRY WEIGHT'.** (Do Not have them soaking in water)
- **Monthly Crab Prizes : Heaviest crab.**  
**Lightest legal crab.**  
**1x Random draw for weights in between.**
- **Annual Crab Prizes:** 1. Heaviest Crab.  
2. Aggregate weight from BEST 8 events.

## JUNIOR, FINGERLINGS & MIDGE COMPETITION

- All financial Midges, Fingerlings and Junior members are encouraged to participate in their respective age groups.
- 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).
- Juniors, Fingerlings and Midges can fish as part of a team or individually.
- **A child cannot weigh in the same fish in more than one competition.**
- Juniors, Fingerlings and Midges 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 for **each Division, in both Boys and Girls.**

## TEAMS FISHING EVENT:

- Teams will consist of a minimum of 2 with a maximum of 4 financial club members, comprising of either **Seniors** and /**Juniors/ Fingerlings** or **Midges** and can fish from a maximum of 2 boats if on the water, or off the beach, 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 **“3 Point” 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).
- **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, Fingerlings and Midges, 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 than 90cm can be Brag matted, but not counted for points.**
- **We strongly promote and support the Capture and Release of all Barramundi over the 90cm mark.**

## Stand Alone Barramundi Competition:

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**



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**

- Like the Crab Competition, **any Financial Adult, Junior, Fingerling or Midge 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 Presentations, a prize of \$10 will be awarded to the person who has recorded the Longest Length for each species.
- **The FIRST person** to catch and set the Longest Measurement of a species **will solely HOLD that measurement** until overtaken. There will be NO sharing of the measurements.
- **\*\*\* Barramundi over 90cm can only be submitted via Brag Mat. \*\*\***

## **Largest Catfish Trophy**

**Brag mat must be used** to record, **with Token** of the month.

## **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 **3 POINT system** (Appendix 2) 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 afternoon.
- 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.

## **Monthly Prizes: NEW FORMAT:**

At each Monthly Weigh-In there will be:

- Teams: - 5 x \$20 Random draws. (Must weigh in at least 1 fish)
- Crabs: - Heaviest, Lightest (legal crab) and 1x \$20 Random Draws for remaining weights
- (Juniors, Minor Juniors, and Midge combined): - 3 x \$20 Random Draws. (Must weigh in at least 1 fish)

## **END OF YEAR PRESENTATIONS: (NEW)**

End of year presentations will now occur at the end of the FINAL Comp Weigh-in. The afternoon will consist of Presentations and nibbles to finish off the year. The exact weekend will be advertised mid-year, as we are never sure if we need an extra competition due to early seasonal floods.

## **ANNUAL RESULTS AND PRIZES.**

- **Crab Competition:** -

- Annual:
1. Heaviest Crab. \$75
  2. Aggregate weight from **BEST 8** events. \$50

- **Teams**

- Annual: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25

(If a draw occurs, data from other months will be used)

- **Midges, Fingerlings and Juniors**

- Annual: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for Boys and Girls in EACH Age Division. (\$50, \$25)

- **Longest Fish**

- Annually: \$10 per Longest Species (16 Species in total)

- **Largest Catfish Trophy**

- **Bluewater** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult and Junior

## **IMPORTANT:**

**If a draw occurs in any MONTHLY competition or Individual Crab Competition, throughout the year (apart from the Junior, Fingerlings and Midges specific comps), a Random Draw will determine the winner.**

**If a draw occurs when deciding the Champion of the year, data from other months will be used.**

## **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:**

### **2026 ESTUARY ELIGIBLE FISH SPECIES**

<b>ELIGIBLE SPECIES</b>	<b>CLUB LEGAL SIZE</b>
Barramundi	60cm
Blue Salmon	42cm
Bream (Black)	27cm
Bream (Silver)	27cm
Cod (Estuary)	40cm
Flathead (Dusky)	42cm
Flathead (Sand or Bar tailed)	32cm
Fingermark	37cm
Grunter (Barred)	42cm
Grunter (Spotted)	32cm
Jew (Silver)	32cm
Mangrove Jack	37cm
Queenfish	52cm
Threadfin Salmon	67cm
Trevally	37cm
Whiting (Sand)	25cm

# COMPETITION POINTS ALLOCATION SYSTEM

SPECIES	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
<b>Barramundi</b>	60 - 75cm	76 - 90cm	91 - 120cm (Max) (Brag mat required.)
<b>Blue Salmon</b>	42 - 46cm	47 - 55cm	56cm +
<b>Bream (All)</b>	27 - 30cm	31 - 35cm	36cm +
<b>Cod (Estuary)</b>	40 - 45cm	46 - 49cm	50cm +
<b>Flathead</b>	42 - 52cm	53 - 63cm	64 - 75cm (Max) (If larger, Brag mat required.)
<b>Flathead (Sand/Bar Tailed)</b>	32 - 38cm	39 - 47cm	48 cm+
<b>Finger-mark</b>	37 - 43cm	44 - 50cm	50cm +
<b>Grunter (Barred)</b>	42 - 49cm	50 - 59cm	60cm +
<b>Grunter (Spotted)</b>	32 - 37cm	38 - 45cm	46cm +
<b>Jew (Silver)</b>	32 - 45cm	46 - 60cm	61cm +
<b>Mangrove Jack</b>	37 - 43cm	44 - 50cm	50cm +
<b>Queenfish</b>	52 - 60cm	61 - 75cm	75cm +
<b>Thread Fin Salmon</b>	67 - 75cm	76 - 84cm	85cm +
<b>Trevally</b>	37 - 46cm	47 - 55cm	56cm +
<b>Whiting (Sand)</b>	25 - 29cm	30 - 34cm	35cm +

## APPENDIX 2:

# BLUEWATER COMPETITION POINTS ALLOCATION SYSTEM

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>
<b>Coral Trout</b>	40 – 46 cm	47 – 54 cm	55cm +
<b>Cobia</b>	77 – 87cm	88 – 98cm	99cm +
<b>Mackerel (Spanish)</b>	77 – 90cm	91 – 135cm	136cm +
<b>Mackerel (Grey/Spotted)</b>	62- 69cm	70 – 79cm	80cm+
<b>Mackerel (Shark/School)</b>	52 – 60cm	61 -75cm	76cm +
<b>Fingermark</b>	40 – 55cm	56 – 70cm	71cm +
<b>Grunter (Barred)</b>	42 – 46cm	47 – 51cm	52cm+
<b>Sweetlip (Grass)</b>	38 – 45cm	46 – 55cm	56cm +
<b>Sweetlip (Red Throat)</b>	40 -45cm	46 - 49cm	50cm +
<b>Trevally (Golden)</b>	37 – 45cm	46 – 56cm	57cm
<b>Trevally (other)</b>	37 – 46cm	47 – 55cm	56cm +
<b>Emperor (Long Nose)</b>	40 – 45cm	46 – 56cm	57cm+
<b>Emperor (Spangled)</b>	47 – 52cm	53 - 59cm	60cm +
<b>Emperor (Red)</b>	57 - 62cm	63 – 69cm	70cm +
<b>Parrot Fishes (All)</b>	27 -35cm	36 – 44cm	45cm +
<b>Nannygai (Small Mouth)</b>	42 – 47cm	48 – 53cm	54cm +
<b>Nannygai (Large Mouth)</b>	42 – 47cm	48 – 53cm	54cm +
<b>Job fishes (All)</b>	40 - 49cm	50 – 60cm	61cm +
<b>Cobia (All)</b>	77 – 87cm	88 – 98cm	99cm +
<b>Cod (All)</b>	40 – 50cm	51 – 65cm	66cm +
<b>Gold Spot Cod</b>	40 – 45cm	56 – 85cm	86 - 120cm (max)
<b>Māori Rock Cod</b>	47 – 52cm	53 – 59cm	60cm +
<b>Amberjack</b>	77 – 85cm	86 – 96cm	97cm +
<b>“Reef” Jack</b>	40 – 55cm	56 – 70cm	71cm +
<b>Queenfish</b>	52 -60cm	61 – 75cm	75cm +
<b>Morwong ( Slatey )</b>	40 – 47cm	48 – 59cm	60cm +