



ANDERSON INLET ANGLING CLUB Inc. (AIAC)  
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## FISHING COMPETITION RULES

### Fishing Events Calendar

Season 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

#### Competition Weighmasters

The Club's Weighmasters are Peter Knigge and Rob Howard. They supervise the running of our fishing competitions and adjudicate on any disputes.

#### Fishing Competitions 2024 - 2025

This season's fishing competition commences on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and concludes on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Our fishing club conducts three different types of fishing competitions:

1. Monthly Fishing Competition
2. Heaviest Fish – 7 specific fish types - Annual
3. 365 Day Competition - Annual

There are **significant changes** to how the Heaviest Fish and 365 Day Competition will operate this season. See relevant sections below for details.

The winners of all competitions receive cash prizes.

#### 1. Monthly Fishing Competition

The monthly fishing competition is our most important competition, it determines who wins the honour of Overall Club Champion and Junior Club Champion for the year. In addition to cash prizes, their names are added to the respective Honour Board displayed at the Club.

Monthly competitions are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of each month and lasts for 3 days ie. Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

Fishing may take place in all Victorian waters.

### 1.1 Fish weigh-in monthly competition

Members can weigh their fish in on any of the 3 days of the competition at the Club rooms between 5:30pm and 6:00pm.

Note: Weigh-in on Friday/Saturday is by prior arrangement, please contact either Peter Knigge or Rob Howard to meet you at the Club at the agreed time.

### 1.2 Monthly Competition Calendar and Fish of the Day

All eligible fish weighed in are allocated points using the Fish Points Table (on page 4). Members score **double** points for the Monthly Fishing Competition by targeting the specifically nominated fish for the month which is called the Fish of the Day. All other fish score normal points as per the Fish Points Table (on page 4).

See the following Calendar for dates and double points for Fish of the Day.

Month	Dates	Fish of the Day – (double points)
April	19, 20, 21	Whiting
May	17, 18, 19	Flathead
June	14, 15, 16	Mullet – Bank Only
July	19, 20, 21	Heaviest fish - any species on our list
August	16, 17, 18	Salmon
September	13, 14, 15	Trevally
October	18, 19, 20	Salmon
November	15, 16, 17	Flathead
December	13, 14, 15	Heaviest fish - any species on our list
January '25	17, 18, 19	Whiting
February '25	14, 15, 16	Perch
March '25	14, 15, 16	Snapper

### 1.3 Monthly Competition Winner

One fish may be weighed in on each of the 3 days of the monthly competition. The person with the highest number of points for their best single fish at the end of the 3 days will be declared the competition winner for that month.

Note: The Fish of the Day with double points, may not necessarily win the competition, as a fish from another species may be heavier and realise more points.

The monthly winner will receive a cash prize.

#### 1.4 Second chance draw

All anglers who missed out on winning the monthly competition and who weighed in a fish, will be placed in a second chance draw raffle. It will be drawn by two committee members. The winner will also receive a cash prize. This will also apply where only one angler is involved in the second chance draw.

#### 1.5 Annual Overall Club and Junior Club Champion

The Overall Club Champion and Junior Club Champion are the anglers with the highest aggregate points total from each of the twelve monthly competitions during the year.

The Overall Club Champion and Junior Club Champion for the year have their names added to the respective Honour Board displayed at the Club.

The prizes are presented at the annual awards night on Sunday, 20 April 2025.

#### 2. Heaviest fish of the year

The heaviest fish competition has changed.

The angler who catches the heaviest fish of the year for any of the following 7 species during any of the 3 day monthly competitions will win that category. These fish can only be weighed during monthly competition weigh-in times. This competition is based purely on weight – the Fish Points Table is NOT used for the heaviest fish of the year. This is an open competition including juniors.

Flathead	Gummy Shark
Mullet	Trevally
Salmon	Snapper
Whiting	

The prizes are presented at the annual awards night on Sunday, 20 April 2025.

#### 2. 365 Day competition.

We have introduced significant changes to the 365 Day Competition.

Only the 7 species of fish from the Heaviest Fish of the Year competition are part of the 365 Day Competition going forward.

- The 365 Day Competition is based on total length of one or multiple fish submitted per species throughout the year.
- Up to 7 fish, one from each species, can be submitted per day.
- The total length of all the fish submitted for that species throughout year determines who wins the 365 Day Competition for that species.
- Fish must be photographed on AIAC Inc club issued measuring mats and submitted to [aiac.competitions@gmail.com](mailto:aiac.competitions@gmail.com) on the day of their catch.
- Only fish photographed on the AIAC Inc club issued mats will be eligible. The photograph must clearly show the length of the fish.
- The digital photo submitted must contain the normal mobile phone EXIF data including date, time, location, etc

- A fish from the 7 can be weighed in at the monthly competition, entered into the heaviest fish competition and also be photographed and submitted for inclusion in an angler's total length for that species in the 365 Day Competition.
- Email the photo(s) to [aiac.competitions@gmail.com](mailto:aiac.competitions@gmail.com) from where they will be logged and reported
- From time to time we will add selected photos to our AIAC Inc Facebook page and Website.
- Except for one of the 7 species that is also being submitted for the annual Heaviest Fish during the monthly competition, fish photographed and submitted for the 365 Day Competition do not need to be killed, gutted etc – once the photo has been taken they can be released

These prizes are presented at the annual awards night on Sunday, 20 April 2025.

#### 4. Fish points table

The Fish Points Table is used to compensate anglers with extra points based on the relative scarcity of some fish, degree of difficulty to catch, typical size etc

The table is only used in the 3 day Monthly Competition.

**Fish Points Table**

Fish	Points	Fish	Points	Fish	Points
Barracouta	10	Mullet	25	Sweep	30
Blackfish*	30	Mulloway	5	Tailor	20
Bream	25	Perch	30	Trevally	20
Flathead	20	Salmon	10	Trout*	30
Flounder	35	Snapper	5	Whiting (Grass)	15
Garfish	30	Snook	15	Whiting (King George)	30
King Fish	10	Sole	35		

\*Fresh water fish

#### 4.1 Fish species and allocated points.

Any species from the above list are eligible to be weighed in at the 3 day monthly competition. Points will be allocated per 10 grams of fish weight after it has been scaled, gutted and gilled. Example:

A Salmon of 400 grams with a points value of 10 for every 10 grams of weight will equal 400 points ie  $(400 / 10) \times 10 = 400$  points.

Where a fish is not cleaned, the 15% rule will apply ie: we deduct 15% of the fish weight to calculate its points.

#### 4.2 Fish not eligible

All fish without scales and/or Blue Throat, Wrasse (Parrot Fish), Gurnard, Leather Jacket, Rock Cod, Port Jackson Shark, Sting Rays.

Gummy Shark are only eligible for the Heaviest Fish and 365 Day Competitions

#### **4.3 Fish size limits, rules**

All fish size limits - as per Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide.

Fish with no size limit in the Guide use the Club size limits of:

- Minimum length - 24cm
- Brown/Rainbow Trout – 28cm

No nets or spears can be used under any circumstances.

#### **Example of how it works under the new rules.**

A keen and capable fishing person is focussed and for the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 Competition and catches:

- 3 whiting one on each day of the competition:
  - 40cm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 42cm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 45cm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Then

- Each fish is photographed on the day caught using the club supplied mat, then submitted by the angler to [aiac.competitions@gmail.com](mailto:aiac.competitions@gmail.com) for entry into the 365 Day Competition
- Each day a fish is caught, it is also gutted, gilled and scaled and weighed in that evening for entry into the monthly competition
  - only one fish per angler is eligible for the monthly competition prize and it would always be the fish with the most points
- the heaviest whiting is also eligible for entry into the annual competition for the Heaviest Fish – species whiting

In theory over the same 3 days this angler could have caught fish from the other 6 species that are eligible for the annual Heaviest Fish and 365 Day Competition and submitted them too.

**ENJOY YOUR CLUB & HAPPY FISHING.**

**Peter KNIGGE**  
Weighmaster

**Rob HOWARD**

**Weighmaster**

**Assistant**

**Appendix - Summary of Competition Prizes.**