



NOWRA SPORTFISHING CLUB INC

34th SPORTFISHING CONVENTION

17th, 18th & 19th FEBRUARY 2012



The Committee and Members of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc invite anglers who are financial members of a club affiliated with ANSA to compete in The Nowra Sportfishing Convention at the Crookhaven Heads Tourist Park on 17th 18th 19th February 2012.

Nowra Sportfishing Club membership is available to anglers wishing to participate who not members of a club affiliated as are indicated above.

1. ACCOMMODATION:

People requiring accommodation contact the Crookhaven Heads Tourist Park, phone 02 4447 2849 or toll free 1300733026 and book early.

2. CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

The Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc Committee is sole adjudicators of all aspects of the Convention and Rules, their decision shall be final. However, you may seek clarification from the Australian National Sport Fishing Association (ANSA) if required.

3. ENTRY:

Made by submitting a completed entry form together with the appropriate fees, as detailed on the entry form, to the Secretary, NOWRA SPORTFISHING CLUB INC, PO Box 2079, BOMADERRY NSW 2541.

4. REGISTRATION:

Competitors must register at Convention Base located at Caravan Park, Crookhaven Heads prior to commencing fishing. At this time, Registration forms for Shoalhaven Marine Rescue temporary membership for the weekend will be available for boat owners to complete. Vessels are given a temporary "call Sign" for use during the convention.

5. FISHING RULES:

Fish are to be Captured, Tagged and Released in accordance with ANSA Rules and Regulations as are in effect at the time of this convention, with the exception to the following:

- 🏆 **1 kg line class will not be eligible in the Blue Water section of the convention, includes ladies, juniors and sub-juniors.**
- 🏆 **Circle hooks are recommended but not compulsory when live or dead bait fishing.**
- 🏆 **Rays are not eligible for this convention.**
- 🏆 **Sharks are eligible for tag & Release only**

All lines, doubles, traces or leaders may be subject to measurement as weigh masters and recorders see fit. It is not the intention of this rule to cast aspersions on the integrity of the anglers.

6. CONVENTION BRIEFING:

A Convention Briefing will take place on Thursday 16th February 2012 at 2000 at the Convention Base located at the Caravan Park for competitors regarding rules, weather conditions and restrictions on any events due to inclement weather.

7. CONVENTION BOUNDARIES:

Northern, due east of Blackhead, and Southern, due east of the entrance into Sussex Inlet

8. FISHING TIMES:

Fishing cannot commence prior to 0600 on Friday 17th and may continue until 1200 on Sunday 19th February 2012.

9. WEIGH STATION PROCEDURES:

Opens, Friday 17th at 1700 and will operate on request within reasonable hours and will close 1200 sharp Sunday 19th February 2012. All fish not in the roped off area by that time will be ineligible.

To be eligible for convention points captured fish or tags must be presented at the weigh station on the day of capture or tagging with all tackle and equipment used is to available for inspection and measurement.

10. PROTESTS:

Any protest must be in writing and handed to a member of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc committee by 2400 of that particular day, except on Sunday to be eligible protests submitted no later than 1300. The Convention Committee's decision shall be final. All tackle involved in a protest shall be held by the Tournament Committee for further clarification until the protest is resolved.

11. POINT SCORE:

Capture Points awarded using the current ANSA Point Score System. To be eligible for convention points captures must score a minimum of 50 ANSA points. Juniors and sub-juniors must score a minimum of 30 points. The formula for the calculation of points is:

$$\frac{(\text{MASS (kg)} \times 100 \times \text{Factor})}{\text{Divided by - LINE CLASS (kg)}}$$

To be eligible for convention points must score a minimum of 50 ANSA points. Juniors and sub-juniors must score a minimum of 30 points.

Tag and release points are awarded in accordance with the ANSA system for tagging masters using game Fish tags on eligible species.

12. CONVENTION TROPHIES:

- 🏆 **1 kg line class is not eligible in the Blue Water section of the convention, includes ladies, juniors and sub-juniors.**
- 🏆 It is the policy of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc that **“ONE FISH ONE TROPHY”**, e.g. highest point scoring “Lady Angler” will not be eligible for highest point scoring blue water.
- 🏆 Lady, Junior and Sub-junior must nominate the section they wish to enter their fish in, e.g. Open, Lady, Junior or Sub-junior. Final decisions on all awards shall be at the discretion of the Convention Committee, whose decision shall be final.

The Convention Trophies are as follows:

BLUEWATER – GAME:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a vessel anywhere outside enclosed waters. **The waters inside Jervis Bay are offshore waters and shall be included in this section.**

ROCKS:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a rocky outcrop, ledge or headland anywhere on the oceanfront. The rocks inside Jervis Bay shall be included in this section.

ESTUARY:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from the shore or vessel in

estuarine waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and salt marshes up to the beginning of non-tidal freshwater.

BEACH:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from sand or gravel beaches, coves and bars anywhere on the oceanfront. **The beaches inside Jervis Bay shall be included in this section.**

LADIES:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by a lady angler fishing from the shore or a vessel. **Should a lady angler win any of the open sections, she shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.**

JUNIOR:




This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by any angler less than 16 years of age at the time of the capture. **Should a junior angler win any of the open sections, she/he shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.**

SUB-JUNIOR:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by any angler less than 10 years of age at the time of capture and is not included in Champion Club. **Should a sub-junior angler win any of the open sections, she/he shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.**

CHAMPION CLUB:

This trophy is for the club with the highest aggregate point score. Aggregate point scores will be evaluated as follows:

-  The five (5) highest point scoring fish in each section are awarded points on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis.
-  For tag and release, it shall be five (5) highest point scoring anglers.
-  The points so awarded in each section shall be totaled and the club having the highest aggregate shall win.

MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE:

This capture will be decided upon by the convention committee. It need not be a winner of any section. Sub-Junior points will not be included in Champion Club. The tackle, conditions and any extenuating circumstances will be considered in the decision, so please give the recorder all details of capture.

LENGTH ONLY:

These trophies are competed for on an individual angler basis. All fish have to be of legal size and be and be Snapper, Bream or Flathead. Forms may be completed at the Weigh station; non-presented fish must be witnessed and dated.

TAG & RELEASE:

This trophy is competed for on an individual angler basis. The angler with the highest tag & Release aggregate point score wins, except Champion Club where it shall be five (5) highest point scoring anglers. Times of Tag & Release to be recorded on card

COMPOSITE TEAM:

This trophy is competed for on Composite Team basis. Teams are to consist of four members randomly drawn from all the entries received for the convention. All fish have to be of legal size and be an eligible species listed on the trophy list. The Team having the highest aggregate shall win. **Points for this trophy are not included in the champion club trophy.**

13. Convention Circuit:

- 🏆 Blue Water Game
- 🏆 Rocks
- 🏆 Estuary
- 🏆 Beach
- 🏆 Ladies
- 🏆 Junior

14. TIED RESULT:

With exception to the “Champion Club” category, “FIRST PAST THE POST” resolves a tied result.

15. SAFETY:

The seaworthiness of vessels is the responsibility of the Captains and their crews. Vessels putting to sea do so at their own risk. All vessels must comply with the safety requirements as laid down at any time by the NSW Maritime Authority **Any vessel owner not complying with the regulations will risk disqualification.**

The Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc and the NSW branch of ANSA will not be responsible for any accidents or injury during the entire convention and competitors enter entirely at their own risk.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

We strongly recommend all competing vessels log on daily with Shoalhaven Marine Rescue on 27.90MHz.

Registration forms for Marine Rescue Shoalhaven temporary membership for the weekend will be available at Convention Base for boat owners to complete.

The convention committee will monitor 27.940 for personal messages and progress reports, call sign “**CONVENTION BASE**”. Phone: 0447641353 or 0419253467.

Presentation of Trophies: 1300 Sunday. A sausage sizzle will be provided prior to the presentation.

17. NOTES TO REMEMBER:

- 🏆 As members of an ANSA club, you are requested to observe etiquette on and off the water, and in proximity to other boats.
- 🏆 During the Convention, competitors must also comply with any rules laid down by any Statutory Authority.
- 🏆 Any fish not in the roped off area by 1200 Sunday will not be eligible.
- 🏆 The policy of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc is that one fish shall win only one trophy, e.g. highest point-scoring lady will not be eligible for highest point scoring blue water.
- 🏆 Each angler may be queried on the brand and labeled breaking strain of their line. If any doubt exists in the mind of the committee, a sampling may be requested and the trophy withheld pending official testing.
- 🏆 Fish tails are marked when weighed, so please identify your fish in some other manner.

THIRTY FORTH NOWRA SPORTFISHING CONVENTION.
ENTRY FORM

