

Ingham Rod and Reel Club Inc
Annual Hinchinbrook Catch and Release Tournament Rules
22nd & 23rd May 2020

1. **MEMBERSHIP:**
 - a. All Anglers must be a current full financial member of a club affiliated with either GFAA or QGFA and to be able to provide current membership evidence.
 - b. Membership with IRRC is available for Anglers who do not hold full (financial) membership with another club which is affiliated with either GFFA or QGFA.
 - i. IRRC Full Membership (with voting rights)
 - ii. IRRC Associate Full Membership (with no voting rights)
2. **CAPTURES:** All point scoring fish must be measured on the supplied measuring board and photographed. The photograph must be a complete clear photo of the fish (nose to tail) on the measuring board provided. All fish must then be immediately released.
3. **TACKLE:** Anglers can use any line – Mono filament or Braid up to and including 15kg. Artificial lures or flies only.
4. **FISH CARE:** All effort will be made to release fish in the shortest time possible, and in as good of a condition as possible. Gaffs are not to be used. Barbless hooks are encouraged.
5. **BOUNDARIES:** The Lucinda service jetty to Georges Point is the southern boundary, and the Cardwell Jetty to transit lane marker B 18' 12.3851 S 146' 06.2973 E to Macushla point is the northern boundary. (as per the map provided in the program)
6. **NO FISHING ZONES:** The Herbert River beyond the Halifax Road Bridge and Mary Creek. (as per the map provided in the program)
7. **METHODS OF FISHING:** Lure casting, fly fishing or trolling only. No land based fishing allowed. One line per angler in use at any one time, whether trolling or casting.
8. **LEADER LENGTH:** The tournament will be governed by GFAA rules in the case of leader length. For lure fishing, the length of the double/leader combination shall not exceed a) 1.5 times the length of the rod in use, or b) the GFAA regulations for double and leader length. For fly casting, butt or taper section, 10kg class and shock tippets reflect the GFAA/QGFA ruling.
9. **SCORE SHEETS AND CAMERA MEMORY CARDS:** Score sheets will remain the primary method of recording captures. Photographs are for the verification of the winning prize holders only. Any discrepancies between the score sheets and photographs will be referred to the judges. Tampering or deliberate misuse of photographs or measuring boards is prohibited. Score sheets are to be completed in full for each capture and legible, otherwise points will not be allocated.
10. **START TIMES:**

Friday	7.00am Staggered Start (as per the location listed in the program and advised at briefing)
Saturday	7.00am Staggered Start (as per the location listed in the program and advised at briefing)

FINISH TIMES:

Friday	5.30pm (Score sheets only - to be handed in at the boat ramp by 5.30 pm).
Saturday	5.00pm (Score sheets, camera memory cards and measuring boards only - to be handed in at the boat ramp by 5.00 pm)

Failure to meet these times may result in disqualification. **Note** - Anglers with a nil result are still required to hand in a score sheets.
11. **CHAMPION ANGLER:** Champion Angler male/female and Champion Team must catch at least one Barramundi or will be ineligible for that prize.
12. **PROTESTS:** Any protests must be lodged in writing within One (1) hour of the days finishing time using the form provided in the back of the program. The Judges will consider any submission and their decision is final.
13. **OVERRIDING RULES:** In all cases, the adherence by each competitor to the regulations set down by various regulatory authorities is their own responsibility and shall take precedence over any tournament rules. These authorities include, but aren't limited to the following: GBRMPA, the Department of National Parks Recreation Sport and Racing, Queensland Transport, Maritime Safety Queensland and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
14. **A TEAM IS TWO (2) PERSONS:** There is a maximum of 2 Persons per boat, unless rule 15 is applied.
15. **THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** reserves the right to place an observer, sponsor or media representative on board any vessel, for any length of time during the Tournament.
16. **THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** reserves the right to deny or relinquish any participant's invitation to attend the Tournament for any reason they see fit. Breaches of any of the above rules may result in disqualification of an individual or team or loss of points. **The Judge's decision is final.**
17. **Minimum** size for Barramundi is 45cm
18. **Maximum** of 10 Barramundi per boat, per day will be used for scoring.
19. **Maximum** of 5 of each other species, per angler, per day will be used for scoring.