

MOOREBANK FISHING CLUB Inc. BY-LAWS

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BY-LAW 1 Monthly fishing competitions start midnight Friday, on the weekend specified by the committee, and span all day Saturday and finish at weigh in time on the Sunday. The weigh in deadline will be at 4.00 pm on the Sunday of the competition weekend. One day bag limits apply for the weigh in.

BY-LAW 2 No member is allowed to ring through to the weigh in venue on competition days to qualify for points or trophies. Every attempt must be made by the member to attend the official weigh in on Sunday to weigh their fish to be eligible for inclusion in the weekend competition or be allocated points in the overall competition. Exceptions to this may be considered by the Executive of the Club, in compassionate circumstances or circumstances banning the member from the weigh in venue.

All individual fish under 10kg must be weighed on digital scales.

All fish must be gilled and gutted.

A "Weigh Away Slip" can be used to verify a catch on the Saturday of a competition weekend if the fish is 10kg or over.

When away from home

- ✚ Fish caught on a non-competition days that are considered suitable for a trophy:
 - should be weighed in at a reputable shop using a club "Weigh Away Slip" OR
 - can be weighed by the member as long as another member is present (not spouse, partner or child), using a club "Weigh Away Slip".

When at home

- ✚ Fish caught on a non-competition days that are considered suitable for a trophy:
 - Must be weighed in at a designated weigh in place nominated by the committee, using a club "Weigh Away Slip".

BY-LAW 3 No Executive or any other member can cancel any competition day or weigh in. If in the case of bad weather, it will be up to the discretion of each individual member to fish or not on the competition day(s).

BY-LAW 4 Any under-size fish weighed in will disqualify all of the catch. Fish lengths must be checked by the member prior to placing fish in the weigh tub and verified by the Weigh-Person. Trophies to be determined by the Weigh-person. His/Her decision is binding. If the member is unsure that a fish is eligible to be weighed in, they should ask the weigh-person.

BY-LAW 5 Three trophies to be awarded each competition.

(1) Best Fish (2) Biggest Fish (3) Most Fish

One trophy only is awarded per member on competition days - Biggest, Best or Most Fish.

BY-LAW 6 All points will be awarded as per the Club Legal size list.

Bag Limits: where a Fisheries Authority bag limit applies that will be the limit, otherwise a bag limit of 20 will apply.

The club legal limits for fish will be:

- In respect to length and weight, be equal to or greater than fisheries legal limits
- And in respect to bag limits, be equal to or less than fisheries legal limits

These limits will be determined by the club committee and weigh person, from time to time and be promulgated as "Club Legal Fish"

Specific species of fish deemed not suitable to be "Club Legal Fish". These also will be determined by the club committee and weigh person from time to time.

BY-LAW 7 In the event of two or more people weighing in the same number of fish, the most fish trophy shall be awarded to the heaviest catch. In the event of the weigh total being equal it shall be awarded to the best quality catch as determined by the Weigh-Person. If there are equal fish for best or biggest for the day, the winner will be based on the first member who weighed in.

BY-LAW 8 All fish are to be cleaned, gutted and gilled prior to weigh-in. Only table fish are to be weighed-in. Sharks or Rays are not to be weighed-in.

BY-LAW 9 Non members and non financial members are not eligible for trophies or points.

BY-LAW 10 A cash payment of \$20.00 will be paid to the member who qualifies for the best fish plus a trophy on competition weekends.

BY-LAW 11 Gear to be used by an eligible club member in either Saltwater or Freshwater applying to both competition days and anytime a club member wants to be eligible for a club trophy is: 2 Rods or 2 Handlines or 2 Attended lines or a combination of any but, a

maximum of 2 lines in total and any line having a

Maximum of 2 baits per line.

Bait can be single hook or a combination of hooks (gang or lure). Jigging for bait is allowed but, any fish caught on a bait jig line CANNOT be weighed in.

BY-LAW 12 The Charter Boat Captain is in control in regard to rigs, safety and conduct of members on competition days. The Charter boat captain is responsible to provide to the committee names of all members who fished on the Charter Boat during the competition.

BY-LAW 13 A trophy will be awarded for best of species each month. This will be accumulative and will be presented to members at the end of year presentation.

BY-LAW 14 Any money paid for charter trips or special weekends away is primarily non-refundable. It is the committee's discretion to refund part or all, in certain circumstances.

BY-LAW 15 Any member or visitor who puts their name on the charter boat trip list and does not notify the Charter Boat Captain one (1) week prior to the competition day, will have to attend the next committee meeting to explain their reasons why he or she is not eligible to pay for the cost of the charter trip.

BY-LAW 16 Any new member who joins the Moorebank Fishing Club after 30 June each year will have to pay for their child's/children's Christmas presents at the Christmas party, if applicable – cost to be determined by the Committee. A surcharge will also apply to attend the Christmas party.

BY-LAW 17 All existing financial club members have first preference in regard to rejoining the Club, up to the first meeting in February. Members who were members in the previous year, that pay after the first meeting of the new year will incur a late payment fee. Any new member will pay the standard membership fee. Life members do not pay membership fees, however at their discretion they may wish to pay.

BY-LAW 18 All existing members and new members who join the club will be bound by the following;

1. All members who have not attended 4 meetings and have not fished in 4 club competitions by the competition day of the October of that year can lose their club membership for the calendar year.
2. All cancellations of club memberships shall be decided by the Executive and the Committee, in regard to circumstances and situations at the time of cessation of membership.

BY-LAW 19 All new members who wish to join the Moorebank Fishing Club shall fill in an official membership form. They shall have said form proposed and seconded by a club member. They shall attend the next Committee and General members meeting to be introduced to the general members of the club.

BY-LAW 20 Membership fees to be determined by the executive and the committee as they see fit.

BY-LAW 21 Election of officers to be determined by the committee, only financial club members shall be entitled to stand for these positions.

BY-LAW 22 A minimum of 7 Working Committee persons with no set maximum to be elected to office.

BY-LAW 23 Membership of Moorebank Fishing Club is limited to 80 members or at the discretion of the Executive.

BY-LAW 24 The following fish species have been banned from being weighed in on competition days and for the best of species trophies

Long Tom, Pike, Sergeant Baker, Sweep, Red Rock Cod, Cowan young, Barracouta, Wirrah, Nannygai, Carp, Catfish (salt), Crimson Branded Wrasse, Maori Wrasse or Slimey Mackerel.

BY-LAW 25 To be eligible for competition points, club awards or club records, fish caught by any member from tidal locations in any NSW coastal salt waters, or any NSW fresh water locations, must have been caught from waters unrestricted and legally accessible to all or any club member, as per current Rules, regulations or restrictions currently in force issued by NSW and Federal Bodies.