

# LAKE CONJOLA FISHING CLUB

## FISHING COMPETITION RULES

### 2019/20 TOURNAMENT

Welcome to our 2019/20 Tournament.

Our club encourages the catch/record/release of fish to assist in preserving fish stocks and this policy is reflected in our bag limits, which are usually half of NSW Fisheries legal bag limits. Of course, many of us like to keep some to eat. All Dusky Flathead over 70cm are female and breeders so we have a limit of one per day (unless catch & release), but generally members record and release all of these breeders.

Our first monthly competition starts at 5pm on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. There are 11 monthly competitions, the last being in September 2020. Points are accrued over the 11 competitions, with each monthly comp also an individual comp. Our Annual Presentation Night is in October each Year. The comp dates, usually the first full weekend of the month, are on the reverse of your membership card and on our website – [lakeconjolafishingclub.com](http://lakeconjolafishingclub.com)

We have five sections of competition, and you must nominate which section in which you choose to compete for the year when you first weigh-in in a comp. Each section of competition (except the Lake60+ Section) has three separate internal categories – Lake, Beach & Rock and Ocean.

#### 1. OPEN SECTION – open to all club members.

Points are awarded as follows:

- 1 point per kilo of fish weighed in that weekend's two weigh-ins
- 1 point for the heaviest specimen of each species
- 4 points for the heaviest fish overall in the Open Section

All sections other than the Open Section are the same point system except one point is awarded for heaviest fish overall due to the smaller number of competitors in these sections

2. WOMEN'S SECTION - self explanatory
3. LAKE 60+ SECTION – for members 60 years of age and over as at 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 and limited to fish caught in Lake Conjola and its creeks and estuary.
4. JUNIOR SECTION – for members aged 13 to 16 as at 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, and
5. SUB-JUNIOR SECTION – for members aged 12 years and younger as at 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

**Weigh-in:** Fish must be caught on a hook and can be recorded by the following methods:

(1) Physically produced to the weighmaster & measured on club scales.

(2) For fish **caught & released**, a clear photograph, with time & date stamp of each individual fish on a brag mat showing total and fork length in centimetres for accepted LCFC species (listed later) for which there is a NSW Fisheries length-to-weight ratio. Photographs of fish caught and released during competition must be produced to the weighmaster during weigh-in times.

**Beat the Board:** At all other times (ie. outside of competitions) species with a NSW Fisheries weight-for-length ratio can be recorded and released. There is a high standard set for the clarity, quality and time/date stamping of photos and they must be to the satisfaction of the Weighmaster. A general photo of the catch location is also required. Outside of competition, photos can be emailed or texted to [mwpaloff@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mwpaloff@optusnet.com.au) or 0406635406.

**Competition Hours:** Competition hours are from 5.00 p.m. on Friday to 3.00 p.m. on Sunday on competition weekends.

**Weigh-in times:** Competition weigh-in times are **Saturday & Sunday between – 2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.**

**Location:** Dave & Di Loughlin's garage, (the last house before Deepwater Resort in Garrard Way). **Members must ensure all fish weighed-in are of legal length before presentation to the scales.** Penalty for under-size fish is disqualification from the competition for that day.

Potential Beat the Board and record weight fish captured outside of competition can also be presented (at reasonable hours) to the Weighmaster, Mark Paloff, at 14 Spinks Ave, Lake Conjola (0406 635406), or photos sent as previously described anytime. The latest Beat-the Boards to better can be accessed on our website on your phone anytime.

**Competition area:** Fish can be caught in waters within the area south of the southern shores of Jervis Bay and its tributaries, north of the northern shores of Batemans Bay/Clyde River and its tributaries and 60 kilometres seawards.

**Presentation:** A presentation and BBQ (weather permitting) will be held at the Bowling & Recreation Club beer garden at around 4.30pm on the Sunday after competition weigh-ins from November to May.

#### ELIGIBLE SPECIES- BAG LIMIT PER WEIGH-IN – MINIMUM LENGTH

Dusky Flathead (1 over 70cm unless C&R)	5	36cm
Ocean Flathead	5	33cm
Bream	5	25cm
Luderick	5	27cm
Snapper	5	30cm
Tailor	5	30cm
Trevally	5	30cm
Sand Whiting	5	27cm
Mulloway	2	70cm
Australian Salmon	3	35cm
Mullet	5	30cm
Black Drummer	5	30cm
Blackspot Pigfish	5	25cm
Flounder	5	25cm
Garfish	5	20cm
Groper Blue/Red	1	40cm
John Dory	5	25cm
Morwong Rubberlip	5	30cm
Morwong Red/Banded etc	3	30cm
Red Rock Cod	3	25cm
Nannygai	5	25cm
Yellowtail Kingfish	3	65cm
Leatherjacket (Juniors only)	5	18cm
Leatherjacket (non-juniors)	5	25cm

The species in blue have a NSW Fisheries length for weight ratio. Good idea to keep this list in your boat or tackle box.

These rules have evolved over many years to promote fairness, integrity and enjoyment of competition, and sustainable fishing practices. Now go and enjoy your fishing.  
"Time is Fish" – Mark Paloff  
President & Weighmaster