

Bateau Bay Hotel vs Gosford RSL Competition Rules - 2023

1) Boundaries:

The northern fishing boundary is the northern breakwater of Swansea channel.

The southern fishing boundary is Sydney Harbour South Head.

With the exception of Broken Bay, "Outside" fishing is defined as fishing east of a line between the coastal headlands of the waterways within the northern and southern boundaries and "Inside" fishing is defined as fishing upstream of a line between the coastal headlands.

For Broken Bay, "Inside" is defined as upstream of Half Tide Rocks, upstream of a line between Barrenjoey & West Head and upstream of a line between West Head and Middle Head. The remainder of the bay is defined as "Outside". See sketch below.

- 2) Male, female & junior anglers associated with each club are eligible to take part in the competition.
- 3) Any fish not specifically listed in the Species Size and Bag Limits Chart are not considered weighable fish and will be awarded no points. Unlisted fish should not be in the competitor's esky when the esky is placed in the Weigh-in Area.
- 4) Fish caught from beach or rock are classified as having been caught "Inside".
- 5) Fishing times are set as leaving the boat ramp at 6:00 a.m. Saturday and returning to the ramp at noon Sunday. For shore-based anglers, lines down 6:00 a.m. Saturday and lines up at noon Sunday.
- 6) Each competitor's catch must be in the nominated Weigh-in Area before 2:00 p.m. Sunday.
- 7) All fish, must be gilled, gutted & not mutilated.
- 8) If a competitor wishes to check the size of any fish caught checking must be done outside the Weigh-in Area and PRIOR to placing his/her catch in the Weigh-in Area.
- 9) Each competitor's catch must be in separate containers and iced down. (Separate plastic bags in one esky is NOT acceptable)
- 10) Points scoring will be as per the Species Size and Bag Limits Chart plus one point per fish.
- 11) Except for bonito, mullet, tailor, striped tuna, mack tuna and salmon, all fish caught within the "Inside" boundaries will be awarded 25 points a kilo. Bonito, mullet, tailor, striped tuna, mack tuna & salmon will be awarded points as per the Species Size and Bag Limits Chart.
- 12) Catch and release:

Catch & Release Mats issued by NSW Department of Primary Industries Fisheries show length to whole weight conversion tables for twelve of our target species. The species are Australian Salmon, Mulloway, Yellowfin Bream, Tailor, Dusky Flathead, Tarwhine, Yellowtail Kingfish, Teraglin, Snapper, Silver Trevally, Sand Whiting and Luderick. Catch and release is limited to the species listed above.

To be eligible for points under this process you must do the following:

 - a) Measure fish fork length from the fish's mouth to the inner fork of the tail (where applicable). For species without a forked tail measure to the central tip of the tail. The fish's tail must be presented open with a natural spread.
 - b) Photograph the fish on the Catch & Release Mat. The photo must be clear and in focus with the Catch & Release Mat measurement markings clearly visible and legible. The photo must be taken square on with the whole fish in the frame.

The whole weight of the fish will be estimated based upon tables printed on the DPI Fisheries Catch & Release Mat. For points scoring and "Board Fish" purposes ten percent will be subtracted from the whole weight of the fish to give an estimated gilled and gutted weight
- 13) Each club's points score will be calculated as the combined points score of their eight highest scoring competitors.
- 14) A competitor's catch will be disqualified if:
 - a) The length of any fish offered for weigh-in is under the minimum length or over the maximum.
 - b) length given in the Species Size and Bag Limits Chart,
 - c) The number of a single species of fish exceeds the maximum number given in the Species
 - d) Size and Bag Limits Chart,
 - e) Any fish have not been gilled & gutted,
 - f) Their esky contains any foreign objects (this includes bait), or
 - g) Their esky is not placed in the nominated Weigh-in Area prior to 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

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15) Broken Bay boundaries sketch:

