

TABLELAND HARDWARE TINAROO BARRA BASH 2017

Tableland Fish Stocking Society

3, 4 & 5 November 2017

2017 Competition Rules

- Competition Check-in opens at 3pm on Friday 3rd November 2017 at the Tinaroo Barra Bash base (Tinaroo Falls Dam Road, opposite Lake Tinaroo Holiday Park). A Competition briefing will then be held at 5pm, where your token with which to photograph every fish measured, will be handed to you.
- It is an all tackle fishing catch & release competition, any breaking strain fishing line fished on handline, rod and reel to effect the capture of competition target species is acceptable.
- All fishing in the competition is confined to Lake Tinaroo between 6pm Friday 3rd November 2017 and 8.30am Sunday 5th November 2017.
- Catch & Release entries can be submitted at any time over the weekend, no photos will be received after 9am on Sunday 5th November 2017. The Participant must submit their completed Catch Sheet and photograph (taken with mystery item) via website www.tinaroobarrabash.com.au, SMS 0472 595 982, email entry@tinaroobarrabash.com.au, FB private message or in person on an SD card, mobile phone or acceptable data storage media.
- Lake Tinaroo is a stocked impoundment, and all fishers are required to have a **valid Stock Impoundment Permit (SIP)** prior to commencing fishing which must be carried on your person while fishing. **(SIP will be required to be shown to officials at nomination).**
- All fish captured (except for tilapia, red claw and undersized fish) must be measured, photographed and released as per these rules, and the image transmitted or provided prior to 9am on the 5th November 2017 to be eligible.
- Junior anglers are persons 15 years or under. Identification may be requested.
- Qld Recreational Fishing & Boating rules apply including size and bag limits. All watercraft **must** display navigational lights at night or in low visibility.
- Champion angler is defined by the combined length of barramundi, (Lates calcarifer).
- Tilapia category is for the most caught, (to be taken to Barra Bash base in a sealed container for collection).
- For safety reason's there is NO catfish category this year.**
- Mystery length will be determined by species draws after all fish photos have been received. The angler with the fish closest to this length will be the winner.
- Any indication of tethering, holes in upper or lower jaw, excessive bruising, damage or mutilation of the fish on close inspection of the photograph will void the entry.
- The Tableland Fish Stocking Society will require participants with winning entries to submit the measuring instrument to be checked against an IGFA approved measuring mat, for compliance and accuracy. Original SD card or data storage media holding the image will be required for verification. Digital images should be taken at high resolution for analysis. Blurred, unclear or part images will be voided.
- Prizes are not redeemable for cash. All persons must be present and possess a nomination form to claim any of the prizes.
- In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be by the toss of a coin.
- The Tableland Fish Stocking Society Executive will resolve disputes and their decision is final. Cheating, breach of rules or unsportsman-like behaviour will result in immediate expulsion.
- Lake Tinaroo contains hazards which include, but are not limited to, steep embankments, deep water, strong and unpredictable currents, submerged obstacles and weeds, unsafe heights, blue green algae and slippery rocks, and may pose a danger to participants. It is the responsibility of the participants to take care when operating on, or in, the storage area. Sunwater has a no-alcohol policy. No person or vessel is permitted within 100m of the dam wall.**
- All participants enter the competition at their own risk. Liability waivers must be signed by all competition participants prior to the start of the competition.**

Competition Categories

SENIOR		
Champion Angler (all genders)	Longest Barra 1st place Men	Longest Barra 1st place Women
Longest Sooty Grunter 1st place	Longest Mangrove Jack 1st place	Mystery Length Barramundi (all genders)
Most Tilapia		
JUNIOR		
Longest Barra 1st place Junior boy	Longest Barra 1st place Junior girl	Longest Sooty Grunter 1st place Junior
Heaviest Redclaw 1st place Junior	6 year & under Jill Piggott Memorial Trophy encouragement award – boy & girl	Most Tilapia
AGGREGATE FAMILY – Family must be nominated at registration		
All Barramundi and Sooty Grunter combined length	Most Tilapia	

Maximising Fish Survival (A guide to acceptable fish release)

To maximise a fish's survival when practicing catch and release, it is important to follow a few simple rules.

Use methods and rigs that increase the frequency of mouth hooked fish (rather than gut hooked), for example:

- Target fish using artificial lures or kahle or circle hooks. Try to remove hooks and release fish as quickly as possible if the fish is hooked deeply, cut the line as close as possible to the fish's mouth rather than removing the hook.
- Minimise the length of time the fish is out of the water, **slide the fish onto the mat where possible rather than lifting it.**
- Ideally unhook fish while it is still in the water, cradle the fish securely & minimise lifting the fish.
- The use of needle-nosed pliers or hook retrieving devices can greatly reduce time spent unhooking.
- Remove hooks from mouth-hooked fish. Stay in the area of release to make sure it does not float back to the surface.
- Use fish-friendly landing nets with soft knotless mesh, **do not lip grip and lift as it will result in the death of the fish.**
- Avoid knotted landing nets which may damage the fish's scales, skin, eyes and fins.
- Handle fish firmly and carefully. Avoid dropping fish onto the bottom of boats and other hard surfaces.
- Use wet hands or wet gloves when handling fish, **wet the measuring mat prior to use** and have ready to minimise damage to its skin.
- A smooth, wet surface or vinyl covered foam is the most suitable surface to place fish on in order to remove hooks. Remember, many surfaces, especially metal, can become very hot in the sun.
- Do not hold or lift the fish by the gills, mouth or the eyes, cradle the fish and minimise any lifting.
- Take care to revive fish upon release if they appear exhausted (struggling to hold themselves upright and/or unable to swim away).
- Gently hold or push the fish through the water so that it obtains a good flow of water over its gills. If there is any water current, hold the fish upright facing towards the current until it starts to show signs of recovery.

What Constitutes an Acceptable Competition Fish Scoring Photo?

- Use an approved measuring device (if in doubt, compare it prior to the competition with an IGFA approved mat).
- Use a quality photographic device, such as a digital camera or smart phone with high resolution and which enables judges to be able to zoom in for detailed analysis. A time/date stamp must be embedded in the photo.
- The entire fish must be clearly visible from head to tail. **The fish's mouth must be closed, touching the end plate of the measuring mat with no wrinkles in the mat.**
- Fish should not be stretched, bent, or manipulated in any way to enhance the length. The fish should be in a natural lay position. Depending on the species the measurement is to the tip of pinched tail or fork.
- The picture should be taken from above the fish centre.
- The fish and measuring device should be on a flat surface.
- The scoring marks on the fish measuring device should be clear and visible in the picture.
- The unique token provided by the competition officials should be clearly visible in the picture.
- The pictures should not be digitally modified or manipulated (this includes editing, cropping, and resizing). Manipulating the image will immediately disqualify the participant.

PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

(You must SIGN as recognition you have read and understood this waiver)

WARNING: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT AND A CONTRACT WHICH AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS

I agree to participate at the Tinaroo Barra Bash 2017 Catch & Release Competition, or events, in which I am entering, on the following basis:

1. By participating I accept all risks necessarily from my participation which would result in loss of life or permanent injury.
 - Accordingly I release all people associated with the conduct of events from, and will indemnify them against, all liability (including liability for their negligence) libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, injury, harm or death for all injury, loss or damage arising out of or connected with my participation in events.
 - For clarification, the people released include event organisers, promoters, sponsors, managers, Tinaroo Barra Bash Committee, and all of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors and volunteers, including event medical and paramedical personnel. This release and indemnity continues forever and binds my heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns. These terms do not operate to exclude any provision of the Australian Consumer Law that applies and cannot be excluded by agreement.
2. I acknowledge that such events involve the real risk of injury or risk of death from various causes, including over-exertion, equipment failure, drowning, dehydration, accidents with other competitors, spectators and water users, and weather conditions, just to name a few.
3. I understand that I should not participate in events unless I have prepared appropriately and my physical condition has been verified by a medical practitioner, who has not advised me otherwise.
4. I warrant that I will inspect the event arena and all fixtures, fittings, equipment, goods, apparatus or other things supplied, provided or used in or related to the conduct of the Event ('Event Staging Area') and agree that I will not participate in the Event unless I am completely satisfied with the adequacy and condition of the Event Staging Area.
5. I understand that the information I have provided herein will be included in a Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition database. I also understand that information of a biographical nature including my name, date of birth, home State, results career highlights and interests may be released to the media in response to general requests.
6. I understand that compulsory insurance cover affected for participants in events and training does not cover me for all injury, loss or damage sustained by me, e.g. heart failure, muscle fatigue and boat accidents.
7. The sanctioning process undertaken by Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition and safety precautions undertaken by event organisers (such as weather supervision, competition safety briefings, boat safety checks) are a service to me and other competitors but are not a guarantee of safety.
8. I agree to abide by all the Rules of Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition which relate, in part, to safe and fair sporting practices.
9. I agree to abide by the Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition and I agree that I will abide by the rules and conditions of the Event, including those instructions in any literature or verbal or written form.
10. I hereby agree that in the event of a competition cancellation due to storm, rain, inclement weather, winds or other 'Act of God' conditions, my entry fee shall be non-refundable in part or full.
11. I acknowledge that my entry fee is non-refundable under the statutes of Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition and that should I wish to withdraw from the competition, an administration fee will be charged. I have made myself familiar with the Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition.
12. *I certify that I am 18 years of age or older, or that I am the parent/guardian of the athlete competing and I have read this document and fully understand it.
13. I hereby consent and authorise Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition to take photographs or motion pictures of me; or to produce videotapes, audiotapes, closed circuit television programs, web casts, or other types of media productions that capture my name, voice, and/or image (any of the foregoing types of media are called the "Materials" in this Consent and Release form).
 - I authorise Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition to copyright the Materials, and I authorise Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition to use, reuse, copy, publish, display, exhibit, reproduce, license to third party, and distribute the Materials in any educational or promotional materials or other forms of media, which may include, but are not limited to catalogues, articles, magazines, sales brochures, websites or publications, electronic or otherwise, without notifying me.
 - I also agree that Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition may identify me by name, and such other identifying information. **(If the person does not wish to be identified by name, etc., please have them cross through this sentence, and initial here.)** _____
 - I agree that I am participating on a voluntary basis and I will not receive any payment from Tinaroo Barra Bash Catch & Release Competition for signing this release or as a result of any publication of the Materials.

*NOTE: If you are under 18 years of age, your parent or guardian must sign the agreement with the contents of this Waiver.

Name of Participant: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of Guardian: _____

Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of Witness: _____

Witness's Signature: _____

Date: _____

CATCH SHEET

Angler's Name or Family Name: _____

If in a Family - Angler 1 Name: _____

	Species	Size	Date	Time of capture	Place of capture	Photo number
Fish 1						
Fish 2						
Fish 3						
Fish 4						
Fish 5						

If in a Family - Angler 2 Name: _____

	Species	Size	Date	Time of capture	Place of capture	Photo number
Fish 1						
Fish 2						
Fish 3						
Fish 4						
Fish 5						

CATCH SHEET

Angler's Name or Family Name: _____

If in a Family - Angler 3 Name: _____

	Species	Size	Date	Time of capture	Place of capture	Photo number
Fish 1						
Fish 2						
Fish 3						
Fish 4						
Fish 5						

If in a Family - Angler 4 Name: _____

	Species	Size	Date	Time of capture	Place of capture	Photo number
Fish 1						
Fish 2						
Fish 3						
Fish 4						
Fish 5						

CATCH SHEET

Angler's Name or Family Name: _____

If in a Family - Angler 5 Name: _____

	Species	Size	Date	Time of capture	Place of capture	Photo number
Fish 1						
Fish 2						
Fish 3						
Fish 4						
Fish 5						

If in a Family - Angler 6 Name: _____

	Species	Size	Date	Time of capture	Place of capture	Photo number
Fish 1						
Fish 2						
Fish 3						
Fish 4						
Fish 5						