



2019/2020 Fishing Competition Rules

1. All members must be current & financial to enter any of the competitions. Competitions with an entry fee also require payment of the fee prior to commencing fishing.
2. The weighing of fish will be on the honor system, with the club scales and weigh in record book in the lock up box positioned on the gantry at the boat ramp. The lock up box will have a combination lock with the combination provided to all financial members.

Fish may also be weighed in at the Corinella General Store who also have a record book. Please use this option as a last resort if you are unable to use the gantry at the boat ramp.
3. All fish must be weighed and recorded within 48 hours of the catch. Fish must not be stored up through the season. This ensures the club can keep an up to date leader board.
4. All catch and release fish must be weighed, a photo taken (showing date and time) and forwarded to a committee member with 48 of catching the fish.
5. All sharks including elephant fish are to be gutted prior to weighing. All other fish may be weighed in whole.
6. All fish weighed in for any competition must be caught in local waters (which covers Westernport & Port Phillip Bays and Bass Straight, or any other waters sanctioned by the club) and must be of legal size. Those who catch big fish at Bermagui etc are welcome to bragging rights!
7. Competitions will not be cancelled due to bad weather as other options are available for fishing if weather conditions are unsafe for boating e.g. beach, jetty. river etc. Corinella Boating and Angling Club strongly emphasises safe and responsible boating to ensure the safety of our members and does not condone risky or unsafe boating practices.
8. All legal catches will count towards the total Annual Competition score.
9. Members are required to keep their receipts from each fish weighed in.

10. Committee decision is final.

Annual Competition

11. The Annual Competition runs from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. All weigh-ins by financial members in this period are eligible and contribute to the anglers total Annual Competition score according to the **point scoring table**.
12. Fishing competition fees will be paid at the time of paying the members **Membership Fees** and will cover the club's regular weekend calendar competitions and the Annual Fishing Competition. Members will be notified if additional fees are payable for a competition.
13. The committee will collate winners and arrange trophies etc after the end of the season, to be awarded at the Presentation Night.
14. Fish are awarded competition points as per the **points/scoring** table e.g. 500gm whiting = 50 points, 50kg blue shark = 50 points.
15. Competition points are awarded towards the Annual Competition score for entering the regular competitions, to a maximum of 100 points (see Regular rules for how points are awarded).
16. A minimum of 7 different species must be weighed in to be eligible to win the annual competition. If you weigh in more than 7 species the 7 highest point scoring fish will be counted.
17. Anglers can weigh in the same species when they beat their previous personal best weight.
18. To be eligible to win the Annual Competition you must also participate in a minimum of 3 Regular Weekend Competitions for the season.

Game Competitions

19. The Game Competition season runs from 1st December 2019 with final weigh-in on 29th April 2020 at noon.
20. Game competitions winner and any runners up are decided by most competition points on single best game fish.
21. The committee will collate all entries after the close of the Game Competition Season and the prize will be awarded at dinner in the weeks following.
22. Payment of the Game Competition fee must be made either at the commencement of the Game Competition Season or prior to commencing fishing in the Game Competition season.

23. Anglers may weigh in any number of fish, but Corinella Boating and Angling Club emphasises responsible and respectful fishing practices.
24. Eligible species for Game Competition are – Mako, Blue Shark, Thresher Shark, Bronze Whaler, Kingfish, Tuna, and any other pelagic species that may happen to be caught by chance.

Gummy Shark, School Shark and Seven-Gill are invalid catches for the Game Competition. Great Whites are protected so definitely invalid!

Regular Weekend Competitions

25. The regular weekend competitions run on specific weekends (**check club calendar**) from Friday through to the final weigh-in times as outlined in the comp calendar.
26. There are two types of Regular Weekend Competitions:
- a) With nominated species (e.g. Snapper, whiting etc); or
 - b) One overall prize will be allocated based on the **point scoring table** for the highest scoring fish of all the nominated species
27. However, if there are 10 or more registered anglers, each nominated species will be judged on its actual weight, with the heaviest fish of each species winning a prize.
28. Open Competition – all species eligible
29. Catches are scored according to the club **points scoring table** (as used for the annual competition). Anglers nominate the fish that will give their highest point score for the competition. The angler with the highest points for the competition wins.
30. Nominated species are either set for the competition, or the competition is declared an open competition. The club Calendar will list the format of each Regular Competition.
31. Members may bring guests to competitions. The cost of entry per guest per regular competition is \$10. Guests are not eligible to enter the Annual or Game competitions. Guest need to be **registered and paid** prior to the commencing the competition.