



Welcome to all participants in the  
**2024 MACKAY GAMEFISH TOURNAMENT**

We would like to wish all our fishing competitors a fun and safe weekend with the chance to win some great prizes for their catch

**COMPETITION RULES:**

**Nomination/Entry Procedure: -**

1. Nominations (including entry fee) due by 17.00 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Must be a minimum of 3 boats for the competition to proceed.
2. All nominations must be emailed to Mackay Game Fishing Club at [mackaygamefishclub@gmail.com](mailto:mackaygamefishclub@gmail.com)

**Entry Fees:-** Please pay directly to Mackay Game Fishing Club  
 BSB 064707 ACC 00915632

- Senior - \$100
- Junior - \$50.

**Competition Times: -**

*(You can start from any Port/Harbour or Boat Ramp within the Mackay Fishing Boundaries).*

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** : - 0600-1800hrs

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** : - 0600-1800hrs

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** : - 0600-1400hrs

**Tag Cards and Activity Cards: -**

Completed Tag Cards and QGFA Activity Sheets must be submitted by 17:00 hrs Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2024 @ Seabreeze Tavern

**Briefing (Mandatory): -** From 1800hrs Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Sea Breeze Tavern Slade Point. Food supplied.

**Presentations: -** From 1800hrs Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at Sea Breeze Tavern Slade Point. Food supplied.

**Categories**

1. **Champion Senior Angler** – Highest Point scoring Senior Angler **\$500**
2. **Senior Angler – Runner Up** – Highest Point scoring Senior Angler **\$300**

3. **Champion Junior Angler** – Highest Point scoring Senior Angler **\$300**
4. **Junior Angler – Runner up** - Highest Point scoring Junior Angler **\$150**
5. **Champion Boat** - Highest Point Scoring Boat Cash Prize **\$1200**
6. **Boat – Runner Up** - Highest Point Scoring Boat Cash Prize **\$600**
7. **Female Angler** – Highest Point scoring Female Angler **\$300**
8. **Female Angler – Runner Up** – Highest Point scoring Female Angler **\$150**
9. **First and Last Billfish** – Each Day - **\$ 100**
10. **Calcutta – Auction at Briefing** per boat entry. If boat is unsold it will be given to the club. (1<sup>st</sup> 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 20%, 3<sup>rd</sup> 10%, 10% VMR Mackay and MGFC)

**Boundaries:** Fishing Boundaries are within Mackay GFC  
 Boundaries: S18°30 to 22°00 and E148°00 to 153°00.  
 (See Map attached).

**Line Class:** - This Competition is 6, 8 and 10kg line class.

**Tagging Restrictions:** - Tagging only tournament, tagging fish length & species restrictions as per “QGFA eligible species list”.

Other species limits - Maximum 5 fish per species, per day, per boat allowed to be tagged.

Billfish limits – no limit on billfish tags per day.

**Rules:-**

1. QGFA Mandatory Tournament rules apply.
2. GFAA angling rules apply for the duration of the tournament
3. All competitors, Boat Skipper and assisting crew who are aiding in the event of catching a fish are required to be financial members of a QGFA or GFAA affiliated club.
4. Equal fishing time to be given to all anglers
5. Tag cards and QGFA Activity sheets to be handed in, in person, to the Weighmaster by 17:00hrs Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024. Ian Meads 0429068296.
6. Any disputes must be lodged in writing to the appointed weighmaster by 17:30 Sunday. Dispute resolutions will be handled as per QGFA mandatory rules attached.
7. Minimum 2 anglers per boat.
8. All boats must call in before fishing to log on to Game Base on CH 21.
9. All billfish hookups and tags must be reported with grid location.

10. Skeds will include: current grid location, Strikes, Hook ups, Tags, Angler, Species and line class in current sked only.
11. Sked’s Friday & Saturday 10.15, 13.15 and 16.15. Any fish between last sked and cease fishing must be called in. Overtime permitted until fish tagged.
12. Sked’s Sunday 10.15 and 13.15., Any fish between last sked and cease fishing must be called in. Overtime Permitted but tag cards and activity sheets must be submitted by 17:00 Sunday.
13. The tournament committee reserves the right at any stage of the competition to eject, disqualify or deduct points from individuals or teams who are deemed to have conducted themselves in a disrespectful manner and are deemed to have brought the sport of Gamefishing or the tournament into disrepute. In the event that an angler, or a team of anglers/crew/skipper are ejected no result or refund of fees will be entered into.

**Boat Competitors:**

All competing vessels must have current registration recognised in Queensland. Boat skippers must hold an appropriate boat license. Boats must carry the appropriate safety equipment required for their vessel. It is recommended all boats log on with Mackay Volunteer Marine Rescue while boating over the weekend.

All boats nominating to fish the tournament are required to have current boat insurance. Details of such insurance must be completed on the entry form supplied along with a photocopy of your insurance certificate. Should a boat not have insurance, nor be able to supply evidence of insurance and certificate prior to the commencement of the tournament, that boat shall be excluded from participating in the tournament. All onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner / skipper.

**Weather:**

The tournament will be postponed or modified if the Bureau of Meteorology forecast exceeds 20 knots. Any decision will be made by the committee based on BOM forecasts. All competitors will be notified as soon as possible if the tournament will be modified, or has to be postponed to the alternative back up date (4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct).

**CALCULATING POINT SCORES**

<u>BILL FISH.</u>		<u>OTHER GAME FISH</u>	
6kg	= 1500 points	6kg	= 150 points
8kg	= 1250 points	8kg	= 125 points
10kg	= 1000 points	10kg	= 100 points



## GFAA/ QGFA ELIGIBLE SPECIES FOR CAPTURE AND TAG & RELEASE

Common Name	Scientific Name	Capture	Tag & Release	T&R Min. Length
<b>SALT WATER SPECIES</b>				
ALBACORE	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Y	Y	60+
AMBERJACK	<i>Seriola dumerilii</i>	Y	Y	60+
BARRACUDA	<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	Y	Y	60+
BLACK JEW FISH	<i>Prionabea Diacanthus</i>	Y	N	
BONEFISH	<i>Albula vulpes</i>	Y	N	
BONITO	<i>Sarda spp.</i>	Y	Y	60+
BROADBILL (Swordfish)	<i>Xiphius gladius</i>	Y	Y	60+
BUTTERFLY MACKEREL	<i>Gasterochisma melampus</i>	Y	N	
CHINAMAN*	<i>Symphorus nematophorus</i>	Y	N	
COBIA	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	Y	Y	60+
EAGLE RAY	<i>Myliobatis australis</i>	Y	Y	60+
KINGFISH, Yellowtail	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	Y	Y	70+
MACKEREL, Broad Barred (Grey Mackerel)	<i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>	Y	Y	60+
MACKEREL, Narrow Barred (Spanish Mackerel)	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	Y	Y	60+
MACKEREL, Shark	<i>Grammatocypris bicarriatus</i>	Y	Y	60+
MACKEREL, Spotted	<i>Scomberomorus spp.</i>	Y	Y	60+
MAHI MAHI (Dolphin Fish)	<i>Coryphaena spp.</i>	Y	Y	60+
MARLIN, Black	<i>Makaira indica</i>	Y	Y	60+
MARLIN, Pacific Blue	<i>Makaira mazara</i>	Y	Y	60+
MARLIN, Striped	<i>Tetrapturus audax</i>	Y	Y	60+
MULLOWAY (Jewfish)	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	Y	Y	70+
QUEENFISH	<i>Scomberoides spp.</i>	Y	Y	60+
RAINBOW RUNNER	<i>Elagatis bipinnulatus</i>	Y	Y	60+
SAILFISH	<i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>	Y	Y	60+
SALMON, Australian	<i>Arripis trutta</i>	Y	Y	50+
SALMON, Threadfin	<i>Polynemus spp &amp; Eleutheronema</i>	Y	N	
SAMSON FISH	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	Y	Y	60+
SHARK, Blue	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	Y#	Y	100+
SHARK, Grey Nurse	Protected Species - Records Closed	N	N	
SHARK, Gummy	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	Y#	Y	100+
SHARK, Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna spp.</i>	Y#	Y	100+
SHARK, Mako	<i>Isurus spp.</i>	Y#	Y	100+
SHARK, Porbeagle	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Y#	Y	100+
SHARK, School (Tape)	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Y	Y	100+
SHARK, Thresher	<i>Alopias spp.</i>	Y#	Y	100+
SHARK, Tiger	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	Y#	Y	100+
SHARK, Whaler	<i>Coelacanthus spp.</i>	Y#	Y	100+
SHARK, White	Protected Species - Records Closed	N	N	
SNAPPER	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	Y	Y	60+
SPANGLED EMPEROR	<i>Lethrinus Nebulosus</i>	Y	N	

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SPEARFISH Shortbill	<i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i>	Y	Y	60+
TAILOR	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	Y	N	
TREVALLY, Big Eye	<i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>	Y	Y	60+
TREVALLY, Brassy (Tea Leaf)	<i>Caranx papuensis</i>	Y	N	
TREVALLY, Giant	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	Y	Y	60+
TREVALLY, Gold Spot	<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>	Y	Y	60+
TREVALLY, Golden	<i>Gnatharodon speciosus</i>	Y	Y	60+
TREVALLY, Silver	<i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>	Y	Y	45+
TUNA, Bigeye	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	Y	Y	60+
TUNA, Dogtooth	<i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>	Y	Y	60+
TUNA, Kawa Kawa (Mac Tuna)	<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>	Y	Y	60+
TUNA, Longtail (Northern Bluefin)	<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>	Y	Y	60+
TUNA, Pacific Bluefin	<i>Thunnus thynnus orientalis</i>	Y	Y	60+
TUNA, Skipjack	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	Y	Y	60+
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>	Y	Y	60+
TUNA, Yellowfin	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Y	Y	60+
WAHOO	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	Y	Y	60+

### FRESHWATER SPECIES

BARRAMUNDI	<i>Lates calcarifer</i>	Y	N	
BASS, Australian	<i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i>	Y	N	
CARP	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Y	N	
CATFISH, Freshwater	<i>Tandanus tandanus</i>	Y	N	
MANGROVE JACK	<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>	Y	N	
MURRAY COD	<i>Maccollochella peelii</i>	Y	N	
PERCH, English (Redfin)	<i>Perca flavescens</i>	Y	N	
PERCH, Estuary	<i>Macquaria colonorum</i>	Y	N	
PERCH, Golden	<i>Plectroplites ambiguus</i>	Y	N	
PERCH, Silver	<i>Bidjanus bidjanus</i>	Y	N	
SALMON, Atlantic	<i>Salmo salar</i>	Y	N	
SALMON, Chinook	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	Y	N	
SARATOGA	<i>Sceloporus</i>	Y	N	
TENCH	<i>Tinca tinca</i>	Y	N	
TROUT Brook	<i>Salvelinus Fontinalis</i>	Y	N	
TROUT, Brown	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	Y	N	
TROUT, Rainbow	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	Y	N	

\* In accordance with Qld legislation, Chinaman are not to be taken in Qld waters

# In accordance with Qld legislation, sharks over 1.5m in length are not to be taken in Qld waters.

Tag colour code indicates tag type to use: **BILLFISH**, **PELAGIC**, **SHARK**

### NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES GAME FISH TAGS



**BILLFISH TAG**



**PELAGIC TAG**



**SHARK TAG**













