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Rock Fishing Contest Rules

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Please note rules may be varied up to Contestant Briefing on the 22nd August 2008

Note: Any participant in The Fishing World Cup 2008 has to take out his/her own safety insurance, and take self-safety seriously. WSFF will not be held liable for any medical expenses during the tournament.

- I. Competition Date:** Saturday, August 23rd to Sunday, August 24th 2008
- II. Contest Location:** Tweed River Breakwater Wall
- III. Number of Contestants:** 60 people
- IV. Competition Schedule**

1. The schedule includes three rounds.
 - a. Day One, round one.
 - b. Day Two, semi final and final.
2. In the Day One competition, 60 contestants are divided into 4 groups, each group with 15 contestants.
 - a. Two groups to fish North Tweed River Wall (Groups A and B)
 - b. Two Groups to fish South Tweed River Wall (Groups C and D).

All groups exchange positions after 1.5 hours. A refreshment break will be taken between the changes. Weigh-in after the second session and fourth session.
 - c. The best four (4) from each group with progress to next round.
3. In the Day Two competition, there are two rounds, the Semi-final and Final. All groups to fish North Tweed River Wall.
4. For Semi final 16 people fish in four groups of 4 people. All groups exchange positions after 1 hour. All groups fish for about 4 hours i.e. four changes. Weigh-in after the second and fourth session. The angler with the best score from each group goes to the final round.
5. For Final, 4 people fish in one group. Each angler exchanges positions after 45 minutes. All anglers fish for about 3 hours this round i.e. four changes. Weigh-in after the fourth change. The score determines the position First, Second, Third. The top three contestants in the final

competition will receive cash prize and trophy.

V. Competition Rules

1. The target species is
 - a. Yellow fin Bream *Acanthopagrus australis*
 - b. Luderick *Girella trichoptera* (if in season)
2.
 - a. The length of Bream (from the nose to the tip of the tail fin) has to reach twenty-six centimeters (Target Length 26cm) a bag limit of 20 per person is allowed. This is New South Wales State Law.
 - b. The length of Luderick (from the nose to the tip of the tail fin) has to reach twenty-eight centimeters (Target Length 28cm) a bag limit of 20 per person is allowed. This is New South Wales State Law.
3. Score according to the total weight. If bag limit is met judge will record time of reaching limit. Even though bag limit met this does not mean win.
4. Winner will be decided by total weight of all kept target fish.
5.
 - a. Target fish are to be measured by the contestant himself with a ruler that the tournament HQ provides, and then he decides to keep or release. Size is to be target size at time of weigh-in (allow for shrinkage) Disqualification if smaller.
 - b. Target length fish to be put in competitor's fish retaining bag. Retaining bag will be marked with competitor's number
 - c. Competitors fish retaining bag will be closed on leaving fishing point for rotation and remain in possession of contestant, and zipped closed until restart of new fishing position or until weigh-in.
6. Any fish that does not reach target length or is a non-target species must be released.
7. No upsizing will be allowed, i.e. a smaller dead fish may not be replaced in bag by larger fish. If fish is still alive it can be returned to water.
8. The length of the first-caught target fish for each contestant, even if less than target length, is to be measured by the contestant, and handed to the judge for another measurement, which is recorded on the record card with time caught. The judge and contestant have to sign the record card. The fish shall be released. The score will be invalid without going through this process.
9. Contestants MUST prepare their own fishing equipment. Only one fishing rod is allowed to be used at the same time. The fishing method is "float fishing" or any other rod fishing method using

one hook and one rod that doesn't interfere with other competitors.

10. a. The tournament HQ will provide fishing bait. Contestants are not allowed to use baits other than supplied by the host nation, including crabs or berley cages when fishing. No chum/berley will be supplied or used.
b. No additional fish oil or fish attractant will be allowed to be added to the bait.
11. The tournament HQ will establish lines according to group. The contestants can't cross the lines. If for some reasons, such as, to pursue fish or buoys, three minutes at most is permitted.
12. In all rounds, the contestants will draw lots to decide the group, and positions on the fishing shore. The group position will be moved four times in round one and semi-final. The contestant's position will rotate in final.
The competitor who draws number one will take number one position all other competitors will take positions in numerical order to the right of that competitor.
13. For final round way of position shifting: move right as follows.
Eg. : 1 2 3 4 moves to : 1-3, 2-4, 3-1, 4-2,
14. The time of each heat has to end according to the rule set by the organizers.
15. Before the contest, the tournament HQ or the judge has to announce the time according to the schedule. (eg. if contest is shortened due to weather conditions.)

01. Time on
02. Time of starting contest
03. Position-shifting every XX minutes
04. Time over
Notice will be given 10 and 5 minutes before shifting positions and when time is up. Also, a final count down 5.4.3.2.1 will be given prior to the end of the competition. It is obligatory to inform the contestants in this manner.
16. The beginning and end of the contest is determined by the signal/sound of a whistle. All the contestants must agree without exception. When hearing the time-stop whistle, contestants should stop fishing by pulling up the fishing line, and put the sinker onto the shore. If any fish hooked at this same time, it will be valid if it is pulled onto the shore within 3 minutes.
17. During the contest, other people cannot assist contestants with their fishing.
18. In the final contest, beside judge, at least the Chief rock judge or vice rock judge has to stay on the scene to monitor the fishing.

19. If any contestant breaks a competition rule, they should be reported to the judges immediately. The judges will not accept any complaints after the competition.
20. If there is any dispute, the Chief rock judge will make a decision. If the contestant is not satisfied with the outcome, through a national representative, he should report to the tournament HQ in writing at least five hours before the closing ceremony. The tournament HQ will convene a meeting of the national representative to adjudicate on the matter and the Chief Tournament Judge will make final decision.
21. The Chief Tournament Judge shall be appointed by the International Headquarters all other judges shall be appointed by the host country.
22. If there are any matters that the tournament HQ has overlooked, through meeting by each national representative, the tournament HQ will address them and make a subsequent announcement.
23. If there are any weather and/or ocean problems in the competition, the tournament HQ and judge will make the final decisions as to locations for fishing and time of event.

VI. Scoring:

1. The Target fish will be
 - a. Bream *Acanthopagrus australis* the length of the fish (from the nose to the tip of the tail fin) has to reach twenty- six centimeters.
 - b. Luderick *Girella trichoptera* the length of the fish (from the nose to the tip of the tail fin) has to reach twenty- eight centimeters.
 - c. All non-target fish are to be released unless possible largest fish award. All kept fish to be legal size. (All secondary target fish are eligible for largest fish award.)
2. Score according to the total weight of all kept fish.

When weights are the same, the congress will decide the winner by the following method.

 - a. the total weight of three fish chosen by the contestant
 - b. the heaviest fish,
 - c. the second heaviest fish,
 - d. the third heaviest fish
 - e. If can't be separated then draw lots to decide winner
3. If not enough target fish of target length are caught to determine all places, places will be determined by the following:
 - a. Length of first caught target fish under target length will determine the winning places.

The longest will win. (See competition rules 8 above)

- b. If the lengths are the same, score according to the time caught, earliest caught wins.
- c. If same length, same time, then a lottery will decide winner and places.

4. The equipment for measuring fish should be approved by the Federation.
5. Before weighing fish, the judges should shake the fish three times so as to eliminate water and record the weights on the record card, with judge, recorder, and contestant's signatures.
6. If there are any objects or small fish in the mouth of the fish, measure after removing.
7. In the first-round competition, contestants who do not catch a fish are eliminated. Only contestants in the semi-final who did not catch a fish can use the total weights of the previous heat as a qualification standard to determine final placing against other competitors who did not catch a fish.
8. In the final, if no contestant catches an assigned fish, the first contestant who catches one of the target species in the 30 minute extra-time is the champion. If the fish are caught at the same time, the winner is decided according to the weight. Otherwise anyone catches a primary target fish is the champion. If no fish is caught, contestants score according to the total weights of preliminary and semi-final contests and other criteria of point 2.

VII. The order to determine places.

1. Target species over target length by greatest weight
2. Target species less than target length by largest length
3. In the first-round competition, the contestants who do not catch a target species fish will be eliminated.

VIII. Items Supplied: In the rock-fishing contest, the congress will provide the following items:

- A. One ruler for measuring fish
- B. One fish retaining bag.
- C. One cutting board and knife
- D. Ice for fish bag
- E. One bait container with bait

IX. Regulations leading to disqualification.

Disqualification from the Tournament will occur if the rules in Parts I – VIII are broken by the following:

1. If fish are caught by any other method other than stipulated by regulation

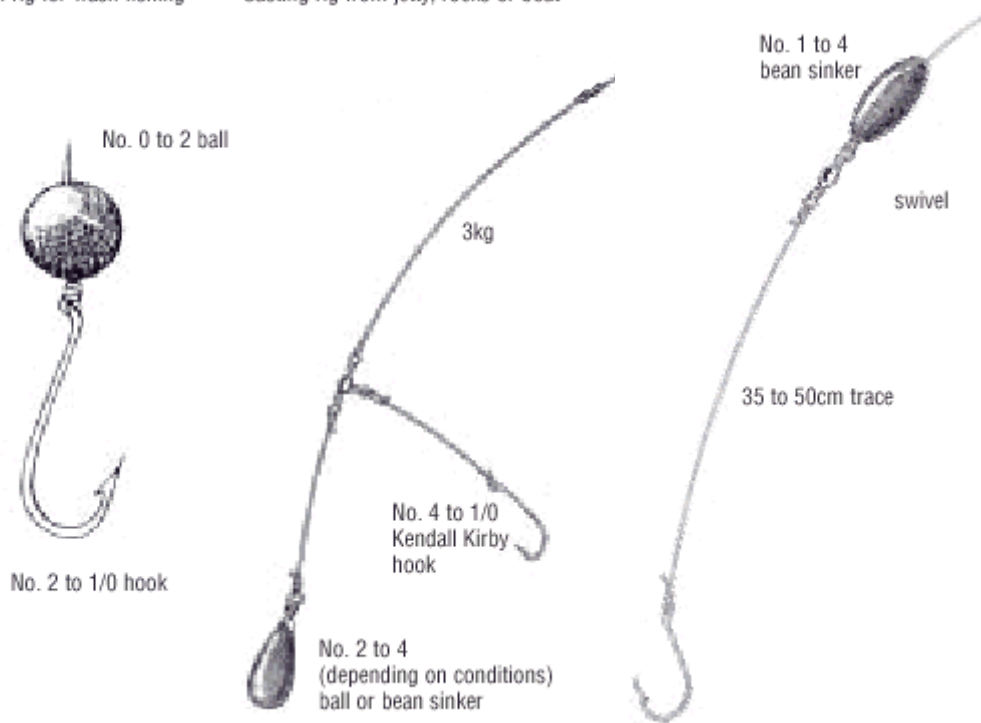
2. If any method was used to artificially increase the weight of fish or length of fish.
3. If obstruct other competitors fishing or act to chase away fish.
4. Moving fishing position without instruction from referee.
5. Disregarding referees' instructions
6. Handing over fish to another competitor, both giver and receiver will be disqualified
7. Dropping lines before tournament start time. If such a situation is proven to have been unintentional, then retrieve the line by winding up line and restart fishing. Any fish caught during this time will be invalid
8. Competitor uniform to be worn during competition time.
9. If competitor number is not displayed on the back visible at all times during competition times and competitor ID card is not with competitor at all times during the tournament time.
10. Being drunk or using illegal drugs at any time during the tournament time. Tallebudgera Recreation Centre has a no smoking /no alcohol policy. Any alcohol drinking or smoking only allowed outside the Tallebudgera Sport Centre boundary.
11. If there is unsportsmanlike or, bad behavior, including sexist, religious, or racial vilification, violence or actions to bring the Tournament into disrepute.
12. Actions to disrupt the concentration of competitor by loud singing or other method.
13. Any criminal action.
14. Any other things not mentioned above, will be determined by the Tournament Headquarters

Rock Fishing Rigs

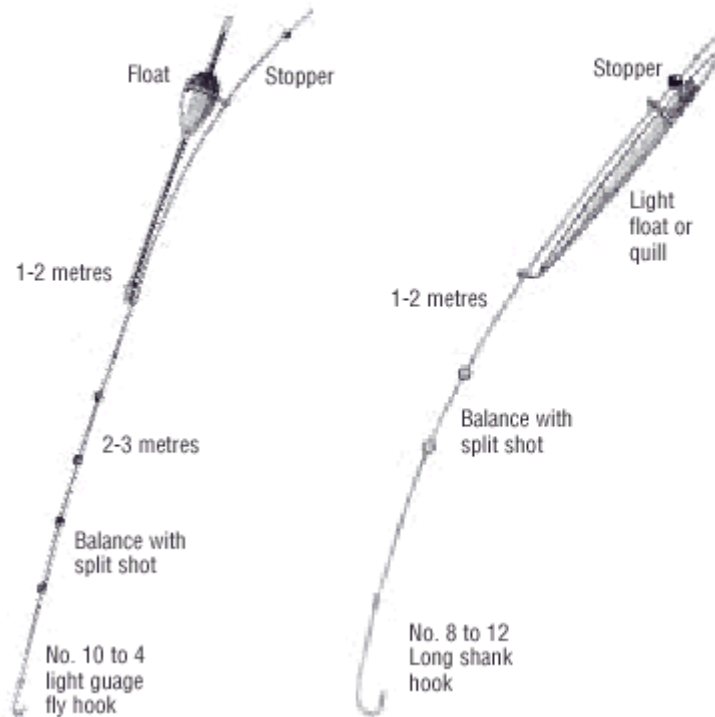
Bottom fishing rigs

Bottom rig for wash fishing

Casting rig from jetty, rocks or boat



Float fishing Rigs



Generally 4- 7 kg line. Lighter leaders are possible for float fishing. There is strong current. A long fishing rod is necessary to avoid catching the rocks. If Luderick are running at the time of the tournament, float fishing is the best method they are very sensitive and have small mouths. Only one hook can be used.