

# **BANKSTOWN TROTting & RECREATIONAL FISHING CLUB (B.T.R.F.C)**

## **RULES & BY-LAWS** **AS AMENDED ON 27/04/2010**

### **1- MEMBERSHIP**

- a) All members must be financials to have full rights and access to the fishing club.
- b) Members must be financial in the mother club before applying for new membership or for renewal.

### **2 -MEETING NIGHT (Last Tuesday of the month, 7.45 Pm)**

- a) Members must sign the attendance book at the meeting. If the book is not signed the member will risk losing his/her spot on the boat if challenged.
- b) Members and visitors who are present at the meeting will have first option to put their names down for the upcoming trip.
- c) Weight Master to receive the first seat on the boat.
- d) Financial fishing members of more than 6 months membership who are present at the meeting will have priority.
- e) New members of less than 6 months membership and visitors will be able to fill any empty seats that are available.
- f) Any vacancies for the trip will be offered to non attending members based on the criteria mentioned above.
- g) In case of more than 10 members willing to go on the trip, then a draw will be conducted. Any members who miss out will have 1st choice on next trip. The Weight Master will not enter the draw as per 2 (c).
- h) Members can place their name as a reserve.
- i) Visitors must be 18 Years of age.
- k) At the meeting the committee may change the day of the trip if requested by the skipper after consulting with members at the meeting.

- l) Receipts will be issued for those members who have paid for a trip.
- m) A list of names will be put up on the club notice board of those members who have paid to go on the fishing trip. The list will include the date, time of departure, details of the boat and contact numbers of the skipper and Weigh Master of the day.
- n) The onus is on any member or visitor who is unable to attend to find another member to buy their place on the boat as there are no refunds. Exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration by the committee.
- o) Members can fish on multiple trips if the boat is not full, however only the first trip's catch will be used for points in the competition.

### **3- ON THE DAY OF THE TRIP**

- a) Members in doubt of the trip through inclement weather are to ring the Weigh Master on the evening before the trip after 8.30pm or on the morning of the trip.
- b) Any member that is running late for the trip must ring the boat before 5.30am and the boat will wait 15 minutes.
- c) It is up to the discretion of the Weigh Master and majority of the crew to cancel a trip at the wharf. Weigh Master to decide in case of an even draw.
- d) Any intoxicated member may be refused boarding the boat.

### **4- ON THE BOAT**

- a) The Weigh Master or Assistant Weigh Masters are the captain of the day and must be adhered to.
- b) In the absence of the Weigh Master or Assistant Weigh Masters a nominated member of the committee can take on this position.
- c) The Weigh Master or Assistant Weigh Masters will draw for positions on the boat. It will be at the weigh masters discretion if any member can move.
- a) Any member who removes the disks from the bag before the draw has taken place will be disqualified for any points on that trip.
- b) The Weigh Master or Assistant Weigh Masters will conduct the days fishing to the best of there abilities and abide with the fishing club rules.
- d) Members are not to go bare foot or wear thongs on the boat
- e) No Movement on the boat while carrying uncovered knives or sharp objects. Knives to be used at the cleaning table or while seated.

- f) Members can only fish with 2 hooks and 1 sinker of the same weight as all other members. If anyone wants to use a heavier or lighter sinker they must approach the Weigh Master who in turn may ask the skipper if this is warranted and all aboard agree. Then all sinkers will be changed.
- g) No unconventional rigs are to be used. Only in the event of fishing for leather jackets can wire traces be used. Soft plastic baits can be used. Weigh Master to be consulted first.
- h) Any member wishing to use a squid jig must ask the Weigh Master and as long as it doesn't affect any other members i.e. tangles; it can be used. This must be up to the discretion of the Weigh Master.
- i) Trolling is not encouraged however it is permitted after consultation with the Weigh Master and other members on the boat. Fish caught while trolling cannot be weighed in.
- j) In case of line tangles, no lines can be cut without permission from other affected members.
- k) No rubbish especially plastic bags to be tossed into the water.
- l) Members must assist in cleaning the boat when required.
- m) All fish must be gutted and gilled to be weighed in. No mutilated fish will be weighed in (leather jacket can be skinned, head must remain), Scaling fish is optional. No fish are to be filleted at sea.
- n) All fish weighed in must be within the fisheries regulations of length and bag limit. Any member who breaks the regulation may lose his/her entire points, or barred from future trips, and may even be dismissed from the club.
- o) If any member thinks they have caught a record fish, this fish must be weighed in whole and 3 photographs must be given to WDFCA and NSWFCFA. The fish must be authenticated by the Weigh Master.
- p) Any fish that is to be considered for a record does not have to be gutted and gilled to weigh for points, but a percentage will be taken off to comply with the rules. This percentage will be worked out by the committee.
- q) Records of the trips catch must be kept. Any fish received from other members on the boat cannot be weighed in.
- r) All members **ARE ENCOURGED** to weigh in their catch.
- s) No fish under 30cm can be weighed in and this applies to those fish not covered by Fisheries rules and Regulations.
- t) The Weigh Master or Assistant Weigh Masters and their choice of scrutineer must be present at the weigh in.

## **5- GENERAL**

- a) Members who assist on Friday night raffle will be rewarded at the committee discretion.
- b) All members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will not reflect on the Bankstown Trotting Recreational Club. Members will be held responsible for their visitor's actions.

## **6- COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION**

- a) Any complaints are to be written and forwarded to the committee prior to the meeting and will be discussed at an appropriate time.
- b) In case of no satisfactory resolution, the member can escalate the matter to the mother club.