

2024 TEAMS FISHING AUSTRALIA

BOATS & MORE NATIVE CLASSIC

Friday 3rd May to Sunday 5th May 2024

Fishing Ban

Fishing, boating, sounding of competition waters is banned to all competitors from 5pm on Sunday 21st April 2024 until official Pre-Fish commences. Teams CAN NOT have other people outside of the competition Pre-Fish the Lake on their behalf during the Fishing Ban.

Pre-Fish

Pre-Fish from **7am to 4pm** on Thursday 2nd May 2024. Entrants ONLY permitted in boat during Pre-Fish unless approved by Tournament Director. Team members must fish together and from the one boat during the Pre-Fish.

NO FISHING is allowed by entrants outside the designated fishing times from 4pm on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

Registration

Teams are to check in with organisers before **7.00pm** on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

Teams can check in from **5pm** on Thursday 2nd May 2024 in vicinity of Boat Ramp situated at Mulwala Ski Club - 156 Melbourne Road, Mulwala.

We will be using digital technology via our own Teams Fishing Australia (TFA) App supported by Track My Fish during the event. Teams should download the TFA APP from the Apple Store or from Google Play and go through the App's registration process before arriving at the event.

Instructions on how to submit your fish and operate the TFA App can be found on our website.

Briefing

A briefing will be held on the Thursday evening before the event. Briefing starts at **7.30pm**.

All teams must attend.

If you are having trouble getting there in time, please let us know. **Call Steve Galvin on 0497 197 179**

At the briefing we will briefly run through the rules, safety requirements and sessions times and run through any questions regarding the TFA App.

Day 1 – Friday 3rd May 2024

FISHING TIMES: 7:00am to 5:00pm

Boats are to be checked in with Marshalls in the Lake Mulwala Ski Club Lagoon from **6:00am**. Key tags will be issued once Live well, PFD's and Safety Lanyards are checked for compliance. Please make sure these are clearly visible for Marshalls. (Livewell hatches open and PFD's placed on the front deck). Boats are to be checked in by 6:45am.

7am start from the nominated start line located in vicinity of the Lake Mulwala Ski Club. A starters pistol will signify the start of the event.

Once released to fish, boaters may proceed to their chosen fishing spots with due care and attention to the safety of themselves, their passenger/s, other competitors, and other waterway users.

Boats can be launched at other ramps around Lake Mulwala or the Murray and Ovens Rivers, but vehicle and boat cannot leave the Mulwala Ski Club carpark until the 7am start. *(Boats launching at other Ramps can be checked in, in vicinity of Ski Club Boat Ramp rather than Ski Club Lagoon).*

Key tags must be placed back on the appropriate peg on the 'Key Tag Board' by **5.00pm** at Marshall Tent situated the Mulwala Water Ski Club Boat Ramp. Completed catch cards must also be handed back in.

Teams with Late Tags and Catch Cards will incur a 5cm Penalty for every minute they are late. *(No exceptions)*

All fish must be entered on the TFA App by 5.30pm. If having trouble using App, Marshalls can assist.

Day 1 De-Brief

A De-Brief of Day 1 will be held on Friday evening at **8.00pm** on the Malibu Deck at Mulwala Ski Club. Results for Day 1 will be announced. Daily Prizes winners will be presented.

Day 2 – Saturday 4th May 2024

FISHING TIMES: 7:00am to 5:00pm

Boats are to be checked in with Marshalls in the Lake Mulwala Ski Club Lagoon from **6:00am**. Key tags will be issued once Live well, PFD's and Safety Lanyards are checked for compliance. Please make sure these are clearly visible for Marshalls. (Livewell hatches open and PFD's placed on the front deck). Boats are to be checked in by 6.45am.

7am start from the nominated start line located in vicinity of the Lake Mulwala Ski Club. A starters pistol will signify the start of the event.

Once released to fish, boaters may proceed to their chosen fishing spots with due care and attention to the safety of themselves, their passenger/s, other competitors, and other waterway users.

Boats can be launched at other ramps around Lake Mulwala or the Murray and Ovens Rivers, but vehicle and boat cannot leave the Mulwala Ski Club carpark until the 7am start. *(Boats launching at other Ramps can be checked in, in vicinity of Ski Club Boat Ramp rather than Ski Club Lagoon).*

Key tags must be placed back on the appropriate peg on the 'Key Tag Board' by **5.00pm** at Marshall Tent situated the Mulwala Water Ski Club Boat Ramp. Completed catch cards must also be handed back in.

Teams with Late Tags and Catch Cards will incur a 5cm Penalty for every minute they are late. *(No exceptions)*

All fish must be entered on the TFA App by 5.30pm. If having trouble using App, Marshalls can assist.

Day 2 De-Brief

A De-Brief of Day 2 will be held on Saturday evening at **8.00pm** on the Malibu Deck at Mulwala Ski Club.

Results for Day 2 will be announced. Daily Prizes winners will be presented. Raffles and Random Draw prizes will be drawn. *(Winners must be present to claim Prizes)*

Day 3 – Sunday 5th May 2024

FISHING TIMES: 7:00am to 1:00pm

Boats are to be checked in with Marshalls in the Lake Mulwala Ski Club Lagoon from **6:00am**. Key tags will be issued once Live well, PFD's and Safety Lanyards are checked for compliance. Please make sure these are clearly visible for Marshalls. (Livewell hatches open and PFD's placed on the front deck). Boats are to be checked in by 6:45am.

7am start from the nominated start line located in vicinity of the Lake Mulwala Ski Club. A starters pistol will signify the start of the event.

Once released to fish, boaters may proceed to their chosen fishing spots with due care and attention to the safety of themselves, their passenger/s, other competitors, and other waterway users.

Boats can be launched at other ramps around Lake Mulwala or the Murray and Ovens Rivers, but vehicle and boat cannot leave the Mulwala Ski Club carpark until the 7am start. *(Boats launching at other Ramps can be checked in, in vicinity of Ski Club Boat Ramp rather than Ski Club Lagoon).*

Key tags must be placed back on the appropriate peg on the 'Key Tag Board' by **1.00pm** at Marshall Tent situated the Mulwala Water Ski Club Boat Ramp. Completed catch cards must also be handed back in.

Teams with Late Tags and Catch Cards will incur a 5cm Penalty for every minute they are late. *(No exceptions)*

All fish must be entered on the TFA App by 1.15pm. If having trouble using App, Marshalls can assist.

Protests or Complaints

Any protests or complaints about behaviour or rule breaches must be addressed with the Tournament Director by **1.30pm on Sunday 5th May 2024.**

Event organisers will discuss any protest/complaints and adjudicate. Tournament Director's decision shall be FINAL and its findings/decision will be reported back to the originator.

Presentations

Presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon from approximately 2.00pm on the Malibu Deck at Mulwala Ski Club.

Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. Maximum of 3 anglers per team.
2. All anglers must hold a current NSW Fishing licence. Note: If fishing the Ovens River, a VIC Fishing Licence is also required. (*Licences must be in possession at all times*).
3. Boat drivers must also hold and be in possession of a current Vessel Operator's Licence.
4. Boats must be registered and insured.
5. Boats must carry all the required Safety Equipment for their vessel.
6. All State Boating Laws and Regulations must be obeyed at all times during event.
7. All State Fishing Rules and Regulations must be obeyed at all times during the event.
8. Anglers must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during fishing times. The legal Blood Alcohol Level allowable (.05) must not be exceeded.
9. All competitors are required to wear a PFD (Life Jacket) and Safety Lanyards (Kill switches) must be used while the boat is on the plane.
10. Shanty Creek Bridge on the Murray River (S 36 01 365 E 146 14 032) and Murray Highway Bridge on Ovens River is the Boundary (S36 068 835 E 146 199 195). No fishing is to be conducted past these two points.
11. Lure Fly Casting Only. No bait or berley.
12. Tying up to Trees or other objects while fishing is NOT permitted.
13. Trolling is NOT permitted.
14. Fishing is NOT permitted in any No Boating Zones.
15. Teams cannot fish within 30m from another competitor unless invited in to do so.
16. All Anglers must remain in boat while fighting fish.
17. The team with the highest total length tally consisting of their best 5 Murray Cod and 5 Golden Perch over the 3 days will be declared the winners.
18. Undersize fish can be included in a team's Tally.
19. Fish are to be measured and photographed on the supplied Brag Mat.
20. Fish are to be rounded up to the nearest half centimetre. (eg: 77.7cm = 78cm 61.3cm = 61.5cm)
21. Photograph must clearly display the fish laying flat on the brag mat with key tag and measurement in clear view. The mouth of the fish must be closed and the nose level with the end of the mat. The photo must be clear and of good quality. Both ends of the fish on the mat must appear in the photo.
 - (i) Key Tag MUST be in photo, however if a key tag is lost or misplaced throughout the day, a Licence can be displayed on the Brag Mat in place of the key tag. Photos with no key tag or no Driver's Licence **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.
 - (ii) The photo submitted on the TFA App is the photo that will be used to validate the length of the fish. Re-take the photo if required.
 - (iii) A second photograph of the angler holding the fish using proper handling techniques (Glory Shot) prior to release must also be taken. Photos are to be uploaded to TFA App.
 - (iv) A 10-15 second video of fish being released must be also taken and produced to Event Organisers on request with time and date stamp recorded. Video of release is not required to be uploaded to the App.
22. Fish are also to be recorded on the Catch Card provided. We recommend that you immediately enter fish catches onto the App after release even if in Offline Mode rather than leaving to the end of the session to enter all of the catch data.

23. Fish may be put in live well while fishing a structure, tree or bank to increase chances of extra bites. Live wells must be at least 60 litres in size and have a functioning aeration or recirculation system and be insulated if above deck. No more than 4 fish are to be in the live well at any one time. Fish must be released unharmed at the first possible opportunity. Eg: After finishing fishing particular structure or bank.
24. A 10-15 second video of fish being released must be also taken and produced to Event Organisers on request with time and date stamp recorded.
25. Event organisers have the right to place a Marshall randomly in competitor's boat throughout the event.
26. Fish must be caught during designated fishing times. No Fishing allowed by entrants outside the designated fishing times.
27. Only one rod per angler is to be used at any one time. If one rod is snagged it is deemed as being used. An angler cannot use another rod while the other rod is still snagged.
28. Ties will be settled by biggest fish and subsequent biggest fish. In case of a tie, the winner will be decided by the time the biggest fish was caught. The biggest fish caught first will be declared the winner.
29. If there is a tie in any of the Biggest Fish category the winner will be decided by the time the fish was caught. The fish caught first will be declared the winner.
30. Event Organisers holds all advertising rights to the event during the course of the competition. Any photos taken by or on behalf organisers, may be used at the discretion of the organisers.
31. No refunds will be paid until a replacement team is found. Organisers will assist with finding a replacement team.
32. Winners of Raffle draws, and Random Draw Prizes must be present to claim prizes. Raffles and Prize draws will be drawn at the Saturday night De-Briefing. Winners have 60 seconds to claim the prize otherwise there will be a re-draw.
33. Tournament Director has the right to and adjust Fishing Times and starting location/s in the event of strong winds or severe weather for the safety of all entrants.
34. Any team found breaching any of the rules could face the following Penalties:
 - Disqualification of fish from your daily bag (Starting at the largest)
 - Disqualification of entire catch for the day
 - Disqualification from the event
 - Disqualification from future Teams Fishing Australia events

Event Organisers reserve the right to disqualify any team or any individual from the event. If this occurs, any monies paid for the event will be forfeited.

INDEMNITY/LIABILITY WAIVER

35. I/We agree to the Rules and Regulations of the Boats & More Native Classic and accept any other conditions that are implemented by Organisers and Teams Fishing Australia and this acceptance may and will be pleaded as a bar to action in any forum, tribunal or court.

I/We agree to abide by the rules of the event, be responsible for my own actions and agree not to take legal action against the organisers, sponsors or Teams Fishing Australia for any reason and to indemnify the organisers, sponsors and Teams Fishing Australia against such action. I/We agree to enter entirely at my/our own risk and conscious of the dangers of fishing and boating and hereby assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily injury, death or property damage arising from a Teams Fishing Australia event.

Acceptance of Conditions and Indemnification.

36. I/We being the person/s whose names appear on the entry form, have fully read and understand the Rules and Regulations.

I/We agree abide by these Rules and Regulations and fully accept them as part of my/our entry.

I/We agree not to take or be a party to any action, or allow any party to act through me or on my behalf against the organisers, sponsors or Teams Fishing Australia in any matter to the conduct of the related event or occurrences before, during or after the event. This includes any party acting on behalf of my/our Estate or acting alone, to gain financial compensation in the event of an accident, bodily injury, death or property damage that may occur from this event.

I/We agree to Indemnify the organisers, sponsors and Teams Fishing Australia against any cost expenses, damages or awards made against them in relation to any action taken by me/us or my/our behalf or in relation to any claim I/we make.

I/We agree to Indemnify the organisers, sponsors and Teams Fishing Australia against any cost, expenses, damages or awards made against them in relation to any action taken by a third party arising from any incidents, accidents, or occurrences that I/We were involved in before, during or after the event.

37. Any payment (part or full payment) being received by organisers is also confirmation the team and it's members agree to abide by the Rules & Regulations as listed above.

Steve Galvin – Tournament Director 0497 197 179

