

# Friendly Fire tournament rules

## **Scoring**

Winners are determined by the combined length of best 5 fish of each species caught during the tournament. In the event of a tie, the length of the biggest fish caught will be used as a tie-breaker.

## **Handling/preservation of the fish**

This is a Catch, Photo, Release event. Length rather than weight is the basis for scoring of each competitor's catch. Basically, one catches a fish, lays it on the ground alongside an approved measuring device and takes a photo using a smart phone. The photo is then uploaded via the tourney app to our Tournament Management System ("TMS"). The fish is gently released back in the water, unharmed, after having been photographed. Because handling and time out of water are minimal, the mortality rate for CPR tournaments is a tiny fraction of that of conventional weight-based tournaments where fish are transported in holding tanks and bags. The TMS displays each event's photos on a website leader board. As successive fish are caught and photos uploaded photos of shorter fish are replaced ("culled"), so only the highest-scoring fish remain at the end. At the end of competition time, the cumulative length beside each competitor's name on the leader board determines his ranking.

## **What tackle may be used**

Tackle is restricted to rods and reels. Participants are restricted to a single rod in use at a given time.

## **Fishing methods**

Anglers can fish from any type of boat or from the shore.

## **Conduct of participants**

We expect good sportsmanship at all times. Anglers participating in our events shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the event in which they are participating. Anglers shall at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming of anglers that will not reflect unfavorably on the officers, directors, representatives, tournaments, or sponsors. Anglers shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of tournament fishing. Any angler who violates any of the provisions of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to any penalties or combination thereof deemed appropriate by tournament officials. Participants are to use approved PFD's at all times.

## **Legal issues and disputes**

Competitors who use their own boat must carry proof of liability insurance for themselves and their passengers.