Avalon Beach RSL Fishing Club Rules

Competition Timings

- Competitions commence on the weekend of the third Friday of each month unless otherwise stated.
- The starting time is 3:00 PM on the Friday of the competition weekend.
- The weigh-in will commence at 2:00 PM on the Sunday.
- All competitors must have their fish at the weigh-in ready to be weighed by 2:00 PM. Any fish bought in after that time can be weighed in under protest and will be discussed for inclusion at the following committee or general meeting.
- No competition is to be held on the weekends that are part of a public holiday. When this occurs, the committee will inform all members of the revised date.
- The weigh-ins are to be held at the Avalon beach RSL club unless notified to the contrary by the committee. The committee must ensure that notification be provided to all members intending to weigh in of the revised location.

Weighing-in

- All fish must be gilled and gutted for the purpose of gaining competition points. Record catches can be weighed in uncleaned for the purpose of claiming a record but must be cleaned as stated above for competition points.
- Any fish bought to the way in by a competitor that does not attain minimum state fisheries length will result in the disqualification of that individual's entire catch.
- Mutilated fish can be weighed in under protest for discussion at the next meeting. The Weigh Master will determine whether a fish is considered mutilated.
- A competitor can weigh-in fish in both categories at the same weigh-in, provided they are different fish. The competitor must inform the Weigh Master of the change of category. All competition points gained from the weigh-in go toward the OPEN competition.
- All competitors that weigh-in must be financial with the Avalon beach RSL club and the fishing club (both) by the following competition or the previous catch will be disqualified. Competitors who are banned from the R.S.L are ineligible to weigh in.
- Maximum 12 fish per angler, per competition
    - Maximum 3 fish per species
    - All fish are to be of legal length as per NSW Fisheries laws & Fishing Club Rules.

Catching Fish

- The boundary line between deep sea and estuary is shown on the chart provided (Attachment A). Deep sea boundaries are as follows: North to Norah Head. South to Botany Bay. East to the FAD's.
- No competitor may use more than three lines at any one time, and no line is to have more than two hooks or flights or hooks.
- All fish must be caught by hand line or rod and reel. Deliberate jagging of fish is not permitted nor is it legal.
- All fish must be played and landed by the competitor without assistance apart from netting or gaffing.
- A competitor can only weigh-in a maximum per club bag limit of fish species. Unless that spaces bag limit is restricted by the state fisheries (eg. Yellowtail Kingfish and Mulloway). All fish must obtain the club's legal length.
- Ineligible Species include Sharks, Rays, Eels, Kelpfish, Crabs, Squid and any other sea creature not defined as a finned fish.
- *If an estuary Flathead is caught at a size of 65cm or over, it can be photographed on a brag mat, tape or ruler and released. Any documented and released fish will be awarded 28 points based on a weight estimate of 2kg (14 pts per kilo).

Point Scoring

- Point scoring is as per the tables listed on the following pages (5-7).
- The top score in each category will receive 11 points for the month, second 10 points, third 9 points, and so on. Any competitors that weigh-in will have a minimum of 1 point for the month.
- The points (11 max -1min) are accumulated through the year towards an annual competition total.
- In each individual category, final results will be taken from the best scores from 9 of the 12 monthly competitions.
- All competition points gained from the weigh-in go toward the OPEN competition.
- Prize rankings for each division are as follows:

-OPEN COMP	1st , 2nd, 3rd
-LADIES	1st and 2nd
-JUNIORS	1st, 2nd and 3rd
-DEEP SEA	1st and 2nd
-ESTUARY	1st and 2nd
-ROCK & BEACH	1st and 2nd
-SPEARFISHING	1st
-BOAT	1st

- Cup and trophy fish competitions will be run in conjunction with the weigh-in.
- For the purpose of determining the Champion Boat, scores obtained from the Open competition will be used.

Cup Fish

- This is the designated species for the month and can be caught at any time commencing from the completion of the weigh-in of the previous month up until the weigh-in of the current month.
- Claims can be made at any time in the fishing month.
- If no cup fish has been caught by the weigh-in, then it continues to the next month's weigh-in, but does not continue past then.
- To weigh-in a potential cup fish outside on the competition weekend, contact any current committee member.
- Fish must be gutted and gilled.
- The cup fish award is given to the heaviest fish in the species designated for that month.
- The cup fish is available for spear fishers if it is not caught by a line fisher.

July	Snapper
August	Morwong
September	Rock Black Fish (Black Drummer)
October	Luderick
November	Mulloway (Jewfish)
December	Flathead
January	Whiting
February	Yellowtail Kingfish
March	Tuna
April	Bream
May	Tailor
June	Leatherjacket

Trophy Fish

- The trophy fish is the largest fish caught during the year (July-June) of the designated species.
- A trophy fish must be caught during monthly club competition times and dates and bought to the weigh-in.
- Must be gilled and gutted.

Designated Trophy Fish Species
Game fish comprise of the following species (must be greater than 60cm length) (Marlin, Tuna-all kinds, Dolphin Fish, Wahoo, Spanish Mackerel)
Snapper
Mulloway
Yellowtail Kingfish

Tailor
Morwong
Bream
Flathead
Luderick
Any other species accepted by the committee

Mystery Prizes

Mystery Fish: At each competition a mystery fish will be drawn by ballot from a collection of all species weighed in (which score over 7pts/kg) in that competition. The competitor having the largest fish of that species will be given a voucher from our current sponsors.

Lucky Door Prize: A members name will also be drawn at the weigh-in (must be present) and will also be given a voucher from our current sponsor.

Meritorious Capture

On the conclusion of the fishing year, the committee shall determine the most meritorious capture by a club member over the fishing year. The following considerations shall be evaluated by the committee:

- Fish size relative to the maximum size for the species.
- Conditions of capture
- Angler dedication/skill
- Method of capture
- Likely occurrence of capture

A perpetual trophy shall be awarded on an annual basis.

Competition Point Score Tables

Refer to the tables on the following pages for details of how scoring is allocated.

Bonus Points

A bonus points system applies to the number of designated* species weighed-in by each competitor in each round of the competition. The scale of bonus points are:

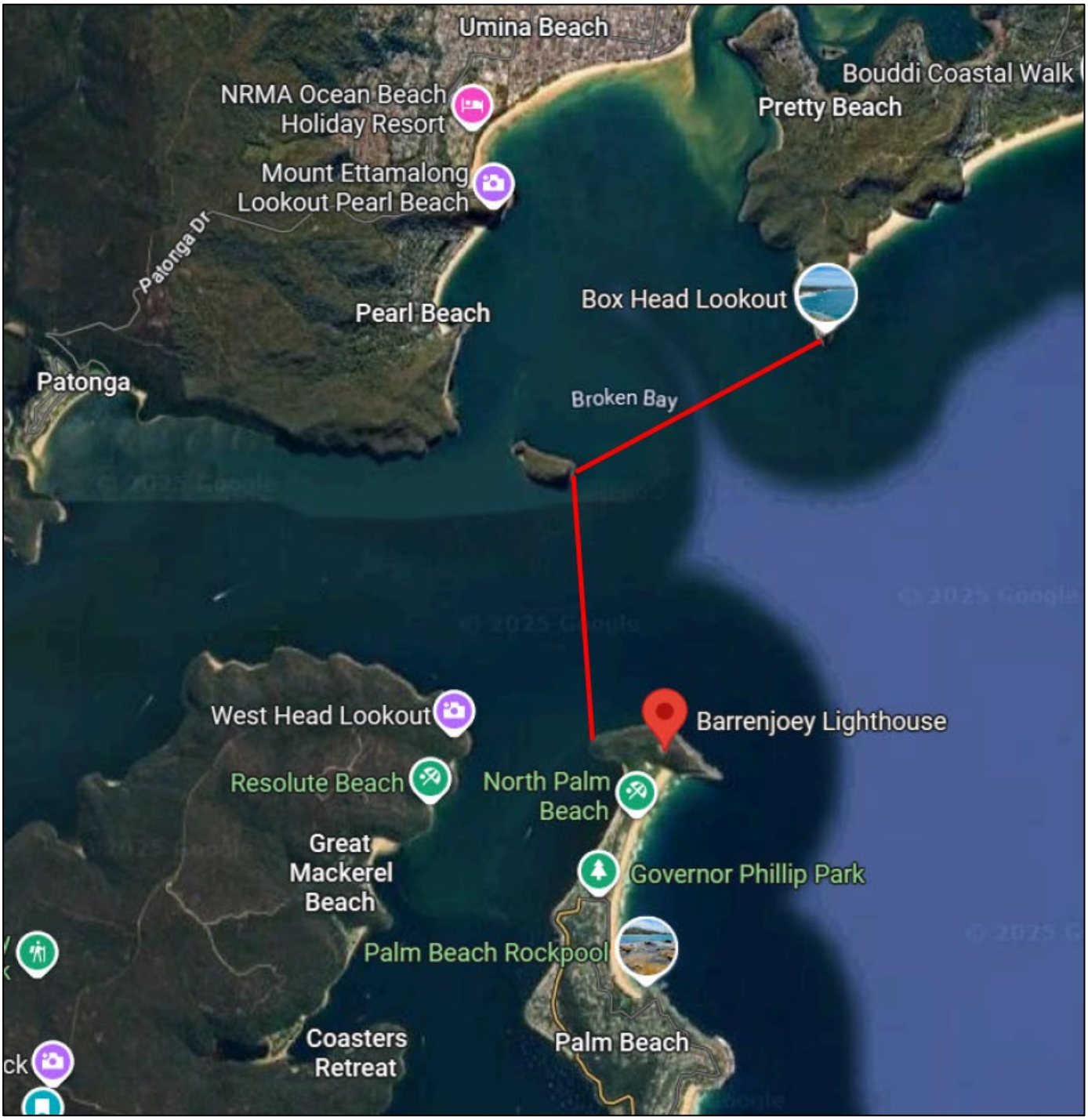
Rock & Beach	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Estuary	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Deep Sea	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Spear Fishing	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bonus Points	**20**	**30**	**50**	**80**	**120**	**170**	**230**	**300**

ESTUARY & LAND BASED (Rock, Beach, Wharf)		
14 Points per Kilo		
Species	**Maximum Bag Length per Competition**	**Minimum length**
Rock Blackfish (Black Drummer)	3	30cm
Bonito	3	30cm
Flathead	3	36cm (70cm max) (* refer to page 2)
Frigate Mackerel/Mackerel Tuna	3	30cm
Red Gurnard	3	30cm
Grinner	3	30cm
Hairtail	3	60cm
Yellowtail Kingfish	3	65cm
Leatherjacket	3	25cm
Luderick	3	27cm
Morwong	3	30cm
Mullet	3	30cm
Mulloway	3	70cm
Nannygai	3	30cm
Australian Salmon	3	30cm
Silver Drummer	3	30cm
Tailor	3	30cm
Teraglin	3	38cm
Trevalies	3	30cm
Tuna (Yellowfin & Southern Bluefin)	1	90cm
Striped (Skipjack) Tuna	1	50cm
17 Points per Kilo		
Samsonfish & Amberjack	3 in total	30cm
Cobia	3	30cm
Pearl Perch	3	30cm
Spanish Mackerel	3	75cm
Spangled Emperer	3	30cm
22 Points per Kilo		
Bream	3	27cm
Fan-bellied leatherjacket	3	30cm
Flounder/Sole	3	25cm
John Dory	3	30cm
Marlin	1	100cm
Snapper	3	30cm
Tarwhine	3	27cm
Whiting	3	27cm
30 Points per Kilo		
Garfish	3	25cm

All other eligible species at 2 points per kg. Minimum length 30cm.		
DEEP SEA and SPEARFISHING		
7 Points per Kilo		
Species	**Maximum Bag Length per Competition**	**Minimum length**
Bonito	3	30cm
Frigate Mackerel/Mackerel Tuna	3	30cm
Red Gurnard	3	30cm
Marlin	1	100cm
Nannygai	3	30cm
Australian Salmon	3	30cm
Silver Drummer	3	30cm
Tuna (Yellowfin & Southern Bluefin)	1	90cm
Striped (Skipjack) Tuna	1	50cm
11 Points per Kilo		
Rock Blackfish (Black Drummer)	3	30cm
Bream	3	27cm
Flathead	3	36cm
Grinner	3	30cm
Hairtail	3	60cm
Yellowtail Kingfish	3	65cm
Leatherjacket	3	25cm
Longtom	3	30cm
Luderick	3	27cm
Morwong	3	30cm
Mullet	3	30cm
Mulloway	1	70cm
Pigfish	3	30cm
Spotted Mackeral	3	60cm
Spanish Mackeral	3	75cm
Tailor	3	30cm
Tarwhine	3	27cm
Teraglin	3	38cm
Trevalies	3	30cm
Wahoo	3	50cm
17 Points per Kilo		
Dolphin Fish (Mahi Mahi)	3	60cm
Flounder Sole	3	25cm
John Dory	3	30cm
Pearl Perch	3	30cm
Samsonfish & Amberjack	3 in total	30cm
Snapper	3	30cm
Spangled Emperor	3	30cm

Whiting	3	27cm
30 Points per Kilo		
Garfish	3	25cm
All other eligible species at 2 points per kg. Minimum length 30cm.		

Attachment A -Broken Bay Estuary Boundaries



The broken bay estuary boundary is formed by a line from the most western point of Barrenjoey Headland to the most eastern point of Lion Island, continuing to the southern point of Box Head.

Attachment B -Procedures for Disputes

Introduction

1. This procedure is for disputes related to weigh-ins, Trophy Fish, Club Records and any other matter related to competition involving the Avalon RSL Fishing Club.
2. A member shall be able to request that any dispute relating to the matters outlined above are satified.
3. During competition, any dispute must be lodged in writing with any member of the committee within 24 hours of any weigh-in.

Definitions

1. Dispute means –"any difference of opinion between two club members relating to the weighing of fish or any other matter related to competition.
2. Committee member means any of the following positions: *President, Vice President, Secretary, Weighmaster, Assistant Weighmaster, Publicity Officer, Fund Raiser, BBQ Cook, Assistant Cook or Social Secretary.*

Procedures

1. The club member(s) involved in any dispute must immediately contact a committee member and provide details of the nature of the dispute in writing within 24 hours
2. Upon receipt of the written notice, the committee shall convene at the earliest opportunity to resolve the dispute. A quorum of at least three (3) committee members must be available to resolve any dispute.
3. The committee may request additional information from any club member in order to resolve the dispute.
4. The outcome of any dispute will be provided in writing to the relevant club members and reviewed as part of the Annual General Meeting.
5. The committee may allow or disqualify an anglers catch or recommend other actions including, but not limited to; suspension expulsion or loss of competition points following the deliberation of a dispute.
6. The decision of the committee is final with regards to any dispute.