

# Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia 2024 Rules and Regulations

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1. This is a team event; each team is permitted Up to 3 Angler per Team.
2. All teams/anglers must comply with the current NSW fisheries and waterways guidelines, at all times during the event.
3. All Events are catch and release
4. All anglers must wear safety vests, and the driver of the vessel, must have a safety lanyard attached while the vessel is on the plane, or travelling at speed. Failure to do so will mean disqualification for that session.
5. Safety vests/lanyards, and live wells, will be checked by FFC officials prior to the start of each session
6. Lure and Fly Event Only, trolling is not permitted, long lining is not permitted.
7. Teams must not fish in any designated non fishing or non-boating areas, failure to comply with this will result in disqualification.
8. Fishing is only aloud with in the designated session times which will be advised at the time of briefing.
9. Teams must not fish within 30m of another team unless invited to do so.
10. This is a total length event, a team's 10 (ten) longest Golden Perch over all sessions will make up their final score
11. No Golden Perch under 30cm will be accepted, these fish are undersized and should be released immediately
12. All Golden Perch will be Measured from nose to tip.
13. Teams will Measure their own Golden Perch on the provided measuring device, teams are to take a CLEAR photo of each fish on the measuring device, a team's catch token MUST be visible in the photo for that fish to count, prior to releasing the fish, teams must take a GLORY photo of the angler holding the fish. Each fish is then to be recorded on your teams catch sheet, with the time the photo was taken. The 2 x photos, can then be uploaded to the FFC, TMF App, where your teams score will be tallied. Catch sheets and tokens will be handed out prior to each session.
14. FISH ARE TO MEASURED AND RECORDED IN MM, FISH ARE TO BE ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST 5MM. (E.G. 582MM BECOMES 585MM.
15. Each round will consist of two sessions, a Saturday session and a Sunday session, session times will be advised at the event briefing and are subject to change at the event director discretion.
16. Each team will be issued a key tag with their catch sheets, key tags are to be placed back on the key board, at the marshalling tent, prior to the designated end of session time, any late tags will incur a 100mm per minute penalty.
17. Each session will begin with teams starting in numerical order, your start position for session one will be determined, in order of completed entry forms and payment in

full received. Session 2 will start in numerical order, as per a team's final finishing position from session 1.

18. Safety is our priority, and Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia reserve the right to suspend/cancel any event at any time, should conditions become unsafe, if this occurs the event will be re scheduled at a later date.
19. A briefing time will be advised prior to each event, All teams must be present at the time of briefing and mark off their teams as being present, if you can't make it you must let event organisers know ASAP, and other arrangements will be made.
20. Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia hold all advertising rights to the event and any photos or videos taken by organisers will be used at the organiser's discretion.
21. Any issues or discrepancies with the event proceedings, must be taken up with the event director, no later than 1 hour prior to the event's final presentation. The event director's decision is final regarding any decisions made.
22. Any concerns regarding the rules and regulations, can be discussed with the tournament director at the time of briefing.
23. The terms and conditions of each event, must be read by all participating anglers and signed off on, by the team captain, at the time of registration
24. Failure to adhere with the rules and regulations of this tournament will result in disqualification
25. Cancellation/withdrawal from the competition within 7 days of an event will result in forfeit of all registration fees, cancellations prior to this time will incur a refund or comp credit.
26. In the event of a tie, the prize for that position and the next position, will be added together and divided equally. (e.g., tie for first - first and second prizes will be added together, and divided equally between those two teams, the next team will take up 3<sup>rd</sup> placing)
27. **CASH PAYOUTS** - will be paid to the top 3 teams in each event, the percentage of prize money is at the discretion of the event director, and will depend on the number of entrants for that event.
28. **PRIZES** – Teams 4-10 for each event, will receive prize, the prizes will be at the discretion of the event director.  
A "Big Yella" \$500 voucher will be up for grabs, for the biggest Golden Perch of each event, there will also be lucky door prizes, drawn at random during the final presentation of each event.
29. A time for the final presentation will be advised at each event's briefing.
30. **PRE-FISH BAN** – there will be a pre fish ban in place for all competitors, for two weeks prior to the event pre fish day, the event pre fish day is the Friday (the day before) each event.

31. **TEAM OF THE YEAR** – A team’s best 3 events, of the 4-rd. series, will be calculated to decide the 2024 Team of the year, and Runner up Team of the year. Each event your team will be given a score (1<sup>st</sup> place 100 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 99 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 98 Points and so forth) and at the final event of 2024 (rd. 4 Windamere) a team of the year and Runner up Team of the Year will be announced. The team of the year will win a \$800 Wilson voucher and the Runner up Team of the Year will win a \$400 Wilson Voucher.
32. **VARIATIONS – RD 2 Wyangala mixed species event May 25/26-** this event will be run in accordance with the rules and regulations as per point 1-31 of this document, with the following variations.
- This round is a mixed Golden Perch/Murray Cod Event, a team’s final score will be made up of their longest 4 (four) Golden Perch and 2 (two) Murray Cod.
  - This event will be a catch photo and release event, fish will be measured by teams, on the brag mats provided, a team’s key tag must be visible in all photos for that fish to count, they will record each fish on their catch sheets, along with the time each photo was taken.
  - Session times for this event will be provided at the event briefing.
- RD 3 Burrendong Golden Perch event, September 14/15 & RD 4 Windamere, Golden Perch Event, October 12/13** – these events will be run in accordance with the rules and regulations as per point 1-31 of this document, with the following variations.
- This is a Golden Perch event, (10 longest)
  - The final (2<sup>nd</sup>), session of this event (Sunday) will be an **FFC, “JOKER” SESSION**, where all teams will compete without the aid of any Live Scope/Active Target type technology.
  - All other conventional type sounders, are still able to be used in this session.
  - The use of transducer poles in this session are not aloud, all transducer poles shall remain mounted in the out of use position inside the boat.
  - The use of a transducer pole during this session will result in disqualification from this session.
  - Conventional type transducers may be mounted to electric motors during this session.
  - **BONUS POINTS** - every fish measured during this session will incur 50mm in bonus points, per fish towards the team’s total score.
  - Any questions regarding this round can be bought up with event officials at the time of the event briefing.

### 33. Indemnity clause –

- I/we agree to the rules and regulations of Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia, and accept any other conditions that are implemented by Freshwater Fishing Championships 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 contract not to take legal action against the organizers for any reason and to indemnify the organizers against such action. I agree to enter entirely at my own risk. acceptance of conditions and indemnification.  
(note: this is a contract that limits your right to take legal action).
- I/we being the person/s whose names, addresses and signatures appear on the entry form, have fully read and understand the rules and regulations.
- I/we agree to 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 organizers of the event on 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 any accident that may occur from a Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia event.
- I/we agree to indemnify the organizers of the event against any cost, expenses, damages or awards, made against them in relation to any action taken by me/us or on my/our behalf, or in relation to any claim I/we make.
- I/we agree to indemnify the organizers of the event 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 and after the event.