



## Taylors Beach Progress Association Inc. Family Fishing Tournament 2025 RULES



1.	Enjoy the competition, but also be safe, courteous and obey all laws and rules. SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE.
2.	Do not start fishing without first registering and collecting your Tournament Token.
3.	All fishing and crabbing shall only to take place in Victoria Creek from the first red buoy at the mouth back upstream. No entry into the Marine Park Zone is allowed.
4.	The competition officially starts at 12.00 Noon on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2025, and finishes at 11:00am on Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025. You can fish at any time between start and finish.
5.	Competitors must purchase tickets online and be registered prior to commencing any fishing. Registration takes place at Progress Park where each individual competitor will be issued with a 2025 Tournament Token. Tokens must be in hand when measuring fish or weighing crabs.
6.	Tokens to be presented by the holder to officials within 30 seconds of Lucky Token Draws or a redraw will occur.
7.	All members of the family may compete as part of the family team however any person who nominates, regardless of time spent or fish caught, will be included as part of the team.
8.	An adult is any competitor 16 years and over on the first day of the Tournament.
9.	Junior competitors must be under the age of 16 years on the first day of the Tournament.
10.	For the Family Catch category, the total accumulated lengths recorded at the measuring/weigh-in station, by a family team, will be divided by the number of adult anglers in the team to determine the winner.
11.	In the event of a draw for a prize, the fish or crab presented at the measuring/weigh-in station first will be deemed the winner. For a competitor using photos (catch and release) the time is recorded when the photo is presented at the measuring/weigh-in station to register their legal catch, and not when the photo is taken.
12.	Contestants may Fish and Crab as part of the contest.
13.	No pots may be placed in the water or set prior to 12.00 Noon on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2025.
14.	No Lines are to be cast or set prior to 12.00 Noon on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2025.
15.	Any number of boats may be used per family. Boats may only depart the immediate vicinity of the Taylors Beach Boat Ramp after 12.00 Noon on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2025. Fish caught from a commercial fishing vessel or while commercial fishing are not accepted and competitors will be disqualified.
16.	All Measuring (or photo submissions – per Rule 20) will take place at Progress Park Taylors Beach between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5:00 pm and 6.00 pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025</li><li>• 8:00 am and 9.00 am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 &amp; 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025</li><li>• 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</li></ul>
17.	Fish presented at the measuring station must be caught on rod & reel or hand line using lure, bait or fly only and must be of legal size.
18.	Vermin do not count towards total lengths. Vermin are defined as any species normally thought of as inedible including - Catfish, Toads, Stone or Scorpion fish, Frogfish, Tarpon, Rays, Sharks and Eels.
19.	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries rules apply to protected species, bag limits, legal sizes, net size, number of pots etc. Any contestant found to have flouted the rules shall be automatically disqualified, and if part of a family team, the family will be disqualified.
20.	Any undersized fish of any species are not accepted and should be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
21.	One fish one entry. You must nominate where your fish is entered at time of measuring.
22.	Contestants are encouraged to limit their kept catch and return small legally sized fish where they are surplus to needs. Please note new bag limits when keeping fish.
23.	Catch and release is encouraged so please consider releasing as many fish as you can. Photos can be submitted for length categories provided: photos are taken at the time and place of capture and fish must be alive in both photos; Fish must be measured on an Australian recognised brag mat supplied by the competitor, rounding down to the nearest centimetre; Brag mats must be flat and straight with at least one edge showing; If both edges are hidden under the fish we may not accept your entry; Measure fish from the tip of the nose (at 0cm) to the extremity of the tail in the central point of the tail; Tournament Token (issued to registered Anglers from 11.00 am on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2025) must be displayed in 'fish on brag mat' photos. Photos must be taken square-on and include date and time. Competitors undertaking catch and release must still present at the measuring station to have their catch verified and registered as a legal catch.
24.	Best Fish caught off beach will be judged by an impartial team of three people appointed prior to the competition.
25.	Any evidence of falsification such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fish caught outside the Family Fishing Competition dates and times; or</li><li>• an Individual presenting fish without an Official 2025 Tournament Token; or</li><li>• netted or speared fish; or</li><li>• any action in Defiance of the rules and goodwill of the competition</li></ul> will be placed in the hands of the Management Committee and persons involved will be suspended from the competition.
26.	Any action, incident, or situation not covered by the rules herein, shall be determined by the Management Committee of the Taylors Beach Progress Association if or when those conditions arise. Their decision is final.
27.	All Prizes not won remain the property of Taylors Beach Progress Association Inc.
28.	Anglers boats must remain inside the boundaries of the Tournament whilst on the water for the duration of the Tournament.