



## APYAC ANGLING COMPETITION RULES

1. A vessel is defined as anything that floats on water and is deemed to be legal for its intended use. This can include boats, kayaks, paddle boards, jet skis and charter boats. Charter boats do not need to be registered but must be entered on score sheet details
2. All members / competitors must comply with the Victorian recreational fishing rules & regulations together with all other relevant laws and regulations.
3. There are two competition types:
  1. Annual Competition (AC) – Eligible fish are weighed in by members during the agreed APYAC fishing season as communicated by the Angling Committee. Prizes for this competition are awarded at the end of season presentation night.
  2. Fishing Events (FE) – A number of fishing events are run each year over a one, two or three day period. Prizes are awarded for fishing events immediately following the completion of the fishing event.
4. There are 2 categories in the Annual Competition which includes:
  1. **In-House** which caters for anglers who launch a vessel from the boat house, kayakers or land based anglers anywhere in the Port Phillip Bay; and
  2. **Open** where members launch vessels away from the club but within Port Phillip Bay to go fishing (excluding kayakers).
5. Only fish caught in Port Phillip Bay (by members of the club or their children) are eligible for entering into the Annual Competition for Fishing Events. The only exception to this is where the Fishing Event is held outside Port Phillip Bay.
6. Members who want to participate in the Annual Competition are required to nominate which competition category they want to compete in. The member nominates to either the 'Open' or 'In-House' competition category when they first record a fish on the weigh register following the season commencement. Once the first fish is weighed in by a member the category that they are competing in (Open or In-house) is committed to for the whole season.
7. If a member is already committed to the **In House** for the Annual Competition but chooses to compete in a Fishing Event either launching away from the club to go fishing (e.g. at St Kilda Marina or charter) or who crew for and fish with another person who launches away from the club, they will not lose eligibility to continue to compete in the **In House** Annual Competition and visa-versa.



Fish caught in Fishing Events will earn points for the Annual Competition provided they are caught within that members nominated category for that given season.

If the member catches fish in a Fishing Event outside their nominated category for the season (In House or Outhouse) then the fish can only be entered for the Fishing Event and wont be counted toward the Annual Competition.

8. Only Snapper 1 kilogram or greater can be weighed in for the Annual Competition and/or Fishing Event (where relevant).
9. The Annual Competition - Club Championship is a snapper only competition for the duration of the APYAC nominated fishing season. The winner for both *In House* and **Open** categories is based on a points system that is tallied over the season.

1 point per snapper (1kg +) plus 1 point per kilogram or part thereof.

10. Only Snapper will be eligible to be weighed in for the Annual Competition in both **Open** and **In House** categories. Prizes will be awarded for the following:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> **snapper** caught
  - Last **snapper** caught
  - Most **snapper** caught by a new member
  - Monthly mystery weight **snapper**
  - Monthly heaviest **snapper**
  - Annual - most points scored for **snapper (Club Championship)**
  - Annual - heaviest **snapper (Tom Kells Memorial Trophy)**
  - Annual - most snapper (**Jack Pompei Award**)

#### 11. Annual Competition – Other Prize Categories

- a. **Whiting** - A prize will be given for the heaviest whiting and heaviest whiting bag weighed in during the APYAC nominated fishing season. Prizes will be awarded in both the In House and Open categories.
- b. **Flathead, Salmon and Pike** – a prize will be awarded for the heaviest fish
- c. **Gummy Shark** – a prize will be awarded for the heavies fish of at least 3 Kg after cleaning. Cleaning prior to weighing is to prevent the shark from being contaminated and fit for consumption.

12. A women's category / award will apply for the annual Club Championship, Tom Kells and Jack Pompei awards.



Summary of above competitions:

Competition	In-House	Open	Monthly	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Club Championship Snapper (points)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Jack Pompei (most snapper)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Tom Kells (heaviest snapper)	Y	Y	Y (In & Open)	Y	N	N
Club Championship Ladies Snapper points		Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Ladies Jack Pompei		Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Ladies Tom Kells		Y	N	Y	N	N
Club Championship (Junior)		Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Junior Tom Kells		Y	N	Y	N	N
Junior Jack Pompei		Y	N	Y	N	N
Flathead heaviest fish	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Whiting heaviest bag	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Whiting heaviest fish	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Salmon heaviest fish	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Pike heaviest fish	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Gummy shark heaviest	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Secret weight	N	N	Y (In & Open)	Y	N	N
1 <sup>st</sup> Snapper caught	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Last snapper caught	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Most snapper new member	N	N	N	Y	N	N

13. No Stingrays/Eagle Rays/Banjo Sharks may be entered for any competition.
14. Land based anglers are eligible to compete as **In House** anglers providing all rules are adhered to.
15. Any incorrect entry on weigh in sheets will mean a loss of points for that angler and a second offence will eliminate him/her from further competition participation (at the discretion of the Angling Committee or on advice from the Scorer).

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16. Fishing location marks must be accurately recorded so that all members receive a fair go. In this regard, the location entered on Score Sheets of where a fish is captured must be within two kilometres of the point of capture.
17. Entries on the Score Sheets should be complete and thorough in accordance with Score Sheet headings.
18. Members must not make inappropriate comments, or amendments to entries on competition sheets without concurrence of the Scorer.
19. Any breach of the law whilst fishing in an APYAC competition by a member may result in disqualification from the Annual Competition and/or Fishing Event/s at the discretion of the Angling Committee.
20. It will not be possible to receive an award for both the heaviest Snapper and the secret weight category in any given month. I.e. a member can only receive one award in the monthly categories.
21. There will be a monthly award in the Junior category, at the discretion of the Angling Committee.
22. Competitors can only weigh in fish for the Club Championship 3 days per week, Monday to Sunday inclusive. Any 3 days within a week may be chosen. Any fish weighed outside the 3 days will not be counted.
23. Awards for the following specific competitions will be presented on the day of the competition end, rather than at the Annual Presentation Night, being: Max Coningsby; Captain and Crew; Pot of Gold; Ladies Fishing Day/s; Adults Mixed Charter Day; Albert Park Family & Friends Fishing Day and Tiger Lyons Whiting competitions. Winners must be present to receive awards or forfeit their prizes.
24. Vessels housed outside the club may be entered in the competitions (**Open**), provided they are registered with the Angling Committee or Scorer at the start of the season. (Non-Members boats are not eligible to compete in the Annual Competition or Fishing Events.
25. Maimed fish, such as being mutilated by a Shark or Seal will not be eligible.
26. A fish that has been landed on another person's rod will be credited to the person who lands the fish.



27. If any angler has knowledge of another angler breaking the rules, they are obliged to report the offence to the Angling Committee in writing within seven days of the offence occurring.
28. Special awards will be given for any “spectacular” catches outside our jurisdiction (e.g., Marlin, Sailfish, Tuna, as some Members venture into Country/Interstate/International locations), at the discretion of the Angling Committee.
29. More than six Members fishing outside the Club on a Club organised trip will constitute a competition with appropriate awards, at the discretion of the Angling Committee.
30. Members may fish more than once on a given day, but fish may only be weighed once on any day including heaviest bag. Members should be aware that multi-tripping can be illegal in certain circumstances and daily bag limits must not be exceeded.
31. If two or more boats participate in any competition, this means that a scheduled competition will proceed, unless called off by 20:00 on the evening prior to the competition.
32. When weighing in fish, all fish caught in the boat on a given day should be weighed in, including any fish caught by visitors. There is a separate sheet for visitors and it is for the purpose of keeping track what and how many fish are being caught by the club. Only members can submit fish in competitions caught by themselves; not by guests or visitors, i.e. non-members.
33. All ***In House*** and ***Open*** Competition fish must be weighed using the scales located at the APYAC boathouse by the member angler that caught the fish.
34. Fish can only be weighed until 19:00 on any club meeting nights.
35. Any issues that arise, that are not adequately covered by APYAC Angling Rules will be resolved by the Angling Committee in their absolute discretion.
36. Mixed bag prize which is given at some Fishing Events is defined as at least one species other than what is targeted in the Fishing Event.
37. Other fish and achievements prizes can be awarded at the discretion of the angling committee.
38. To encourage **junior anglers** (<18 year old) they can enter snapper into competitions (Annual Competition and Fishing Events) from the legal limit of 28cm and flathead from 500g. Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the angling committee. Once fish in these sizes have been entered the junior angler can only be awarded prizes in the junior



category. Otherwise, the same rules apply for Junior Championship and points scored by Juniors are eligible for Club Championship (therefore a Junior Member can become Club Champion provided no fish are entered in the respective categories below the adult anglers' limits).

39. Eligible snapper caught in the Fishing Events will be worth double points for the Annual Competition.