

Membership benefits

1. A National Record Chart and rule book annually

ANSA maintains one of the largest and most comprehensive record charts in the world. Records are updated frequently and cover both line class/ weight and length only record achievements. There is no charge for submission and processing of National records. You can view the National record charts on the ANSA National website www.ansa.com.au.

ANSA Rule Books are provided free of cost to all members. The rule book is reviewed every 4 years (coinciding with a leap year) to cater for changes in fishing activity and regulation and to broaden the competition agenda. The rule book can be viewed on the ANSA National website and extra hard copies can be ordered via the National Executive Officer.

2. Access to Masters

ANSA provides a series of awards that recognise personal achievement.

Master Award categories include 6 line class / weight divisions plus tagging, freshwater impoundment and landbased sportfishing. There are also Masters awards for All Tackle – Length Based captures.

2.Badges and Patches

Masters patches and 5 to 1 club patches

250 point capture

500 point capture

750 point capture

1000 point capture

Boat stickers

Car stickers

ANSA Promotional Brochures

4. Association with a world leader in the recreational fishing industry

ANSA is affiliated with IGFA and has member representation on that body.

ANSA members can claim IGFA world records.

5. National Record Charts

Records recognised in 6 line class / weight divisions and an “All Tackle “ non line class division. In addition to line class/ weight records there are also records for “Length Only” non line class captures.

Extensive eligible species list including all IGFA recognised game fish.

6. Diversity in fishing experience

The range of competitive fishing activity on offer to ANSA members is very diverse and includes -

Sport Fishing

Lure Fishing

Fly Fishing

Game Fishing

Landbased Gamefishing

Hand Lining

Tag and Release
Freshwater Impoundment
All Tackle / Weight
All Tackle / Length Only

7. Fishing Ethics

The underlying spirit of angling is that the skill of the angler is pitted against the instinct and strength of the fish and that the latter is entitled to an even chance for its life.

8. Conservation Ethics

National Sportfishing Code of Conduct
Capture and Release Policy
Tag and Release for scientific purposes
National Fish Handling Policy
Habitat Rehabilitation
National Carp Policy
National Aquaculture Policy
Revegetation of depleted areas
Input into freshwater stream flow research

9. Fellowship within a National organisation

200 clubs across Australia
Conventions
Conferences
Visiting ANSA members warmly greeted by local contacts
Local knowledge freely passed between members

10. Representation on peak bodies

Founding member of RECFISH AUSTRALIA – <http://recfishaustralia.org.au>
Founding member of ARFF (Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation) –
www.recreationalfishing.com.au
Affiliated with IGFA - www.igfa.org
State Branches members of State based peak bodies and licence trusts (where established)

11. Recognition of most meritorious capture - Australia wide

Winner presented with prize at Annual AGM / Branch Delegates Conference

12. Internet Site/ Facebook

Achievements and ethos available to the world
Latest issues of interest
Access to Rule Book
Record chart updated regularly
Access to Record claim forms
Members chat page
Sharing experiences with other members (photos, stories etc)
Direct contact enabled at the member level

13. Family

A family oriented organisation

Women well represented at all levels

Children welcomed and encouraged

14. Functions, conferences, conventions

Open to all members

Conferences provide interaction between members, politicians and fishing industry

Conventions provide opportunity for members to fish together and exchange experiences

15. Representation to/with parliamentarians

Parliamentarians at State and National level are ANSA members

Organisation is respected, providing access to high levels of government at a Local, State and Federal level

16. Fishing Safety

ANSA is a leading player in the field of fishing safety. ANSA is recognised internationally for its multi award winning "ANGEL RING" project which involves installing lifebuoys at popular rock fishing locations along the Australian Coastline and the saving of numerous lives. ANSA and its partners also promote safe fishing messages via safe fishing workshops, fishing safety alerts, multilingual videos and media coverage. See www.angelrings.com.au and www.safefishing.com.au for more details

17. Active participation in scientific research

AUSTAG - State tagging programmes established under a National banner and via the NSW Game Fish Tagging Programme

Catch Effort databases being established

Size/weight frequency data collection

Participation in prevention of introduction of foreign species through ballast water

Preparing and publishing scientific papers from our own data

18. Direct membership

Available to individuals that are unable to join a local ANSA club. This service is provided at a Branch level. See ANSA Branch links on the ANSA National website

19. Membership data base

Most branches and ANSA clubs maintain an electronic membership data base – this facilitates direct mail out to members of newsletters and information on important issues and policies affecting recreational fishing.

20. Newsletter

National Newsletter produced regularly

Newsletters from Branches and Clubs also circulated

Member contributions welcome and encouraged

Viewpoints raised and discussed

20. Membership Card

Allows individual to be identified as an ANSA member throughout the country

Provides for discounts at a number of retail outlets

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