



NOWRA SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.
ANNUAL SPORTFISHING CONVENTION
16th 17th & 18th February 2018



The Committee and Members of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. invite anglers who are financial members of a club affiliated with ANSA to compete in the Nowra Sportfishing Convention at the Crookhaven Heads Tourist Park on 16th 17th & 18th February 2018

Anglers wishing to participate who are not affiliated with ANSA NSW are welcome to compete, but are not eligible to compete for Trophy Categories other than those indicated as Other Angler Trophy Categories. Nowra Sportfishing Club membership is available

1. ACCOMMODATION:

People requiring accommodation contact the Crookhaven Heads Tourist Park, phone 4447 2849 or toll free 1300733026 and book early.

2. CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

The Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. Committee is sole adjudicators of all aspects of the Convention and Rules, their decision shall be final. However, you may seek clarification from the Australian National Sport Fishing Association (ANSA) if required.

3. ENTRY:

Made by submitting a completed entry form together with the appropriate fees or copy of EFT Receipt, as detailed on the entry form, to the Secretary, NOWRA SPORTFISHING CLUB INC, PO Box 2079, BOMADERRY NSW 2541

4. REGISTRATION:


Competitors must register at Convention Base located at Caravan Park, Crookhaven Heads prior to commencing fishing.

5. FISHING RULES:

Fish are to be Captured, Tagged and Released in accordance with ANSA Rules and Regulations as are in effect at the time of this convention, with the exception to the following:

 **1 kg line class will not be eligible in the Blue Water section of the convention.**

 **Rays are not eligible for this convention.**

 **Sharks are eligible for tag and release only.** (Sharks and Rays may be weighed for individual master points)

All lines, doubles, traces or leaders may be subject to measurement as weigh masters and recorders see fit. It is not the intention of this rule to cast aspersions on the integrity of the anglers.

6. CONVENTION BRIEFING:

A Convention Briefing will take place on Thursday 15th February 2018 at 8:00 pm at the Convention Base located at the Caravan Park for competitors regarding rules, weather conditions and restrictions on any events due to inclement weather.

7. CONVENTION BOUNDARIES:

Northern: due east of Blackhead, and Southern; due east of the entrance into Sussex Inlet.

8. FISHING TIMES AND WEIGH STATION PROCEDURES:

Fishing begins 6:00am on Friday 16th and may continue until twelve noon on Sunday 18th February 2018. The weigh station opens 4:00 pm Friday 16th and closes Sunday 18th February 2018 at 12:00 midday sharp.

To be eligible for convention points, fish or tags must be in the roped off area and under control of the Weighmaster by that time



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9. PROTESTS:

Any protest must be in writing and handed to a member of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. committee by no later than 12.30 pm Sunday. The Convention Committee's decision shall be final. All tackle involved in a protest shall be held by the Tournament Committee for further clarification until the protest is resolved.




10. POINT SCORE:

Capture Points awarded using the current ANSA Point Score System, to be eligible for convention points captures must score a minimum of 50 ANSA points. Juniors and sub-juniors must score a minimum of 30 points. The formula for the calculation of points is:

$$\frac{(\text{MASS (kg)} \times 100 \times \text{Factor})}{\text{LINE CLASS (kg)}}$$

Tag and release points are awarded in accordance with the ANSA system for tagging masters using game Fish tags on eligible species...

11. CONVENTION TROPHIES:

-  1 kg line class is not eligible in the Blue Water section of the convention.
-  It is the policy of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. that **“ONE FISH ONE TROPHY”**.
-  Anglers must nominate the section they wish to enter their fish in, e.g. Open, Lady, Junior or Sub-junior. Final decisions on all awards shall be at the discretion of the Convention Committee, whose decision shall be final.

12. CONVENTION TROPHY CATEGORIES:

BLUEWATER GAME: This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a vessel anywhere outside enclosed waters. **The waters inside Jervis Bay are offshore waters and shall be included in this section.**

ROCKS:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a rocky outcrop, ledge or headland anywhere on the oceanfront. The rocks inside Jervis Bay shall be included in this section. **FOR SAFETY PLEASE WEAR LIFE JACKETS**

ESTUARY:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from the shore or vessel in estuary waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and salt marshes up to the beginning of non-tidal freshwater.

BEACH:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from sand or gravel beaches, coves and bars anywhere on the oceanfront. **The beaches inside Jervis Bay shall be included in this section.**

CATCH & RELEASE LENGTH ONLY

These trophies are competed for an individual angler basis only. All fish must be of legal size.

The eligible species are Snapper, Bream, Flathead, Australian Salmon and Luderick.

All fish are required to be measured & released in good health.



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Proof of catch and release will consist of a photo of the fish laying on an approved measuring mat clearly showing the full fish and measurement. The photo must be presented to the weights recorder at time of entering the fish.

LADIES:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by a lady angler fishing from the shore or a vessel. **Should a lady angler win any of the open sections, she shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.**

JUNIOR:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by any angler less than 16 years of age at the time of the capture. **Should a junior angler win any of the open sections, she/he shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.**

SUB-JUNIOR:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by any angler less than 10 years of age at the time of capture. **Should a sub-junior angler win any of the open sections, she/he shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.**

CHAMPION CLUB:

This trophy is for the club with the highest aggregate point score. Aggregate point scores will be evaluated as follows:

- 🏆 The five (5) highest point scoring fish in each section are awarded points on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis.
- 🏆 Tag and release shall be the five (5) highest point scoring anglers.
- 🏆 Points awarded in each section shall be totalled, the club having the highest aggregate shall win.

MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE:

This capture will be decided upon by the convention committee. It need not be a winner of any section. The tackle, conditions and any extenuating circumstances will be considered in the decision, so please give the recorder all details of capture.

TAG & RELEASE:

This trophy is competed by an individual angler. The angler with the highest tag & Release aggregate point score wins, except Champion Club where it shall be five (5) highest point scoring anglers.

NON-ANSA AFILIATED ANGLERS:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from land or vessel, in estuary waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and salt marshes up to the beginning of non-tidal freshwater.

14. TIED RESULT:

With exception to the "Champion Club" category, "FIRST PAST THE POST" resolves a tied result.

15. CONVENTION CIRCUIT CATEGORIES:

The six (6) angling categories for the convention circuit for this convention are:

Blue Water, Game, Rocks, Estuary Beach, Ladies, Junior

SAFETY:

The seaworthiness of vessels is the responsibility of the Captains and their crews. Vessels putting to sea do so at their own risk. All vessels must comply with the safety requirements as laid down at any time by the Roads and Maritime Authority Any "Skipper" and Crew not complying with the regulations will risk disqualification.

WEAR LIFE JACKETS when fishing from rock platforms that are subject to tide and wave action.



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The Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. and the NSW branch of ANSA will not be responsible for any accidents or injury during the entire convention and competitors enter entirely at their own risk.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that all competing vessels log on daily with Shoalhaven Marine Rescue on VHF16, 27.88 MHz or by use of the MRNSW PHONE APP.

The convention committee will monitor VHF73 and 27.940 for personal messages and progress reports, call sign "CONVENTION BASE" or Mobile 0410422263

17. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Presentation of the Convention Trophies will commence 1:00 pm approximately on Sunday, includes the Lucky Anglers Draw, (see notes to remember), and a sausage sizzle.

18. CONVENTION CONTACTS:

President: Barry Preston, Mobile: 0402300240








Secretary: Faye Hanson, Phone/Fax: 44439748 Mobile: 0410422263: E-Mail: secretarynowrasfc@gmail.com

19. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

Saturday evening 17th SPIT ROAST and RAFFLE at Convention Base all welcome

Sunday 18th 1:00 pm (approximately) Trophy Presentation, RAFFLE, SAUSAGE SIZZEL.

NOTES TO REMEMBER:

-  As members of an ANSA club, you are requested to observe etiquette on and off the water
-  Competitors must comply with the rules and regulations as laid down by Statutory Authorities.
-  To be eligible for convention points, fish or tags must be in the roped off area and under control of the Weighmaster by 12noon Sunday.
-  The policy of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. is that one fish shall win only one trophy.
-  Each angler may be queried on the brand and labelled breaking strain of their line. If any doubt exists in the mind of the committee, sampling may be requested, and trophy withheld pending official testing.
-  Fish tails are marked when weighed, so please identify your fish in some other manner.
-  To be eligible for the Lucky Angler Draw anglers must be present at the Convention Presentation on Sunday



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ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE:

Senior: \$40.00

Junior / Sub - Junior: \$12.00

CLUB:

CLUB CONTACT:	PHONE N ^o
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ANSA N ^o	Surname	Given Names	SM, SL, J, SJ	Paid

Note: Please return the completed Entry Form together with the appropriate fees or copy of EFT receipt to:

**The Secretary,
Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc.
PO Box 2079 BOMADERRY NSW 2541**

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