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- 1. The decision of the Mackenzie River Fish Stocking Association (MRFSA) is final, and the committee has the right to withhold any prizes, pending an investigation.**
- 2. Hours/Cutoff Times**
  - 2.1. Fishing**

Competition fishing starts at 5:00am on Saturday 2 October 2021 and ends at 11:00am on Sunday 3 October 2021 – only fish caught between these times are eligible for measuring and recording.
  - 2.2. Nomination Tent**

The nomination Tent will only be open between the following hours:

    - 2.2.1.** Friday 1 October 2021: 5:00pm - 8:00pm
    - 2.2.2.** Saturday 2 October 2021: 6:00am - 6:00pm
    - 2.2.3.** Sunday 3 October 2021: 6:00am - 9:00am
  - 2.3. Weigh-Ins**

The weigh in tent will only be open between the following hours:

    - 2.3.1.** Saturday 2 October 2021: 6:00am - 6:00pm
    - 2.3.2.** Sunday 3 October 2021: 6:00am - 11:00am
- 3. Weigh-Ins**
  - 3.1. General**

Only Legal size fish will be accepted for weigh-in – nomination cards must be shown whenever weighing in fish. The competition is based on the length of the fish, and the weight of the fish is not recorded or considered during judging.

    - 3.1.1. Live Fish**

All fish (excluding catfish) must be live when presented to the weigh-in tent, any dead fish presented to the weigh-in tent will be turned away.
    - 3.1.2. Closed Mouth**

All fish must be measured with their mouth closed, with the mouth touching the 0 (zero) mark of the measuring device.
  - 3.2. Digital Weigh-Ins**

Digital Weigh-ins must be submitted exactly like physical fish submitted at the weigh-in tent during their hours of operation. The following additional requirements also apply:

    - 3.2.1.** All digital weigh-ins are to be photographed, measured on a flat brag mat or measuring sticker, meeting any requirements set out under 3.1
    - 3.2.2.** All photos must clearly show the front of the competitors nomination card (number and name)
    - 3.2.3.** Two photos must be submitted: one of the whole fish/brag mat, and one close-up/zoomed-in on the tail. Both must clearly show the length.
    - 3.2.4.** You must be able to clearly demonstrate the photographs to MRFSA officials: either on the screen of your device, printed out, or provided on a USB device. Check if your format is accepted with officials if you're unsure.
  - 3.3. Eligible Species**

The species outlined in this section are specifically recognised as eligible for prizes during the 2021 competition. MRFSA encourages competitors to weigh in fish of other species if caught and legal to do so.

    - 3.3.1. Length Categories**

These species will be measured as their length determines the winner.

      - 3.3.1.1.** Barramundi - *Lates Calcarifer*
      - 3.3.1.2.** Saratoga (or Southern Saratoga) - *Scleropages Leichardti*
      - 3.3.1.3.** Black Bream (or Sooty Grunter) - *Hephaestus Fuliginosus*
      - 3.3.1.4.** Sleepy Cod - *Oxyeleotris Lineolatus*
      - 3.3.1.5.** Yellowbelly (or Golden Perch)- *Macquaria Ambigua*
      - 3.3.1.6.** Eel Tailed Catfish (or Jewfish) - *Tandanus Tandanus*
    - 3.3.2. Lucky Draw Categories**

These species will not be measured as their length has no bearing on the competition.

      - 3.3.2.1.** Red Claw - *Cherax quadricarinatus*
      - 3.3.2.2.** Catfish
- 4. Nominations**
  - 4.1. Age Categories**

Competitors under the age of 14 up to and including the last day of the competition must be nominated as a junior competitor. All other competitors must be nominated as Seniors.
  - 4.2. Nomination Cards**

Nomination cards are issued from the Nomination Tent. All competitors must hold their nomination card with them for the duration of the competition. They must be presented when weighing in fish, collecting prizes and displayed in digital weigh-in pictures.
  - 4.3. Lost Cards**

Lost cards will be replaced where required, only during Nomination Tent Hours (as set out in 2.2). Any digital weigh-in's displaying the lost card must be submitted before the card is replaced – any submissions showing the lost card will not be accepted after the replacement is given.

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#### 4.3.1. Extra Replacement Time

The MRFSA Nomination Team may choose to replace Lost Cards up to 15 minutes before the scheduled prize draw times on a particular day. Where the MRFSA has chosen to exercise this, a sign will be displayed at the Nomination Tent and an announcement made over the loudspeaker. Certain constraints may restrict the MRFSA's ability to provide this service and it cannot be guaranteed in advance. New Nominations will never be taken outside of Nomination Tent Hours listed in 2.2)

### 5. Prizes/Draws

#### 5.1. Nomination Draws

Nomination Draws will be held for all nominated competitors on Saturday 2 October 2021 (starting at 7:00pm) and Sunday 3 October 2021 (starting at 12 Midday). To be in the draw on either day, competitors must be nominated before the Nomination Tent closes on that day (per hours listed in 2.2). Once their nomination number has been called, competitors will have 60 seconds to present themselves (with their nomination card) to collect their prize. For major prizes (such as, but not limited to, the camper trailer) MRFSA may ask for proof of ID before presenting the prize. Where a competitor does not present themselves and their nomination card within the given timeframe, the prize will be redrawn for another competitor to claim.

##### 5.1.1. Early Bird Draw

To be eligible for the Early Bird Draw, competitors must have completed and submitted their nomination forms and payment before the cut-off date of Friday 24 September 2021 (or be postmarked on or before this date, for nominations submitted by post). The prize will be drawn on Saturday night, and competitors do not need to be present to collect this particular prize.

#### 5.2. Fish Category Prizes

The competitor with the longest weighed-in fish in each fish category listed in 3.3.1 will receive a prize. Prizes are awarded at the presentation held at Midday on Sunday 3 October 2021. There are separate categories for senior competitors and junior competitors in each Fish Category – competitors are only eligible for prizes within their age category. Competitors must present their nomination card to collect their prize. MRFSA may ask for proof of ID before handing over prizes.

##### 5.2.1. Tied/Drawn Category

Where, at the conclusion of the competition, two or more competitors in a category have drawn for first place (i.e. they have both weighed in an equal length fish larger than any others in their category) the prize money will be split between the competitors at the discretion of the MRFSA.

#### 5.3. Lucky Draw Fish Categories

For each species listed in 3.3.2 a lucky draw will be held. When a competitor presents one of the species, they will be given an entry into that species draw. Only one (1) entry per competitor per species is permitted. There are separate draws for senior competitors and junior competitors – competitors are only eligible for the draw in their age category.

**5.3.1. Catfish:** spikes must be removed before presenting catfish to the weigh-in tent. It is the competitors responsibility to dispose of catfish after entry.

#### 5.4. Special Categories

These Categories are Open to all ages.

**5.4.1. Ladies Longest:** Awarded to the female competitor who weighed in the longest fish of any species from any other female competitors.

**5.4.2. Trifecta:** A prize will be awarded to the competitor who has the longest combined length of their longest Saratoga (3.3.1.2), their longest Barramundi (3.3.1.1) and their longest Yellowbelly (3.3.1.5)

**6. Boundaries:** All fish are to be caught in the Mackenzie River/Bedford Weir.

#### 7. Size, take and possession (Bag) Limits

Size, take and possession limits for fresh waters (including the Mackenzie River) are specified by the Queensland Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to ensure they are not exceeding these limits. All nomination cards provided give an indication of these limits as a guide only. Visit the DAFF website for full details.

**8. Cancellation:** All entrants will be entitled to a full refund of the nomination costs only in the event of the competition being cancelled.

**9.** All persons operating boats must follow all current Queensland Department of Transport Regulations.

**10.** The competition is BYO Alcohol, however MRFSA would ask that no glass be brought into the area, and would remind all competitors that it is an offence to supply alcohol to minors.

**11.** The Mackenzie River Fish Stocking Association accepts no liability for injury, loss, damage of any person or property in the course of excursion, whether such injury or loss is due, or alleged to be due to any neglect or default of the Mackenzie River Fish Stocking Association or of any official or agent thereof, and all competitors fully understand that in so participating, they do so entirely at their own risk and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations.

**Any action, incident, or situation not covered by these Rules shall be determined by the management of the Mackenzie River Fish Stocking Association if or when those conditions arise. Their decision will be FINAL.**