

# Barra Trophy Kayak Rules – 2011

## SUMMARY

Barra Trophy Kayak events are designed to offer kayak anglers a competitive arena to fish for barramundi.

These events are team's events, with two anglers to fish in close proximity to another in either two single kayaks or one tandem kayak. Each team's aim is to catch three barra, on artificial offerings, in each session.

### Entry Details

- Entry Fees \$165 (GST inc) per team per event.
- One member of each team **must** be a current financial member of ABT.
- Entry forms and ABT membership forms can be downloaded from [australianbarra.com.au](http://australianbarra.com.au).
- Entries must be received by ABT, fully filled out and accompanied by payment option, no later than **one week prior** to the event
- Late Entry Fees can be paid for at the briefing, however only cash payments will be accepted (No Cheques). This will also incur a \$15 late fee (Total \$180)
- Late Entries may not receive a goody bag of sponsored products.

### Registration and Briefing

See **Event Information** for briefing timings and locations.

Registration will open one hour prior to the stated briefing time. Anglers must register, and show membership status and SIPs as required. Late Entries must be submitted prior to the briefing.

Attending the briefing is compulsory, for at least one team member.

### Kayak Checkout

- Checkout location will be identified at the briefing.
- Prior to each session, both members of each team must go to the checkout location together to have their kayaks checked by an official.
- The official will check kayaks, PFDs, and lights (if required) all meet the tournament safety requirements. Once approved, the team is given their key-tag.
- Officials reserve the right to disallow unsafe boats to compete.
- Navigation lights are required only in sessions that start before sunrise or finish after sunset. Boats will not be allowed to start these sessions without fully functioning and compliant lights.

### Starts

- Session 1 will start once all teams have been checked out. A shotgun style start will see all competitors start at the same time.

### Session 2 and 3

The second and third sessions will be run as a chase start. That is, the team placed in first position after Session 1 and then Session 2 will be released first, then the second placed team and so on until all boats are released.

- All competitors must make their way to their desired spots by pedal or paddle power.
- Each team of anglers are to fish together during session times, no further than 200m apart for safety and fish verification purposes. This includes at the end of the events when getting the tag back to the board.
- In order to easily identify teams, each team is to wear either matching shirts or headwear or both.
- Scoring will be based on each team's best three fish each session, added together over all sessions for their final total length.

### **Measuring, Photographing and Recording Captures.**

- Upon capture, teams may elect to raft up, or tow their fish to a bank to carry out recording of captures.
- The measuring mat must be placed on a reasonably flat surface. The fish must be placed with its closed mouth up against the upright end of the mat. Measurements are rounded up to the nearest centimetre.
- A session ID token (which will be in the team folder) must be located in the picture, near the head of the fish. One photograph is to be taken of the fish on the mat, showing the whole length of the fish. Measurements must be clearly visible. If Officials are unable to clearly ID the length of fish or ID Token, the fish will not be eligible to count to your score.  
A second photo must be taken of the angler who caught the fish holding it.
- Several photographs may be taken of each the two required images, to ensure you get good results.
- Fish must be released in good condition to be eligible for scoring.
- Please make sure memory or SD cards are cleared of any other images prior to the event. So that officials can quickly download and verify your captures. Do not clear the card between sessions.
- Teams must record their capture in the team folder and hand it in with their memory cards at the end of each session.

### **End of Session Requirements**

- Teams finish each session by placing the key tag in the appropriate position on the tag mat **before** the session finishes. Teams placing their key tag on the tag mat after the finish time will incur penalties. Each team will be penalised 10cm per minute, up to 15 minutes after the allocated finish time. At that point, the teams' catches will be disqualified for that session.
- Teams are to return their Team Folder containing **catch sheets** and **digital camera media card** to the Barra Trophy staff at the Key tag location at the end of each session. Once processed, these will be collected from Barra Trophy staff, at checkout prior to the next session.
- Barra Trophy staff will not be manning the start/finish station until one hour prior to the end of the session. So if a team wishes to finish a session early than that, please hand your key tag and team folder to another team, so officials will know of your situation. For safety and insurance reasons, staff need to be able to account for all teams at the end of each session.

### **Fishing Rules**

- All anglers must fish within the current QLD Freshwater Fisheries guidelines and must be in possession of Stocked Impoundment Permit (SIPS) if required.

- Anglers may fish any line class.
- Artificial lures and flies only to be used, trolling or casting is permitted
- Only one rod per angler is allowed to be used at any one time. This includes instances where one rod is snagged and the angler picks up another rod to fish with. The angler is considered to be using two rods and will be disqualified for that session.
- Fishing is NOT permitted within any defined non-boating or non-fishing areas.
- Anglers may leave their kayak during a session to fish off the bank, or to land and measure fish, or as required. However no angler can be further than 50m from their kayak at anytime during a session.

### **KAKAK SPECIFICATIONS**

- Sit on and sit-in kayaks are allowed
- No combustion, sail or electric propulsion allowed.
- Canoes are not allowed.
- Outriggers are allowed.
- Tandem kayaks are allowed,

### **SAFETY**

- All competitors are to wear a PFD type 1 at all times.
- Competitors may use mobile phones for safety reasons only, but not to Communicate fishing information.
- Anglers are to stay within 200m of their team mate at all times during a session.
- All anglers are to be accounted for at the end of each session. Teams are to ensure their key tags are on the board at the end of each session, or if they finish a session early, pass their key tag and folder to another team
- Barra Yakkers sportsmanship would dictate that care of fellow competitors is of utmost importance. If an angler is in distress it is expected that other competitors will assist.

### **Boundaries**

- Boundaries for each event will be clearly marked. As the Barra Yakkers events are run concurrently with a Barra Trophy event, for safety reasons Boaters and Yakkers must stay within their boundaries.

- All rules are applied as interpreted by the Tournament Director, and the Director's decision is final.

### **PRIZES**

#### **Cash and Product Prizes**

Any trophies, cash and product prizes will be award to teams, not individuals. Therefore, the limits stated are team's limits. The best 3 barra per session will contribute to the teams score. If two teams finish with the same length of barra for a tournament, the count back will go to the team with the longest barra, if this is the same it will go to the team who caught the longest barra first.

## Big Barra Prizes

In each event there will be three 'Big Barra Prizes awarded.

Big Barra Senior  
Big Barra Ladies  
Big Barra Junior

These will go to the longest barra of the tournament in each category. If there is a tie in length, the count back will go to the first person to catch the longest barra.

\*Junior – Under 16 years old on the first day of the event.

## PREFISH BAN

There will be a prefish ban in place from Midnight the night prior to the event.

## Landing Nets/Lip Grips

Teams must land and handle their fish carefully to avoid undue stress to the fish. Lip grips or nets may be used. Nets must be of rubber-meshed or 'Environet' style. Knotted nets are not allowed.

## The Fine Print

- Minimum Age of competitors is 10 years old on the first day of the event. Each team must have at least one angler over the age of 18 years old on the first day of the event.
- It is expected that Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming a professional sportsperson. Behaviour that will reflect unfavourably on Barra Trophy Tournaments, ABT, its members, representatives and sponsors will subject the angler's catch to penalty or disqualification.
- Any complaints regarding a breach of the rules must be addressed to the on-site Tournament Director **within 30 minutes of the end of the session** in which the incident occurred.
- All results will be made available to competitors prior to the presentation, via printouts or on swing tags. If you believe there is an error, or that there may be a problem, it must be addressed to an official immediately. There is no point making a complaint after the presentation.
- Tournament staff will encourage Fisheries and Boating Officers to attend all Trophy Barra Events to police safety regulations, registration, relevant boating legislation as well as alcohol and drug laws.
- Anglers are not to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while competing. ABT reserves the right to request a blood alcohol test prior to the start, or at the completion of a fishing session.
- Any images submitted for capture verification become the rights of Barra Trophy Officials to be used for promotional purposes. If you do not wish for your images to be used further, please advise officials.

Penalties for rule and conduct violations may include the following:

- i. 50cm penalty from your session's catch
- ii. Disqualification of entire catch for the session
- iii. Disqualification from the tournament
- iv. Disqualification from future Barra Yakkers events

- Any concerns regarding clarification of rules can be discussed with officials BEFORE the start of the tournament.

- Barra Yakkers events are ABT Affiliated events run by Matt Fraser and Ian Baker. Any entry and membership enquiries can be made to ABT on (07) 3387 0888 during business hours. Any further Barra Yakkers enquiries to Matt Fraser on 0407 132 153 during business hours.

## **Event Information**

### **Monduran Barra Yakkers Trophy 1&2 October 2011**

- All anglers competing at Monduran Dam must be in possession of a Stocked Impoundment Permit (SIP), these must be presented at the registration.

**Briefing** – to be held at the MASA Stocking shed Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sep at 8.30pm

**Registration** – From 7pm

**Session One** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 6.30am – 11.30am (**Checkout** from 5.30am)

**Session Two** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1.30pm – 6.30pm

**Session Three** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 6.30am – 11.30am

**Presentation** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 1pm – location TBA

**Out of Bounds** – The buoy line around the Dam Wall. No part of your vessel or fishing tackle, including your lure may pass inside the buoy line.

**Start/Finish/Checkout location** – TBA at Briefing

**Fishing Boundaries** – As this event is being run concurrently with the Barra Trophy Event, Barra Trophy Kayak teams are restricted to fishing the main basin, SDA bay and Bird Bay. Barra Trophy Boaters will be restricted from fishing these areas. However they will be passing through the main basin at the end of each session.

Details on boundaries for the end of the main basin and Bird bay will be highlighted at the briefing.