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## **BREAM Qualifying Series 2012 Rules**

### **Entry Fees: BREAM Qualifier**

**\$200 (GST included) – Boater (PRO Option +\$100)**

**\$100 (GST included) – NonBoater (PRO Option +\$100)**

Prize Money is calculated for a field of 100 anglers (50 boaters, 50 non-boaters & 20 pros) and will be adjusted up or down according to the number of entries. Boater payouts are calculated 1 in 5 entries, while Pro payouts are calculated 1 in 4 entries.

### **Boater Prize Pool Breakdown**

Regular Payouts	
1st	\$3,200
2nd	\$1,600
3rd	\$1,200
4th	\$900
5th	\$800
6th	\$600
7th	\$500
8th	\$400
9th	\$400
10th	\$400
Big Bream	\$500

### **Pro Prize Pool Breakdown**

1st	\$800
2nd	\$500
3rd	\$300
4th	\$200
5th	\$200

**+ Product Prize Pool \$5,000**

### **Pre Entry Requirements**

- All anglers participating in BREAM events must be current, financial members of ABT. Membership or rule enquiries to ABT on (07) 3387 0888 during business hours.
- Anglers should use the entry form found in the 2012 ABT Tournament Angler Guide and on the [www.bream.com.au](http://www.bream.com.au) website.
- Entries to the BREAM tournaments will be filed in order of receipt of correctly completed entry forms and payment. Entering as a boater guarantees a place in the tournament (at the least as a non boater), where non-boaters are placed with boaters on a first-come, first served basis.



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- Entry is guaranteed for boaters/non-boaters whose entries are received on the same entry form and with full payment before the close of entries. If either the boater or nonboater withdraws, guaranteed entry for the other angler is then revoked.
- All entry forms must be accompanied by payment to be processed. Entries without payment will be discarded. It is the responsibility of the competitor to contact ABT if their entry is not listed. All competitors must fill out an entry form, including sponsors and credit vouchers.
- No late additions to entries will be considered as a team entry. For example do not ring up and say, “I forgot to enter as Joe Blow’s nonboater,” or “I forgot to enter Joe Blow as my non-boater”. If after the close of entries the listings are unbalanced between Boaters and Non Boaters, ABT reserves to right to permit competitors to guarantee their status.
- Cancellation of an entry before the closing date will result in a refund or entry credits. Cancellation of an entry after the closing date will incur a 20% cancellation fee.

**n.b. Cancellation of an entry on the prefish day will result in the forfeit of all the entry fee, regardless of the reason.**

- Entries received after the closing date may be declined or incur a 20% late fee.
- Anglers must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the tournament.
- There will be a practice fishing ban for all competition waterways and linked systems from dawn on the Monday week prior to the competition until dawn on the Thursday\Friday immediately before the tournament. For instance, if a Qualifier tournament is held over the weekend of Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of a month, the pre-fish ban will extend from dawn on Monday the 8th until dawn on Friday the 19th.

### **BREAM Events**

- BREAM Events are contested by a field of equal numbers of boat-driving anglers (Pros) and co-angling passengers. Each competition day, non-boaters are randomly paired with boaters.
- Boaters will fish for cash prizes, while nonboaters will fish for sponsor prizes. Both are eligible for the Big Bream cheque.



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- BREAM boats must be 3.7m in length or greater. Horsepower and beam must be sufficient to plane the craft with two anglers and full livewell/s. 20hp is considered the minimum to achieve this. All engines must be fitted with a kill switch and safety lanyard.
- All outboards must not exceed the maximum horsepower rating stipulated on the boat's compliance plate.
- Boat drivers must wear their engine's safety lanyard strap that connects to the kill switch at all times while the engine is running. Additionally, all competitors are required to wear a PFD Type 1 while the boat is planing. All jackets worn must comply with required standards as outlined by the relevant waterway authority.
- All boats must have a minimum 60 litres of live well with an aerator or recirculating pump installed and functioning. Live wells must be insulated if above deck, and no Nally bins, garbage bins or fish tubs will be accepted.
- Non-boaters must supply their own personal flotation device (PFD) for use in competitions.
- All boaters must ensure an ABT official has received a copy of their current boat insurance policy before competing. This can be faxed to ABT at any time on (07)3387 0889.

## Starts

### **Briefing**

At the pre-event briefing, boats will be allocated a starting position for Day 1 that is determined by the receipt of a fully completed and paid entry. **It is a requirement of entry that all anglers must attend the briefing.** Failure to do so will result in a starting position penalty regardless of reason for absence. Briefings start at 6.00pm the evening prior to day 1. Competitors are required to pre-register at the briefing location BEFORE the 6.00pm start, late-comers may be subject to penalty after this time.

Everyday prior to the start-time, competitors must go to the pre-arranged location to have their boats checked by an ABT official. The official will check that the live well is empty and the safety gear/lanyard meets the tournament safety requirements. Once the boat is



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approved, the angler is given their key-tag with their start position number. ABT reserves the right to disallow unsafe boats (for either anglers or fish) to compete.

### **Day 1**

After the boat has been checked and approved, anglers are to position themselves according to their key-tag number in preparation for the tournament start. An ABT Official will announce the beginning of the tournament by calling out the starting numbers. Once your number is called, raise your arm to notify your position and idle past the start location until you reach the take-off zone.

### **Day 2**

Day 2 start order will be a 'chase-start' and is determined by the placings after Day 1 results. The boater that placed in first position after Day 1 will be allocated the first key tag and starting position, the second placed boat will have the second starting position and so on. Then the same start process as Day 1 will begin the second day of the tournament. ABT reserves the right to modify the chase-start to suit a weigh-in with split finishing times in the instance, for example 50+ boat fields.

### **Fishing Rules**

- It is the responsibility of all competitors to obtain necessary angler permits or licences as demanded by the waterway in the state being fished. ABT will not allow a competitor to continue in the tournament without the legal licenses and permits. All documents should be brought to the briefing and shown at pre-registration.
- Anglers may fish any line class with spin, baitcast, spincast or flyfishing tackle.
- Trolling is not permitted - Lure and fly CASTING only. Trolling is defined as using the momentum of the boat to give the lure action. Casting along a stretch of bank under electric power is permitted if using the power to keep position. However, when altering boating position, do not leave your lines in the water. ABT Staff reserve the right to disqualify anglers deemed to be purposely trolling in defiance of the spirit of BREEM events.



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- Any speed restrictions, non-boating or non-fishing areas must be adhered to; failure to do this will result in either disqualification from the session, and or the tournament and a maximum penalty of 750 grams may be applied.
- Fishing is NOT permitted within any defined non-boating or non-fishing areas. If asked to leave a private marina or oyster lease, you must do so.
- Only live bream are eligible for tournament points (yellowfin, black and pikey).
- Fish must be caught during the designated times and kept in the Boaters' livewells.
- No more than five bream per angler are allowed to be kept at any one time. If you already have five fish and catch another, immediately release a fish. Anglers caught fishing with more than the BREAM bag limit will be immediately disqualified and ABT staff reserve the right to check boats live wells during competition hours.
- Anglers may only use one rod at a time while fishing all BREAM events. This includes such cases as when a lure is snagged but still attached to the rod, anglers can not pick up another rod and begin casting - this would constitute using two rods.
- All pairs of anglers are to stay with each other during tournament fishing times to ensure safety and to validate co-anglers' catches. Anglers are not permitted to fish from outside their fishing vessels at any time during sessions, including fighting and landing fish.
- ABT reserves the right to place camerapersons/ or media on boats and swap non-boater positions to accommodate this need.
- In the case of physical or medical emergencies, ABT officials will judge the acceptability of catches.
- Any complaints regarding a breach of the rules must be addressed to the on-site Tournament Director within 24hrs of specific incidents. Penalties for rule and conduct violations may include the following:
  - i. Disqualification of catch for the day
  - ii. Disqualification from the tournament
  - iii. Disqualification from future ABT events
  - iv. A maximum penalty of 750 grams may be applied.



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

### **Code of Conduct**

- During fishing sessions, no mobile phones or radios should be used, except in an emergency or to communicate with ABT staff.
- Non-boaters should bring their own PFD to tournaments.
- Boats should remain a cast apart (30metres) while fishing.
- ABT sportsmanship would dictate that care of fellow competitors is of utmost importance. If an angler or boat is in distress it is expected that other competitors will assist. Remember that safety is more important than your day's catch.
- ABT will encourage Fisheries and Boating Officers to attend all ABT tournaments 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. Legally required blood alcohol levels must be adhered to, and ABT reserves the right to request a blood alcohol test prior to the start of competition.
- It is expected that Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming a professional sportsperson. Behaviour that will reflect unfavourably on ABT, its members, representatives and sponsors will subject the angler's catch to penalty or disqualification.

### **Weigh-in procedure and Points Scoring**

- Anglers will finish a session by placing the key back on the appropriate peg before the session finishes. Anglers placing their key on the peg after the session finish time will incur a weight penalty. Generally ABT officials are NOT permitted to place the key tag for anglers
  - it must be placed by either competitor in the boat.



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- Tags not returned by the allotted weigh-in time will be penalised at the rate of 50 grams per minute per angler. If a boat returns later than 15 minutes after weigh-in time both anglers will be penalised 750 grams and all fish caught will not be weighed. It is the angler's responsibility to allow enough time to ensure the key tag is placed before the allotted time. There will be NO exceptions to this regardless of circumstance.
- Anglers are requested to retrieve their boats and trailer them to the defined weigh-in area adjacent to the BREAM stage, or to proceed to the on-water weigh-in site. Bream will be weighed in order of arrival. Details of the weigh-in site and times will be established during the briefing prior to the start of the event.
- Each angler may bring in five bream per session to the weigh-in, except in Shared Weight events, where the anglers drawn together will bring a collective bag of five bream.
- Bream must be the state's legal length to the fork of the tail to qualify for weighing. The fish's mouth must be closed while measuring.  
Any variations to this will be announced at the briefing.
- Bream will be weighed collectively with "Big Bream" candidates weighed individually.  
Note: that it is the angler's responsibility to identify these fish to the weighmaster.
- Boater and non-boater catches will be scored on separate scoreboards as both divisions are fishing for different prizes.
- Boaters will fish for entry into the boater division of the BREAM Grand Final and nonboaters will fish for entry into the non-boater division of the BREAM Grand Final.
- Dead fish, or those unable to swim away from the release point (as deemed by ABT officials) will not score points. At all times, bream are the responsibility of individual anglers.
- Boats that start in an incorrect order will be penalized, in a decision to be made by tournament officials. Boats missing their call-up must wait until all boats have left to be started by ABT staff.
- Boats can return to the weigh - in earlier than the allotted time, however, that is all the anglers in that craft can fish for the day.



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- Ties will be settled by countback. The angler with the largest and subsequent largest bag will gain the higher place, otherwise the first angler to reach their score gains the higher place.

### **Angler of the Year Awards**

The BREAM Angler of the Year is the most prestigious award a BREAM angler can achieve in their state division. It rewards the angler who is the most consistent highly placed angler throughout the BREAM rounds, with points per round allocated according to placing. The first placed angler in each event receives 100 points, and each place below that receives one less point. Anglers do not need to catch a fish to receive AOY points, however, they do need to fish both days in an event to score. This rewards anglers who have made the effort to attend and fish events to the best of their ability. Note that a negative score will impact on AOY points. Anglers completing a competition with negative points will be placed below anglers scoring zero points in AOY calculations.

- Anglers catching no fish for a tournament will incur a 10 AOY point penalty to reward anglers who have landed a fish during a tournament.
- Anglers with zero points will score equal BREAM AOY points.
- AOY points ties will be settled by countback. The angler with the best performance in the most recent event will gain the higher placing.
- The 2012 BREAM AOY Title will be calculated on the best 4-from-8 event scores.
- There will an AOY Title awarded to both boaters and non-boaters.

### **National BREAM Rankings**

The National BREAM Rankings has been devised to rank anglers against each other from different states and different events in a current snapshot.

### **BREAM RANKINGS FORMULA**

- The Rankings will only measure data from individual events – not teams events.
- The Rankings will include the latest two years' worth of data.





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- BREAM Qualifiers, Australian Open (boaters only) and Grand Final events will be counted.
- The ABR will use an angler's best 5 events per year from that two year period.
- Bonus points will be awarded for finishing in the top five anglers.

### **BREAM GF/ AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

- The Grand Final will award 50 points (1st) through 1 point (50th) for the event.
- The top four anglers will also receive bonus points – 1st 20, 2nd 10, 3rd 7, 4th 4.
- Therefore, points are;

1st 70

2nd 59

3rd 55

4th 51

5th 46

6th 45

7th 44

8th 43

9th 42

10th 41 and so on.

### **BREAM QUALIFIERS**

- BREAM Qualifiers will award 30 points (1st) through 1 point (29th).
- The top 5 will receive bonus points per their position (10 for 1st through 2 for 5th – 10/8/6/4/2).
- Therefore, Qualifier points are:

1st 40

2nd 37

3rd 34

4th 31



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- 5th 28
- 6th 24
- 7th 23
- 8th 22
- 9th 21 and so on.

**National BREAM Grand Final**

The National BREAM Grand Final will be contested between qualifying anglers that receive entry through the BREAM Qualifying events and the AOY points table. All declined Grand Final spots will be passed to the next angler in-line from AOY.

In 2012, the National BREAM Grand Final will be contested between the following anglers;

	Boaters	Nonboaters
Event Qualifiers (x 8 events)	5 (40)	5 (40)
AOY points (top 9)	9	9
2011 BREAM GF Winner	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>