

## The Hobie Kayak Bream Series 2014 – Presented by Daiwa

The Hobie Kayak Bream Series is designed to offer kayak anglers a competitive framework under the ABT umbrella. These competitions are cast and retrieve, lure and fly only, and involve bringing your heaviest legal bream alive back to the weigh-in. The series culminates in the Hobie Kayak Bream Series Grand Final, where qualifying competitors will fish in identical sponsor-provided kayaks on a totally level playing field.

The Hobie Kayak Bream series will have its own qualifying rounds, rankings, payouts and prize schedule.

### Summary

- Consists of one and two day events which are pre-entry or enter-on-the-day.
- Two day events will be a two day combined bag tournaments.
- *Please note the additional charge for entering on the day of the event.*
- \$50 for early payment or \$90 on the day or after the early payment cut-off date for single day events.
- \$100 for early payment or \$140 on the day or after the early payment cut-off date for two-day events.
- All anglers participating in these events must be current, financial members of ABT. Membership or rule enquiries to ABT on (07) 3387 0888 during business hours.
- 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.
- 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.  
**Nb** Cancellation of an entry on the pre-fish or Navigation day will result in the forfeit of the entire entry fee, regardless of the reason.
- Anglers must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the tournament.

### Registration and Briefing

At the registration and pre-event briefing, anglers will be allocated a starting position for the competition day that is determined by the receipt of a fully completed and paid entry.

- Registration, Briefing, Start and Finish of competition times will vary from event to event. Please read the info sheet relevant to each event to confirm times.
- The tournament registration will be on the morning of the competition and a tournament briefing will be 15 minutes prior to the start of the event. *See event information sheets for exact briefing times.*
- Competitors are required to register with the tournament officials BEFORE the competition briefing.
- **It is a requirement of entry that all anglers must attend the briefing.** Failure to do so will result in an angler starting in the last position available regardless of reason for absence.
  - **Registration, briefing and start times will be posted on the event info sheets as some rounds may have different start and finish times.**
- Each competition day prior to the start-time, competitors must go to the pre-arranged location to have their kayaks checked by an ABT official. The official will check that the live well is empty and the safety equipment meets the tournament safety requirements. Once the kayak is approved, the angler is given their key-tag with their start position number. ABT reserves the right to disallow unsafe kayaks to compete.

*The Grand Final will have the Registration and Briefing the evening before Day one of the tournament.*

## Start and finish of competition

- Prepaid anglers will start first (in order of entry) followed by all the anglers who have entered on the day.
- Anglers that have paid entry into the competition on the day will all start together after the prepaid anglers have started.
- Any angler that is not in attendance at the briefing will need to be briefed prior to competing. \* This angler briefing may be after all other anglers have been released started competing if the event official can't find time before hand.
- Hobie and ABT have the discretion to change the start order and procedure.
- All competitors must make their way to their desired spots by pedal or paddle-power.
- Competitors must have their key tags on the board by the nominated finish time. Failure to do so will result in time penalties at the rate of 50mm per minute (or part thereof) late and disqualification of the bag for returns over 15 minutes late.
- Any late penalties will be deducted from Big Bream prize calculations as well as the overall bag weight.
- For the Grand final two-day event the first day start will be announced at the briefing and the second day start order will be a reverse chasing start.

## Day 1

After the kayak has been checked and approved, anglers are to position themselves according to their key-tag number in preparation for the tournament start. An event 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 pedal or paddle past and through the start location. *ABT and Hobie have the discretion to change the start order and procedure.*

## Day 2

Day 2 start order will be a 'reverse chase-start' and is determined by the anglers placing after Day 1 results have been posted. The angler that placed in first position after Day 1 will be allocated the last key tag and starting position, the second placed boat will have the second highest 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 start to suit a weigh-in with split finishing times etc., for example 50+ kayak fields. ABT and Hobie have the discretion to change the start order and procedure.*

## Pre-Fish Bans

- A pre-fish ban means anglers are not allowed on competition waterways and linked systems for ANY REASON. Please refer to the specific event information sheet for details.
- During the prefish ban no contestant may be on tournament waters, and no person may be on tournament waters to locate fish or gain fishing information on a contestant's behalf.
- Please refer to the specific event information sheet for details of pre-fish bans.
- A practice navigation day may be nominated by the event organisers. Please refer to the specific event information sheet for details.
- The Grand Final location will have no less than a one month total pre-fish ban on that waterway before the event.

## 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.
- Competitors must abide by all state fishing and boating regulations.
- During the prefish ban no contestant may be on tournament waters, and no person may be on tournament waters to locate fish or gain fishing information on a contestant's behalf.
- Anglers may fish any line class with spin, baitcast, spincast or fly fishing tackle.
- Trolling is not permitted - lure and fly CASTING only. Trolling is defined as using the momentum of a propelled kayak to give the lure action. Casting along a stretch of bank under pedal or paddle power is

permitted if using the pedal or paddle power to keep position. However, when altering kayak 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.
- Drift fishing is allowed.
- Dragging of kayaks across sand bars and shallow water:
  - Kayaks can be dragged across a sand bar that is covered by water during a high tide.
  - Kayaks cannot be dragged across or over any object, bank or structure that is not covered by water during the high tide cycle in the tournament arena.
- Anglers are not permitted to fish from outside their fishing vessels at any time during sessions, including fighting and landing fish.
- Any 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.
- Fish must be caught during the designated times and kept in the kayakers' livewells.
  - Once an angler has caught their limit and they then catch another fish they must immediately release one of their fish. Anglers caught fishing with more than the competition defined BREEM bag limit will be immediately disqualified and ABT staff reserve the right to check kayak live wells during competition hours.
- Anglers may only use one rod at a time while fishing all BREEM events. This includes such cases as when a lure is snagged but still attached to the rod, anglers cannot pick up another rod and begin casting - this would constitute using two rods.
- ABT reserves the right to place cameras/ or media devices on the kayaks.
- In the case of physical or medical emergencies, ABT officials will judge the acceptability of catches and reserve the right to weigh in or refuse early weighing of fish.
- 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:
  - Disqualification of catch for the day.
  - Disqualification from the tournament.
  - Disqualification from future ABT events.
  - A maximum penalty of 750 grams may be applied.
- Any concerns regarding clarification of rules can be discussed with the ABT officials BEFORE the start of the tournament.

## Conduct

- During fishing sessions, no mobile phones or radios should be used, except in an emergency or to communicate with ABT staff.
- Kayaks 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.
- Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavourably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules, or which fail to comply with the standards set forth in the first sentence of this section. This includes verbal communication and social media.
- In the case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, ABT shall have the right to refuse an application to compete, to deny a confirmed application to compete by returning the entry fee (minus deposit) or to disqualify a contestant.
- 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 too, 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 tag back on the appropriate board location before the session finishes. Anglers placing their key on the key tag board 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 on the key tag board by the anglers.
- Tags not returned by the allotted weigh-in time will be penalised at the rate of 50 grams per minute. If a kayak angler returns later than 15 minutes after weigh-in time the angler 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.
- The bag limit for most Bream events is three, with the following possible exceptions. Some rounds may have a four fish limit, this is however subject to the Tournament Director. E.G. if a round is four fish limit and the temperature is forecast is predicted to be high (e.g. 35 degrees) the Tournament Director may elect to run with a three fish limit. Please read the info sheet relevant to the specific tournament.

**The 2014 rounds that have been nominated for a four fish limit are:**

R10	-	Redcliffe, QLD
R11	-	Gold Coast, QLD
R12	-	Mooloolabah, QLD

### *Any variations to this will be announced at the briefing.*

- Bream must be the minimum state legal length, plus 1cm (QLD – 26cm, NSW – 26cm, VIC-29cm, SA-29cm, WA-26cm) and will be measured to the tip rather than to fork. For example the legal state length in Queensland is 25cm to the tip, this will mean that in a QLD Daiwa-Hobie rounds the minimal legal length will be 26cm to the tip. The same rule of state legal size, plus 1cm will be applied in all states. Any undersized fish weighed in will be disqualified from the angler's bag.
- Only live bream are eligible for tournament points (yellowfin, black and pikey).
- The fish's mouth must be closed while measuring.
- Bream will be weighed in order of angler arrival to the bump tub line up.
- Details of the weigh-in site and times will be established during the briefing prior to the start of the event.
- Each angler may weigh up to the session maximum bag limit of bream.
- 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 weigh master.
- If the angler believes the weight that is represented by the scales is wrong they can request the scales be re-tared and the bag reweighed. If this is the case the angler must then take the second weight regardless of whether it is heavier or lighter than the first weight that was recorded.
- Dead fish, or those unable to swim away from the release point (as deemed by ABT officials) will be reweighed and deducted from the anglers' bag weight. At all times, bream are the responsibility of individual anglers.
- Anglers must release the fish in a humane way so the fish are not harmed and have the best survival rate possible. This means at some weigh-in locations the angler must walk into knee deep water to release their fish safely. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- Kayaks that start in an incorrect order will be penalized, in a decision to be made by tournament officials. Anglers missing their call-up must wait until all boats have left to be started by ABT staff.
- Kayak anglers can return to the weigh in earlier than the allotted time, however, that is all the angler in that vessel can fish for the day.
- Ties will be settled by count back. The angler with the largest and subsequent largest bag will gain the higher place.\*

## What is a Kayak?

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

## Safety

- All competitors are to wear Australian Standards PFD type 1 at all times.
- All competitors must return their key-tag to the tag board when they return to the event site before the allocated finish time.
- Organisers will search for late returns.
- Competitors may use mobile phones for safety reasons, but not to communicate fishing information.
- ABT and the organisers reserve the right to reduce the fishing arena, change start or finish of completion times, postpone or cancel an event if they deem necessary.

## Fish handling process

- Wet anything that the fish will touch (hands, net, measuring device).
- Land your fish properly using a net. Avoid handling fish by their delicate gills.
- Release or place your fish in the boat's livewell as quickly as possible.
- Repeat for all fish caught.

## Prizes

N.B. Classic prizes and payouts vary per event. The prize pool payout structure will be paid back on a 1 in 5 ratio. In a 50 angler field, prizes will be paid down to 10th place with a \$3450 prize pool.

For example:

Place	Prize \$
1st	\$1000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$500
3rd	\$400
4th	\$350
5th	\$300
6th	\$250
7th	\$200
8th	\$150
9th	\$100
10th	\$100
Big Bream	\$100
Total	\$3450

***Late fees do not count towards the prize pools.***

## Pro up Option

- For an additional \$20 anglers can enter the 'Pro' division and compete amongst other Pro optioning anglers for an additional side pot of cash. Pro entries can only be paid for with cash, and will be paid out with 100% payback and with a 1 in 4 ratio.
- E.g. If 8 angler's option up, the top two will share in the \$180 Pro Pool.

## Big Bream

A Hogs Breath sponsored \$100 big bream prize will be awarded at each Daiwa Hobie Kayak Bream Series event and will be known as the Hogs Breath Boss Hog.

## Grand Final

- Slots will be available for the 2014 Daiwa Hobie Kayak Bream Series Grand Final via qualifying rounds.
- The winner of the 2013 Daiwa Hobie Bream Grand Final will be given a wildcard to the 2014 Grand Final.
- All Grand Finalists will fish from supplied, identical Hobie kayaks, ensuring a level playing field.
- Anglers provide their own tackle and safety gear for the Grand Final event.
- Hobie reserves the right to invite extra Wildcard anglers to the 2014 Grand Final.
- Declined places will be offered to the next down the list from that event.
- Declined invitations will be offered to the next in line up to four times, or zero fish, if any more than four bumps are required, the next invitation will be based on ABT and Hobie's sole discretion.

Qualification for the Grand Final will be done on a per round basis and will be as follows:

▪ State Qualifiers	-	4 spots
▪ Regular Qualifiers	-	2 spots
▪ WORLDS qualifiers	-	2 spots
▪ WA Bream Kayak Grand Final	-	1 Spot
▪ SBS Grand Final	-	2 Spots
▪ GTS Kayak North Grand Final	-	2 Spots
▪ 2013 Kayak Bream Grand Final winner	-	1 Spot
▪ 2013 BREAM Non Boater Grand Final winner	-	1 Spot
▪ Wild Cards as per ABT and Hobie	-	TBA

**Once the total event boat number has been allocated extra Grand Final spots will be made available to anglers based on Bream Kayak Rankings as of the last qualifying round for 2014.**

## Bream Kayak Rankings

- Rankings, rather than Angler of the Year, reward consistent performance over a two year period.
- The top four rankings points from year one and the top four points from year two, will determine an angler's Rankings score. At the Kayak Bream Grand Final 70 points will be allocated, for Worlds events 50 points, and at standard events 40 points. The top 4 (GF) and 5 (Worlds) receive bonus points per their position.
- At the Grand Final 70 points will be allocated and at standard events 40 points. The top 4 Grand Finalists receive bonus points per their position.

Rankings points are allocated as follows:

Place	Grand Final	Worlds Qualifier	Standard Round
1st	70	50	40
2nd	59	47	37
3rd	55	44	34
4th	51	41	31
5th	46	38	28
6th	45	34	24
7th	44	33	23
8th	43	32	22
9th	42	31	21
10th	etc.	etc.	etc.

## **Bream Kayak Angler of the Year (AOY)**

- Angler of the Year points and rankings Points will be calculated on event results.
- Points from each BREAM Kayak event will be allocated according to placing.
  - 1st 100 points
  - 2nd 99 points etc. etc.
- Anglers not catching a limit will be awarded 10 less points than the last placed fish catching anglers.
- The BREAM Kayak Angler of the Year will be awarded to the angler with the highest collation of points from their best five events at the end of the Qualifying events.
- Angler of the Year ties will be settled by a count back with the placing going to the highest placed angler in the last event of the series.

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