

# 2026 LOWANCE NATIVE CLASSIC

10-11<sup>th</sup> October 2026

## Fishing Ban

Fishing, boating, sounding of competition waters is banned to all competitors from **5pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026** until official Pre-Fish commences. **Teams CAN NOT** have other people outside of the competition Pre-Fish the Lake on their behalf during the Fishing Ban.

## Pre-Fish

Pre-Fish from 7.00am to 4.00pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026. ENTRANTS ONLY permitted in boat during the Pre-Fish. Team members must fish together and from the one boat during the Pre-Fish.

NO FISHING is allowed by entrants outside the designated fishing times from 4pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

## Registration

Teams are to check in with organisers before the 7.00pm briefing on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

Teams can check in from 5pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

We will be using digital technology via our own Teams Fishing Australia (TFA) App supported by Track My Fish during the event. Teams should download the TFA APP from the Apple Store or from Google Play and go through the App's registration process before arriving at the event.

Any Pre-Event questions regarding the App can be directed to Shirely of TRACK MY FISH on 0407 161 093.

## Briefing

A briefing will be held on the Friday evening before the event. Briefing starts at **7.00pm**.

All teams must attend.

If you are having trouble getting there in time, please let us know. Call Steve Galvin on 0497 197 179.

At the briefing we will briefly run through the rules, safety requirements and sessions times and run through any questions regarding the TFA App.

## Day 1 – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2026

### ***FISHING TIMES: 6.30am to 4:30pm***

Boats are to be checked in with Marshalls in vicinity of the Boat Ramp from **5.45am**. Key tags will be issued once Live well, PFD's and Safety Lanyards are checked for compliance. Please make sure these are clearly visible for Marshalls. (Livewell hatches open and PFD's placed on the front deck if not already wearing them).

Teams are to collect Key Tags by 6am.

6.30am start from the nominated start line located out the front of the Boat Ramp.

Boats will be called in order, as per their starting position. They are to idle past the Marshall Boat (Tech Angler Boat), raise their hand to indicate who they are and proceed off once clear of Marshall Boat.

Once released to fish, boaters may proceed to their chosen fishing spots with due care and attention to the safety of themselves, their passenger/s, other competitors and other waterway users.

There will be a 5 second interval between boats.

Key tags must be placed back on the appropriate peg on the 'Key Tag Board' by **4.30pm** at the Marshall Tent.

Completed catch cards must also be handed back in.

Teams with Late Tags and Catch Cards will incur a 5cm Penalty for every minute they are late. *(No exceptions)*

**All fish must be entered on the TFA App by 5.00pm.** If having trouble using App, Marshalls can assist.

### **Day 1 De-Brief**

A De-Brief of Day 1 will be held on Saturday evening at **7.30pm**. Results for Day 1 will be announced. Daily Prize winners will be presented. Raffles and Random Draw prizes will be drawn. (Winners must be present to claim Random Draw and Raffle Prizes)

Teams will be given their starting positions for Day 2 that is determined by the leader board as Day 2 will be a chase start.

### **Day 2 – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

#### **FISHING TIMES: 6:30am to 1:00pm**

Boats are to be checked in with Marshalls in vicinity of the Boat Ramp from **5.30am**. Key tags will be issued once Live well, PFD's and Safety Lanyards are checked for compliance. Please make sure these are clearly visible for Marshalls. (Livewell hatches open and PFD's placed on the front deck if not already wearing them).

Teams are to collect Key Tags by 6.15am.

6.30am start from the nominated start line located out the front of the Boat Ramp.

Boats will be called in order, as per their starting position. They are to idle past the Marshall Boat (Tech Angler Boat), raise their hand to indicate who they are and proceed off.

Once released to fish, boaters may proceed to their chosen fishing spots with due care and attention to the safety of themselves, their passenger, other competitors and other waterway users.

There will be a 5 second interval between boats.

Key tags must be placed back on the appropriate peg on the 'Key Tag Board' by **1.00pm** at the Marshall Tent. Completed catch cards and rulers must also be handed back in.

Teams with Late Tags, Catch Cards and **Rulers** will incur a 5cm Penalty for every minute they are late. *(No exceptions)*

**All fish must be entered on the TFA App by 1.30pm.** If having trouble using App, Marshalls can assist.

### **Protests or Complaints**

Any protests or complaints about behaviour or rule breaches must be addressed with Tournament Director by **1.30pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026.**

Event organisers will discuss any protests and adjudicate the protest. Tournament Director's decision shall be FINAL and its findings/decision will be reported back to the originator.

### **Presentations**

Presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm.

## Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. Maximum of 3 anglers per team.
2. Local Fishing Guides are prohibited from entering the event.
3. All anglers must hold a current NSW Fishing licence. (*Licences must be in possession at all times*).
4. Boat drivers must also hold and be in possession of a current Vessel Operator's Licence.
5. Boats must be registered and insured.
6. Boats must carry all the required Safety Equipment for their vessel.
7. All State Boating Laws and Regulations must be obeyed at all times during event.
8. All State Fishing Rules and Regulations must be obeyed at all times during the event.
9. Anglers must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during fishing times. The legal Blood Alcohol Level allowable (.05) must not be exceeded.
10. **All competitors are required to wear a PFD (Life Jacket) and Safety Lanyards (Kill switches) must be used while the boat is on the plane.**
11. Lure Fly Casting Only. No bait or berley.
12. Tying up to Trees or other objects while fishing is NOT permitted.
13. Trolling is Allowed.
14. Fishing is NOT permitted in any No Boating Zones.
15. Teams cannot fish within **50m** from another competitor unless invited in to do so.
16. All Anglers must be in the boat when fishing and remain in boat while fighting fish.
17. The team with the highest total length tally consisting of their best 10 Golden Perch over the 2 days will be declared the winners.
18. Fish are to be measured and photographed on the supplied measuring device.
19. Fish are to be rounded up to the nearest half centimetre. (eg:45.7cm = 46cm 61.3cm = 61.5cm)
20. A Photograph must clearly display the fish laying flat on the measuring device with key tag and measurement in clear view. The mouth of the fish must be closed and the nose level with the end of the mat. The photo must be clear and of good quality. Both ends of the fish on the measuring device must appear in the photo.
  - (i) Key Tag **MUST** be in photo, however if a key tag is lost or misplaced throughout the day, a Driver's Licence can be displayed on the Brag Mat in place of the key tag. **Photos with no key tag or no Driver's Licence will NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
  - (ii) The photo submitted on the TFA App is the photo that will be used to validate the length of the fish. Re-take the photo if required.
  - (iii) A **second photograph** of the angler holding the fish using proper handling techniques (Glory Shot) prior to release is also to be taken. Photos are to be uploaded to TFA App.
  - (iv) A 10-15 second video of fish being released must be also taken and produced to Event Organisers on request with time and date stamp recorded. Video of release is NOT required to be uploaded to the TFA App.
21. Fish are also to be recorded on the backup Catch Card provided. We recommend that you immediately enter fish catches onto the App after release even if in Offline Mode rather than leaving to the end of the session to enter all of the catch data.
22. Fish **CANNOT** be put in Livewells.
23. Event organisers have the right to place a Marshall randomly in competitor's boat throughout the event.
24. Fish must be caught during designated fishing times. No Fishing allowed by entrants outside the designated fishing times.

25. Only one rod per angler is to be used at any one time. If one rod is snagged it is deemed as being used. An angler cannot use another rod while the other rod is still snagged.
26. Ties will be settled by biggest fish and subsequent biggest fish. In case of a tie, the winner will be decided by the time the biggest fish was caught. The biggest fish caught first will be declared the winner.
27. If there is a tie in any of the Biggest Fish Category the winner will be decided by the time the fish was caught. The fish caught first will be declared the winner. Ties will be settled by subsequent biggest fish.
28. Event Organisers holds all advertising rights to the event during the course of the competition. Any photos taken by or on behalf organisers, may be used at the discretion of the organisers.
29. No refunds will be paid until a replacement team is found.
30. **Winners of Raffle Draws and Random Draw Prizes must be present to claim prizes.** Raffles and Prize draws will be drawn at the Saturday night De-Briefing. Winners have 60 seconds to claim prize otherwise there will be re-draw.
31. Tournament Director has the right to and adjust Fishing Times and starting location/s in the event of strong winds or severe weather for the safety of all entrants.
32. Any team found breaching any of the rules could face the following Penalties:
  - Disqualification of fish from your daily bag (Starting at the largest)
  - Disqualification of entire catch for the day
  - Disqualification from the event
  - Disqualification from future Teams Fishing Australia events

Event Organisers reserve the right to disqualify any team or any individual from the event. If this occurs, any monies paid for the event will be forfeited.

#### **INDEMNITY/LIABILITY WAIVER**

I/We agree to the Rules and Regulations of the Teams Fishing Australia (TFA) 2026 Club Marine Freshwater Series and any other rules that govern the series/event and this acceptance may and will be pleaded as a bar to action in any forum, tribunal or court.

I/We agree to abide by the rules of the event, be responsible for my own actions and agree not to take legal action against the organisation or any person involved with the Series/event including: TFA, sponsors, promoters for any reason and to indemnify the organisation or any person involved in against such action. I agree to enter entirely at my own risk and conscious of the dangers of fishing and boating.

#### **Acceptance of Conditions and Indemnification.**

I/We being the person/s whose names appear on the entry form, have fully read and understand the Rules and Regulations.

I/We agree abide by these Rules and Regulations and fully accept them as part of my/our entry.

I/We agree not to take or be a party to any action, or allow any party to act through me or on my behalf against the organisation or any person involved with the Series/event or any matter to the conduct of the related event or occurrences before, during or after the event. This includes any party acting on behalf of my/our Estate or acting alone, to gain financial compensation in the event of an accident, injury/death or property damage that may occur from this event.

I/We agree to Indemnify the organisation or any person involved with the Series/event against any cost expenses, damages or awards made against them in relation to any action taken by me/us or my/our behalf or in relation to any claim I/we make.

I/We agree to Indemnify the organisation or any person involved with the Series/event against any cost, expenses, damages or awards made against them in relation to any action taken by a third party arising from any incidents, accidents, or occurrences that I/We were involved in before, during or after the event.

Payment in full being received by organisers is also confirmation the team and it's members agree to abide by the Rules & Regulations as listed above and a signed entry form to confirm this must be received prior to the start of the event.

**Tournament Director - Steve Galvin 0497 197 179**

