

2022 LOWRANCE NATIVE CLASSIC

Lake Glenbawn, 15-16th October 2022

Fishing Ban

Fishing, boating, sounding of competition waters is banned to all competitors from 5pm on Monday 4th October 2022 until official Pre-Fish commences.

Pre-Fish

Pre-Fish from 7am to 4pm on Friday 14th October 2022.

NO FISHING is allowed by entrants outside the designated fishing times from 4pm on Friday 14th October 2022.

Registration

Teams are to check in with organisers before the 7.00pm briefing on Friday 14th October 2022 at the **Aberdeen Fishing & Outdoors** situated at 69-71 New England Highway, Aberdeen. Teams can check in from 5pm.

Briefing

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

All teams must attend. Teams are to check in with organisers before the briefing.

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.

Teams will be given their starting positions for Day 1 that is determined by the receipt of completed entry form and minimum 50% payment of entry fee (\$550). The remaining entry fee must be paid by 30th September 2022.

Day 1 – Saturday 15th October 2022

FISHING TIMES: 7:00am to 5:00pm

Key tags can be collected from the Marshall Tent set up in vicinity of the boat ramp from 5.30am. A key tag indicating your starting position will be issued once Live well, PFD's and Safety Lanyards are checked for compliance. Please make sure these are clearly visible for organisers. (Livewell hatches open and PFD's placed on front deck, if not already wearing them).

7am 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, 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.

Day 1 will be split into two sessions with teams required to attend to Marshall Tent to have their four (4) best Bass weighed in between 11.00am and 12.30pm. Fish will not be weighed if teams arrives at the Marshall tent after 12.30pm.

Session 2 will commence for teams as soon as they have weighed their four (4) best bass for the morning session.

Key tags must be placed back on the appropriate peg on the 'Key Tag Board' by **5.00pm**.

Teams with Late Tags and Catch Cards will incur a 50 gram Penalty for every minute they are late. *(No exceptions)*

Team's four (4) Best Bass for the second session can be weighed at the Marshall Tent from 4.00pm.

Day 1 De-Brief

A De-Brief of Day 1 will be held on Saturday evening at **8.00pm** in vicinity of the Kiosk. Results for Day 1 will be announced. 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 16th October 2022

FISHING TIMES: 7:00am to 1:00pm

Key tags can be collected from the Marshall Tent set up in vicinity of the boat ramp from 5.30am. A key tag indicating your starting position will be issued once Live well, PFD's and Safety Lanyards are checked for compliance. Please make sure these are clearly visible for organisers. (Livewell hatches open and PFD's placed on front deck, if not already wearing them).

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Key tags must be placed back on the appropriate peg on the 'Key Tag Board' by **1.00pm**

Teams with Late Tags and Catch Cards will incur a 50 gram Penalty for every minute they are late.

Team's four (4) Best Bass for the second session will then be weighed at the Marshall Tent from 12.00pm.

Protests or Complaints

Any protests or complaints about behaviour or rule breaches must be addressed with Tournament Director by **1.30pm on Sunday 16th October 2022**.

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 approximately 2.30pm in vicinity of the Kiosk.

Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. Maximum of 3 anglers per team.
2. All anglers must hold a current NSW Fishing licence. (*Licences must be in possession at all times*).
3. Boat drivers must also hold and be in possession of a current Vessel Operator's Licence.
4. Boats must be registered and insured.
5. Boats must carry all the required Safety Equipment for their vessel.
6. All State Boating Laws and Regulations must be obeyed at all times during event.
7. All State Fishing Rules and Regulations must be obeyed at all times during the event.
8. 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.
9. **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.**

10. Lure Fly Casting Only. No bait or berley.
11. Tying up to Trees or other objects while fishing is NOT permitted.
12. Trolling is NOT permitted.
13. Fishing is NOT permitted in any No Boating Zones.
14. Teams cannot fish within 30m from another competitor unless invited in to do so.
15. All Anglers must be in the boat when fishing and remain in boat while fighting fish.
16. The Team with the highest combined total weight consisting of their best four (4) fish per session will be declared the winners.
17. Live wells must be at least 60 litres in size and have a functioning aeration or recirculation system and be insulated if above deck.
18. No more than four (4) fish are to be in the live well at any one time. Fish must be no smaller than 30cm to the Fork.
19. Anglers are to present their bass to the weighmaster in the weigh bags provided.
20. This is a Catch and Release event so all fish must swim away by themselves to count. The weighmaster has the right to refuse any fish that is deemed to be in poor condition. Fish that don't swim away will be weighed and deducted from the team's overall bag.
21. Fish health is a priority of this event and it is the responsibility of all teams to keep the fish in good condition. Any team found to be not displaying best practice fish care may be disqualified.
22. Teams are to nominate their Big Bass if they want it weighed separately. Big Bass Prizes will be awarded for Biggest Bass of Day 1 and Biggest Bass of Day 2.
23. Fish must be caught during designated fishing times. No Fishing allowed by entrants outside the designated fishing times.
24. Event organisers have the right to place a Marshall randomly in competitor's boat throughout the event.
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 sessions bag and subsequent biggest session bag.
27. If there is a tie in any of the Biggest Fish Categories, the winner will be decided by the size of the session bag the fish was caught in.
28. Event Organisers holds all advertising rights to the event during the course of the competition. Any photos taken by or on behalf of Teams Fishing Australia, may be used at the discretion of the organisers.
29. No refunds will be paid until a replacement team is found. Organisers will assist with finding a replacement team.
30. Winners of Raffle Prizes and Random Draw Prizes must be present to claim prizes. Raffles and Prize draws will be drawn at the Saturday night De-Briefing.
31. 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

32. I/We agree to the Rules and Regulations of the Lowrance Native Classic and accept any other conditions that are implemented by Organisers, 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 organisers for any reason and to indemnify the organisers 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 and addresses and signatures 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 organisers of the 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 that may occur from this event.

I/We agree to Indemnify the organisers of this 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 organisers of this 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.

33. 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.