

# 2025 TEAMS FISHING AUSTRALIA

## VENOM COD OPEN

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

### Fishing Ban

Fishing, boating, sounding of competition waters is banned to all competitors from 5pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 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.

*The Murray River below Lake Mulwala is not a part of the Competition Waters, so can be fished during the Fishing Ban.*

### Pre-Fish

Pre-Fish from **7am to 4pm** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Entrants ONLY permitted in boat during Pre-Fish. NO FISHING is allowed by entrants outside the designated fishing times from 4pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

### Registration

Teams are to check in with organisers before **7.00pm** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Teams can check in from **5pm** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in vicinity of Boat Ramp situated at Mulwala Ski Club - 156 Melbourne Road, Mulwala.

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.

Instructions on how to submit your fish and operate the TFA App can be found on our website.

### Briefing

A briefing will be held on the Friday evening before the event. Briefing starts at **7.30pm**.

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 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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

Boats are to be checked in with Marshalls in the Lake Mulwala Ski Club Lagoon from **6.00am**. 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). Boats are to be checked in by 6.50am.

**No boats will be checked in after 6.50am. Boats arriving after 6.50am will have to wait until after the 7am start to be checked in.**

7am start from the nominated start line located in vicinity of the Lake Mulwala Ski Club. A starters pistol will signify the start of the event.

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.

Boats can be launched at other ramps around Lake Mulwala or the Murray and Ovens Rivers, but vehicle and boat cannot leave the Mulwala Ski Club carpark until the 7am start. *(Boats launching at other Ramps can be checked in, in vicinity of Ski Club Boat Ramp rather than Ski Club Lagoon)*

Key tags must be placed back on the appropriate peg on the 'Key Tag Board' by **5.00pm** at Marshall Tent situated the Mulwala Water Ski Club Boat Ramp. 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 5.30pm.** 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 **8.00pm** on the Malibu Deck at Mulwala Ski Club.

Results for Day 2 will be announced. Daily Prizes winners will be presented. Raffles and Random Draw prizes will be drawn. *(Winners must be present to claim Prizes)*

## **Day 2 – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

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

Boats are to be checked in with Marshalls in the Lake Mulwala Ski Club Lagoon from **6.00am**. 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). Boats are to be checked in by 6.50am.

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Key tags must be placed back on the appropriate peg on the 'Key Tag Board' by **1.00pm** at Marshall Tent situated the Mulwala Water Ski Club Boat Ramp. Completed catch cards and TFA rulers must also be handed back in.

Teams with Late Tags, Rulers & 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 1.15pm.** If having trouble using App, Marshalls can assist.

### **Protests or Complaints**

Any protests or complaints about behaviour or rule breaches must be addressed with the Tournament Director by **1.30pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.**

Event organisers will discuss any protest/complaints and adjudicate. 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 at the Mulwala Ski Club.

## Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. Maximum of 3 anglers per team.
2. All anglers must hold a current NSW Fishing licence. Note: If fishing the Ovens River, a VIC Fishing Licence is also required. (*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. Shanty Creek Bridge on the Murray River (S 36 01 365 E 146 14 032) and Murray Highway Bridge on Ovens River is the Boundary (S36 068 835 E 146 199 195). No fishing is to be conducted past these two points.
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 NOT permitted.
14. Fishing is NOT permitted in any No Boating Zones.
15. Teams cannot fish within 30m from another competitor unless invited in to do so.
16. All Anglers must remain in boat while fighting fish.
17. The team with the highest total length tally consisting of their best 8 Murray Cod over the 2 days will be declared the winners.
18. Undersize fish can be included in a team's Tally.
19. Fish are to be measured and photographed on the supplied ruler.
20. Fish are to be rounded up to the nearest half centimetre. (eg: 77.7cm = 78cm 61.3cm = 61.5cm)
21. Photograph must clearly display the fish laying flat on the ruler with key tag and measurement in clearview. The mouth of the fish must be closed and the nose level with the end of the ruler. The photo must be clear and of good quality. Both ends of the fish on the ruler 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 Licence can be displayed on the ruler in place of the key tag. Photos with no key tag or no Driver's Licence **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTTED.**
  - (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 must also be taken. Photos are to be uploaded to TFA App.
  - (iv) A 10 second video of fish being released must be also taken and produced to Event Organiser on request with time and date stamp recorded. Video of release is not required to be uploaded to the App.
22. Fish are also to be recorded on the 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.

23. A 10 second video of fish being released must be also taken and produced to Event Organisers on request with time and date stamp recorded.
24. Fish are not to be put in Live well under any circumstances.
25. Event organisers have the right to place a Marshall randomly in competitor's boat throughout the event.
26. Fish must be caught during designated fishing times. No Fishing allowed by entrants outside the designated fishing times.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. No refunds will be paid until a replacement team is found. Organisers will assist with finding a replacement team.
32. 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 the prize otherwise there will be a re-draw.
33. 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. Teams will be notified via text message at 5am if there is a change of starting location.
34. Teams can have no more than TWO Forward Facing Transducers in a boat at any one time.  
Boats can have a combination of any to the two Forwards Facing Transducers: including: Lowrance Livesight or Active Target range, Garmin Panoptix Livescope range, Hummingbird Mega Live , Hummingbird 360 Range and Lowrance Ghost 360.
35. 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**

36. I/We agree to the Rules and Regulations of the Boats & More 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.**

37. 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.
38. 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.



