Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia 2026 Freshwater Premiership Knockout Grand final Rules and Regulations.

Issue Date – 20/11/2025

1. This is a team event; the Top 20 teams from the 2025 premiership series, are eligible to compete, each team is permitted Up to 3 Angler per Team, all anglers must have fished a minimum of 1 round with that team to qualify, entry is $180 per angler.
2. All teams/anglers must comply with the current NSW fisheries and Waterways guidelines, at all times during the event.
3. This Event is App based catch and release
4. All anglers must wear safety vests, and the driver of the vessel, must have a safety lanyard attached while the vessel is on the plane, or travelling at speed. Failure to do so will mean disqualification for that session.
5. Safety vests/lanyards, and live wells, will be checked by FFC officials prior to the start of each session
6. Lure and Fly Event Only, trolling is not permitted, long lining is not permitted.
7. Anglers must remain in the boat at all times while fishing.
8. Teams must not fish in any designated non fishing or non-boating areas, failure to comply with this will result in disqualification.
9. Fishing is only aloud with in the designated session times which will be advised at the time of briefing.
10. Teams must not fish within 50m of another team unless invited to do so.
11. This is a total length event, which will be split into two sessions. On session 1 (Saturday) a team's 10 (ten) longest Golden Perch, will make up their final score for that session. The top 10 teams from that session will qualify to fish in session 2 (Sunday), in this session all scores from Saturday will be wiped clean and a team's 5 (five) longest Golden Perch, will make up their final score, which will decide the 2026 Premiers.
12. The 10 remaining teams that don't qualify for session 2 will be invited to fish the 3 for 300 on Sunday, where teams will be given a time limit, and the first team to record 3 (three) Golden Perch will win the $300 Cash Prize.
13. No Golden Perch under 30cm will be accepted, these fish are undersized and should be released immediately
14. All Golden Perch will be Measured from nose to tip.
15. Teams will Measure their own Golden Perch on the provided measuring device, teams are to take a CLEAR photo of each fish on the measuring device, a team's catch token MUST be visible in the photo for that fish to count, prior to releasing the fish, teams must take a GLORY photo of the angler holding the fish. Each fish is then to be recorded on your teams catch sheet, with the time the photo was taken. The 2 x photos, can then be uploaded to the FFC, TMF App, where your teams score will be tallied. Catch sheets, tokens and measuring device will be handed out prior to each

session. PHOTOS THAT DON'T SHOW YOUR CATCH TOKEN OR MEASURMENTS THAT ARE CLEARLY VISABLE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

16. FISH ARE TO MEASURED AND RECORDED IN MM, FISH ARE TO BE ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST 5MM. (E.G. 582MM BECOMES 585MM.
17. Teams must also take a video with time stamp of the fish being released. This video DOES NOT need to be uploaded to the app, but must be made available to the tournament director upon request.
18. Each team will be issued a key tag with their catch sheets, key tags are to be placed back on the key board, at the marshalling tent, prior to the designated end of session time, any late tags will incur a 100mm per minute penalty.
19. Each session will begin with teams starting in numerical order, your start position for session one will be determined by a teams placing in the 2025 Premiership qualifying rounds, Session 2 will start in numerical order, as per a team's final finishing position from session 1.
20. Safety is our priority, and Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia reserve the right to suspend/cancel any event at any time, should conditions become unsafe, if this occurs the event will be re scheduled at a later date.
21. A briefing time will be advised prior to ther event, All teams must be present at the time of briefing and mark off their teams as being present.
22. Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia hold all advertising rights to the event and any photos or videos taken by organisers will be used at the organiser's discretion.
23. Any issues or discrepancies with the event proceedings, must be taken up with the event director, no later than 1 HOUR prior to the event's final presentation. The event director's decision if final regarding any decisions made.
24. Any concerns regarding the rules and regulations, can be discussed with the tournament director at the time of briefing.
25. The terms and conditions of each event, must be read by all participating anglers and signed off on, by the team captain, at the time of registration
26. Failure to adhere with the rules and regulations of this tournament will result in disqualification
27. Cancelation/withdrawal from the competition within 7 days of an event will result in forfeit of all registration fees, cancelations prior to this time with incur a refund or comp credit.
28. In the event of a tie, a count back will be done to when each team's biggest fish was caught, the team that caught their biggest fish earliest, wins.
29. **CASH PAYOUTS** – The 2025 premiers will win $5000.00 in cash prizes, the winning team of the 3 for 300 will win a $300 cash prize
30. **PRIZES** – Teams 2/3 will receive prizes, the prizes will be at the discretion of the event director. A biggest yella prize will also be awarded, for the biggest Golden Perch of the weekend.
31. A time for the final presentation will be advised at each events briefing.

32. **PRE-FISH BAN** – there will be a pre fish ban in place for all competitors, starting at 6pm on the 6th November. Official pre fish will commence from 6am Friday 20th November.

33. **Indemnity clause** –
    - I/we agree to the rules and regulations of Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia, and accept any other conditions that are implemented by Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia, 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 contract not to take legal action against the organizers for any reason and to indemnify the organizers against such action. I agree to enter entirely at my own risk. acceptance of conditions and indemnification.
      (note: this is a contract that limits your right to take legal action).
    - I/we being the person/s whose names, addresses and signatures appear on the entry form, have fully read and understand the rules and regulations.
    - I/we agree to 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 organizers of the event on 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 any accident that may occur from a Freshwater Fishing Championships Australia event.
    - I/we agree to indemnify the organizers of the event against any cost, expenses, damages or awards, made against them in relation to any action taken by me/us or on my/our behalf, or in relation to any claim I/we make.
    - I/we agree to indemnify the organizers of the 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 and after the event.