

The 2020 Innisfail Billfish Tournament

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TOURNAMENT ETHICS

- To encourage the sport of gamefishing with a spirit of true sportsmanship in an atmosphere of fun and good camaraderie.
- To encourage the ethic of tag and release fishing for sustainable use of the fisheries.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

- \$280 for each angler
- \$140 for each junior angler
- \$185 for each crew member

Entry fees are encouraged to be paid early - go to www.igfc.com.au to download the entry form.

TOURNAMENT RULES

GFAA rules apply to practice, however there are specific additions to cater for the unique format of this tournament.

1. Single class line only - 10kg, however, fish that are 6kg or over, gilled and gutted, will be eligible for weigh in.
2. Participants must belong to a gamefishing club or sportfishing club affiliated with the Gamefishing Association of Australia.
3. Teams shall consist of no fewer than two (2) or more than four (4) anglers.
4. There is no limit on boat size. There are some prizes for which boats under 7.5m are ineligible.
5. The tournament committee reserves the right to amend the trophy list without notification.

SCORING

Billfish tagged 1000 points

Gamefish 10 points/kg (must be at least 6kg)

No sharks

- All weighed fish must be a least 6kg to qualify.
- All game fish presented at weigh-in must be gilled and gutted and in an edible condition.
- Mutilated fish (caused by sharks, propellers, etc) will not qualify.
- Daily score cards must be completed. Fish not entered on the card correctly will be ineligible to score.
- In the event of a tie, the team achieving the winning score first shall be the winner.

FISHING TIMES AND RADIO SCHEDULES

Thursday 27th Aug	Fishing	7.00am – 5.00pm
Friday 28th Aug	Fishing	7.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday 27th Aug	Sailpast	7.00am
	Fishing	8.00am – 4.30pm

Skeds will be called on VHF 81 only and all radios must be in working order on each vessel prior to departure. All boats must acknowledge radio schedule calls supplying their score since the last scheduled position as per the map grid reference. Scheduled calls will be at 10.05am, 1.05pm, 3.05pm. A ten minute warning of 'cease fishing' will be given at the end of each day. Current hook-ups must be reported within this period.

WEIGH-IN TIME

Weigh-ins are at the end of each fishing day. All completed score cards must be in the hands of the weigh master by 1900 hours (according to the weigh masters clock) on Thursday and Friday and 1830 hours on Saturday. No exceptions or time delays will be acceptable and if cards are handed after the final time, they will be ineligible.

PROTESTS

Any protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament committee by 8.00pm on the day of the protest and no later than the close of weigh-in on the last day. The committee's decision is final. No other form of protest shall be accepted. **Important:** Ensure your daily capture cards are completed and returned to the weigh master with tag cards.

WEATHER

In the case of bad weather, the decision to go out to sea is entirely the responsibility of the skipper of the boat. The committee take no responsibility for decisions made by crews. No allowance will be made for lost fishing time. If the official forecast is for winds 25 knots and above the days' fishing will be cancelled. The committee reserves the right to cancel the tournament due to bad weather at any time.

PRIZE CATEGORIES

OVER 7.5 METRE BOATS	UNDER 7.5 METRE BOATS
Champion Team	Champion Team
Runner Up Team	Runner Up Team
Champion Skipper	
Champion Deckhand	
Highest point scoring gamefish other than billfish	Highest point scoring gamefish than billfish

OTHER CATEGORIES

- Champion Male Angler
- Champion Female Angler
- Champion Junior Angler

- Champion CCRC Angler
- Hard Luck Story

DAILY PRIZES

- First Billfish Tagged
- Last Billfish Tagged
- Lucky Door Prize

TOURNAMENT FUNCTIONS SCHEDULE

Innisfail Bowls Club

Wednesday 26th August

4.00 - 6.00pm	Nominations and payments - Innisfail Bowls Club (late fees apply after these times)
6.30pm	Mandatory skippers briefing
7.00pm	BBQ Dinner and Calcutta

Thursday 27th August

5.30am	Collect Lunch Packs from Marquee
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Friday 28th August

5.30am	Collect Lunch Packs from Marquee
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Saturday 29th August

5.30am	Collect Lunch Packs from Marquee
7.00pm	Presentation Dinner - Innisfail Bowls Club

Nomination fees cover all meals above and lunch pack/person each day of fishing for anglers.

The fuel up point is Trinity Petroleum at Jodrell St, East Innisfail and only Diesel is available. Payments can be made with Credit Card or Cash directly with the distributor or the Operator.

All event activities will be run in accordance with the at time Queensland Covid-19 rules for recreation and gatherings. Some activities maybe adjusted in order to comply, and participants will be informed of any restrictions or changes to the programme.

ENQUIRIES

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For full details and nomination forms please go to: www.igfc.com.au

