GOFISH PENINSULA 2021 – RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TOURNAMENT

Where: Tournament conducted on the Mornington Peninsula Bays, Port Philip and Westernport Bays and surrounds only.
Venue: hosted at the Skybus Stadium, Frankston, Victoria.
When: Friday 10th December – Sunday 12th December 2021

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in entering the GoFish Peninsula (the tournament) saltwater fishing tournament. By entering the tournament, you (the participant/competitor) accept and agree to abide by all rules and regulations stipulated in this document, as determined by GoFish Peninsula Pty Ltd (the event organisers). You acknowledge that the organisers of the tournament reserve the right to decline/reject or cancel entries, add further rules & regulations as required, inspect equipment and fishing techniques and the right to disqualify participants if required in the opinion of the organisers.

COMPETITION

Tournament Format & Species

GoFish Peninsula is an environmentally sustainable Catch, Measure, Release Tournament

- ***Catch;***
  - Southern Calamari and Snapper
  - Both bait and lures are permitted for use.
- ***Measure;***
  - Using your supplied measuring mat to measure your fish.
  - Fish must be photographed with the participants competition accreditation clearly visible.
  - All fish are to be positioned with the head facing to the left for all submissions.
  - Enter your photo via GoFish Catch Manager.
  - We encourage all fish to be measured into the competition as this helps us gather data to support research into marine health in the region. Following a discussion with VFA enforcement officers we'll accept all catches in 2021 regardless of whether they are of legal size or not.
- ***Release***;
  - After carefully photographing your catch please humanely release the fish.

Each legal and approved catch and submission counts as a single entry to the tournament, there is no limit as to the amount of fish a participant can submit. ***Fish photographed without the participants accreditation clearly visible, or with fish positioned head facing to the right in the photo will be disqualified.***

Age Categories

The tournament will include two age categories,

- Junior – ages 5 to 15 years
- Open – 16 years +

Age based on participants age at the time of the tournament.

Tournament Zone

The tournament zone includes all Bays in the Mornington Peninsula, in Port Philip and Westernport.

Hours of Competition

Snapper submission will open on Friday 10th 5:00pm and submissions will remain open until Sunday 12th 11:00am only fish caught within the tournament times are eligible to be submitted into the competition. Southern Calamari submission for our Bait Bash twilight session will be open from Friday 10th at 5:00pm until 10:00pm only.

The competition online catch recording system automatically records the time, date and location of the catch. Only the GoFish Peninsula system can be used to submit your catch. If you are unable to submit within the tournament times on the Sunday 12th December due to data or signal problems at the time of the catch, you can submit outside of the competition hours and the catch time stamp will include it as a legitimate catch for the tournament. A grace period of one hour post tournament will be given for late submission catches to be considered as a legitimate submission for that day's prizes.

Fishing Vessels
Participants can fish from boats and from beaches/land. No persons other than fully paid participants may be present in a competition vessel; any action construed as assistance to the paid participant or participants by anyone other than the paid participant or participants by any means whatsoever, including any passengers seen to be fishing without being part of the tournament, will cause disqualification from the tournament for the paid participants in the vessel.

Unpermitted Fishing Methods

- Fish pre-caught or caught in nets are not permissible and will result in disqualification.
- The use of a Drone to locate fish is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- Gaffs cannot be used and only fish friendly (knotless) landing nets may be used.
- A maximum of two attended lines are permitted in the water at any one time as per the Victorian Guidelines.

Dispute Procedure
The decision of the event organisers is final; no discussion will be entered in to. In the instance that sufficient evidence of fraud or cheating has occurred, the participant in question will be disqualified from the competition. All catch submissions are assessed by the GoFish team at the point of submission for correct measuring and any duplicate submissions. The GoFish team may alter the measurement lines on a catch submission should the measurement be found to be incorrect. In the case that this has happened, the participant will be notified to ensure full transparency. If a participant wishes to dispute an amendment, they must raise this during venue opening hours with the event organisers.

Competition Registration
Each participant must enter as an individual for the tournament, providing the participant name and other details as required by the event organisers. All entries are required to be submitted through the online purchase platform supported by third party provider, Lup. All entry purchases are also subject to the terms and conditions of purchase of the Lup platform.

Refund
No refunds will be given unless requested by the 1st December prior to the conduct of the event and $50 of the entry fee will be retained for administration.

Cancellation/Postponed Policy:
Definitive Events (DE "the organiser") acknowledge and respect your rights arising under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) or other similar consumer legislation. Subject to the Act, If a DE Group Event is cancelled or postponed the registrant or ticket buyer will be notified via the email address provided at the time of booking. At the time of cancellation DE will assess the date of the cancellation or postponement and the circumstances causing the cancellation or postponement. Under these circumstances we advise:
(a) for reasons that are beyond its reasonable control, DE may retain the Fee and will not be required to make any refund of the Fee; or
(b) for reasons other than as set out in this clause, DE will refund the Fee minus any reasonable administration costs (as determined by DE).

COVID-19 Policy
Your rights will be protected under *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). In the instance that social distancing or mass participation measures do not permit the event to proceed, your rights are protected. DE Event's Policy for your registration, if the event is not able to held in 2021 due to Government restrictions; participants will have the ability to;
(a) Transfer your registration to the rescheduled event.
(b) Receive a Refund minus a small transaction fee to cover third party costs associated with the ticketing process which is non-refundable. These are external fees from online merchants not DE.

Participant Consent
The participant consents to the publication and/or use in any form of merchandise or media whatsoever of their name, image, voice, results, statements or otherwise, without payment or compensation and agree that they will reasonably expect to receive marketing material, such as e-news and entry forms, from the event organisers.

Liability
The operators and owners of the tournament and the event and all of their staff & representatives accept no responsibility for any injury, loss, damage of any person or boats, equipment or personal belongings during the competition, whether such injury or loss is due to any act, neglect or default of the organisers, the organiser company Definitive Events Pty Ltd or of any official or agent thereof and all competitors fully understand that in so participating, they do so entirely at their own risk.

COMPETITION PRIZES AND DRAWS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Standard Term
By entering the GoFish Peninsula fishing competition you have agreed to the prizes and draws terms and conditions and your entry is deemed as acceptance of these terms and conditions.

Competition Formats
The GoFish Peninsula fishing competition will commence Friday 10th December and operate until close of competition on Sunday 12th December 2021. Prizes will be eligible for winning during the conduct of the competition. No entries for the fishing competition can be submitted outside of these dates and times.
Full information on the competition formats, prizes and draw processes will be available on the GoFish website – https://gofishtournament.com.au/

Prize Draw Dates and Times
Prizes will be announced at the Tournament Hub located at the Skybus Stadium on the following dates and times (AEST):

- Saturday 11th December – 7:00pm
- Sunday 12th December – 1:00pm

Largest Fish & Grand Slam categories will be announced during the presentations on Sunday 12th December. Snapper Hour and Donut, will be announced on the day of the session as well as daily draw prizes, attendee prizes and the daily species prizes. NB: Prizes are as described and displayed. No exchanges or changes can be made to the prizes as notified to the competitor.

Prize Collection
All small prizes are available for collection and take home on the day of the prize draw. Prizes will be held for collection until 4:00pm on Sunday 12thth December, except where stated otherwise. Large prizes may be subject to collection from a local dealership/retail outlet which will be decided on a case by case basis. For cash prizes, money will be deposited to the recipients nominated bank account within 45 days of the tournament closing. Please note participants will be required to provide their tournament accreditation and may be required to show proof of ID when collecting prizes.

WATERWAYS COMPLIANCE
It is the responsibility of all entrants to comply in whole with the following Authorities Licensing Regulations
All competitors between the ages of 18 and 70 must hold a current Victorian Fishing License, as per Victorian state law. Competitors under 18 and over 70 are also welcome. Details regarding the Victorian fishing license can be found at: Victorian Fisheries Authority Licensing

State Laws and Regulations
All participants must observe the Victorian Recreational Fishing Regulations. It is the participant's responsibility to have knowledge of and comply with these regulations during the competition. Anglers who use illegal means or equipment to catch fish will be disqualified from the tournament. The event organisers and representatives reserve the right to inspect and police equipment and fishing methods used.

It is the responsibility of the participants to comply with all Maritime Safety Victoria regulations and all appropriate boat licenses and safety equipment for Victoria. If participants are reported to be in breach of waterways laws the event organisers reserve the right to disqualify competitors from the event. This includes but is not limited to speeding offenses.

We show our respect and acknowledge the Boon Wurrung, the traditional custodians of Port Philip Bay and Western Bay areas. We pay respects to their Elders past and present.