



NT Barramundi Classic – “The Tournament with a Difference”



2021 Tournament Rules

The “NT Barramundi Classic” is an event organised by the Darwin Game Fishing Club. All competitors must be financial members of the Darwin Game Fishing Club.

Please note that these are provisional rules as at 28 December 2020 and there may be some minor changes prior to the 2021 NT Barramundi Classic

Introduction

The following rules will apply to the 2021 NT Barramundi Classic. All skippers must sign the Rules Acknowledgement Form agreeing to comply with these rules, prior to the first day of the competition.

Tournament Coordinators

Tournament Coordinator/s: Debbie and Leigh Halprin

The Tournament Coordinator/s will be responsible for the following:

- Control and enforcement of the rules and conditions of entry. Any disputes or rule enquiries will be referred to the Tournament Coordinator/s for determination during the running of the event.
- Chair the Dispute Committee
- Supervise all areas of the venue
- If required, refuse access, move people on, and direct that persons leave the venue.
- Hold the liquor licence and relevant control relating to the supply and service of alcohol.

General Conditions

All competitors must be members of the Darwin Game Fishing Club.

Competitors participate in the 2021 NT Barramundi Classic entirely at their own risk and acknowledge and agree that neither Darwin Game Fishing Club or its servants, agents or contractors will under any circumstances be legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by competitors of whatsoever nature (including death, injury or loss or damage to personal property) irrespective of how such loss may be caused, including loss or damage caused by a negligent or deliberate act or omission of the Club or its servants, agents or contractors.

Competitors acknowledge that the insurance policy of the Darwin Game Fishing Club includes the tournament venue, but does not extend to the river, and evidence of individual boat insurance must be provided prior to the tournament commencing.

Competitors will not do anything to bring the Darwin Game Fishing Club, the NT Barra Classic or the NT Barra Classic venue into disrepute.

The NT Barra Classic has not been sanctioned by NTGFA and therefore any fish record claim lodged will almost certainly be rejected. As this is strictly a tag and release tournament, no fish are to be taken and all fish are to be released.

Skippers acknowledge that they are responsible for their crew's safety. They will not behave irresponsibly or place anyone in a dangerous situation. They must ensure that their boat is in good condition and carries all safety equipment stipulated by the NT Marine Act.

Competitors must abide by the rules of the Darwin Game Fishing Club and participate in the good spirit, sportsmanship and the tradition of the NT Barra Classic.

Competitors acknowledge that they have read the rules carefully and have signed the Acceptance of Rules form prior to the commencement of the 2021 NT Barra Classic.



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The tournament venue is a licensed premises and alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the NT Barra Classic area.

Team Sheets and Payment of Entry Fees

The club must receive completed entry forms for each team members (or at least the skipper if your team is not yet complete) along with the team deposit of \$2660 by no later than Friday 29 January 2021. The balance of the entry fee must be received by Friday 12 March 2021.

Cancellation

Competitors acknowledge and agree that if the Darwin Game Fishing Club decides to postpone and/or cancel the 2021 Barra Classic for reasons outside of the control of the Club, or not reasonably foreseeable by the Club (such as an outbreak of a pandemic, a flood, the imposition of biosecurity restrictions, a natural disaster, an outbreak of war, or civil unrest), then the Club will endeavour to offer teams the option of carrying forward their entry to a future Barra Classic, or providing a refund of entry fees. Any refund of fees will not include airfares or travel costs associated with interstate competitors, nor the cost of Quarantine, if imposed by the NT Government or Commonwealth Chief Health Officer.

Any refund of entry fees, or carrying forward of entry fees to a future competition, will be subject to such deductions as the Club, acting reasonably, determines as representing the expenses incurred by the Club in preparation for the cancelled or postponed event. We acknowledge and agree that we will have no claim against the Club for any failure by the Club to offer a refund or for any deductions made by the Club in accordance with this clause.

Breaches of Rules and Clarifications

At the completion of each competition fishing day, the Marshals will report to the Dispute committee and inform the Dispute committee of each day's Marshalling report and issue the Dispute committee their check list for alleged breaches of the tournament rules.

If any breaches are issued for investigation by the Marshals, the Dispute committee will then investigate the alleged breach, if the Dispute committee confirms a breach has occurred the Skipper of that team will be requested to attend a private area. One of the Dispute committee members will then explain the breach to the team Skipper and advise the Skipper of the penalty the breach incurs.

The Dispute Committee will comprise a minimum of three non-competing NT Barra Classic officials. Once the Dispute Committee has made a decision, one of the Dispute Committee members will discuss the outcome with the skipper of the team in a private area. If the team Skipper is not available, the Dispute Committee member will discuss the outcome with another member of the team in a private area.

The Dispute Committee officials may consult a pre-nominated member of the Darwin Game Fishing Club Committee to verify the NT Barra Classics rules for clarification of the rules if necessary.

The Dispute Committee member will also inform the Skipper at that time, that if a subsequent breach of the rules is verified by any of their team, the entire team will be disqualified from the competitive section of the Tournament. It is the responsibility of the Skipper to inform their team of what will occur if the team incurs a subsequent breach of the Tournament rules.

The Dispute Committee's decision will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.

At the completion of the investigation, the Tournament scorers will be advised of the details by a member of the Dispute Committee to ensure the competitors and team scores are recorded accurately.

Rules and Clarifications

1. Disqualification

- a) Anglers must not be seen to bring the Darwin Game Fishing Club into disrepute or to engage in conduct or behaviour which brings either the Darwin Game Fishing Club or the NT Barra Classic



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	<p>tournament into disrepute. Disqualification may apply in these instances.</p> <p>b) A disqualified angler and/or team will not be entitled to reimbursement of monies in any form from Darwin Game Fishing Club.</p>
<p>2. Etiquette</p>	<p>a) Whilst in a troll run, in the presence of any other competitors, you must make headway, measurable against the bank so as not to impede the boats following.</p> <p>b) When in a troll run, skippers are to allow sufficient room to avoid interference with trolled lures from the boat in front. Do not troll over the top of other teams lures.</p> <p>c) When a fish of a size eligible is landed, you must move out of the troll run clear of vessels.</p> <p>d) Fish are to be taken to the nearest structure or bank, swum and released to ensure best practice in fish handling.</p> <p>e) All boats are to be insured, seaworthy and carrying compliant safety equipment as required by relevant NT legislation.</p> <p><i>Continued failure to observe river etiquette requirements will incur a point's penalty determined by the head marshal and tournament director.</i></p>
<p>3. Team Composition</p>	<p>1. A maximum of three and a minimum of two anglers will comprise a team, with no interchanging of anglers permitted once the tournament has commenced.</p> <p>2. If an individual angler is disqualified from a team at any stage of the tournament, his or her points for the tournament will be removed from the scoreboard and will not be included in the team total.</p> <p>3. A minimum of two anglers must remain in the team to continue competing, if a team only consisted of two anglers and one was disqualified, the team could not continue in the competition.</p>
<p>4. Angling Methods</p>	<p>a) A team is permitted to have multiple rigged outfits on board, however only 1 rod per angler is permitted to be in use at any one time.</p> <p><i>There is a penalty of 300 points per additional line in the water per angler.</i></p> <p>b) A fish must be hooked, fought and captured by the same angler - i.e. the rod cannot be passed to another team member. A fish hooked whilst the rod is in a rod holder is to be removed as soon as possible and fought by the angler that removes the rod. Additionally no other angler or implement is permitted to touch the line during the course of a capture, including the use of lure retrievers</p> <p><i>ie: the use of a lure retriever to retrieve a snagged lure/fish renders the capture ineligible with no points awarded</i></p>
<p>5. Equipment Rules</p>	<p>a) This is a photograph and release, lure or fly only tournament, no bait is permitted.</p>

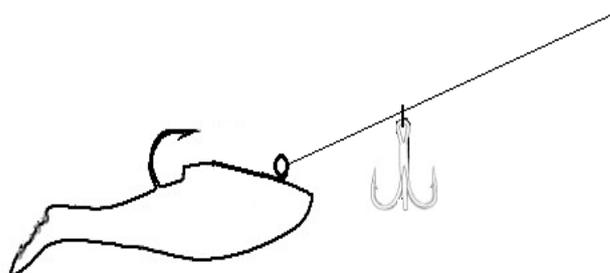
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- b) Leaders – There are no leader requirements.
- c) All hooks used during the tournament may be barbed or barbless with no restrictions on configuration except the following:
 - i. No part of any trailing (stinger) hook shall end more than 50mm past the furthestmost point of the lure.
 - ii. No treble or stinger hook/s shall be forward of the towing eye of a lure, single hooks shall be permitted. Please see diagram below for illegal configuration. If anglers require clarification of rigging methods, the approval of the head marshal should be sought prior to use in the tournament.

Penalty: All captures up to this point in the day are disqualified plus a penalty of 300 points.

Diagrams of Illegal Configurations

Figure 1.



The intent of this rule is to minimise throat hooking and consequent harm to the fish.

NOTE: The removal of previous rule regarding attaching hook to the towing eye has been removed in consultation with NT Fisheries. January 2019

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- d) Lures whose principal construction material may contain properties that include a flavour or scent and is composite within the body material are permitted.
 - i. Commercial scents may be applied to lures.
 - ii. Berleying or chumming is prohibited.
 - e) Fly fishing, using normal fly fishing practices, is permitted.
 - f) Only knotless nets can be used (they are kinder to the fish's natural protective slime and the tail/fins)
 - g) Rods, reels and line
 - i) Another person cannot touch the angler's line whilst the angler is fighting the fish, they may touch the leader, however if they touch the main line **the fish capture would be disqualified and no points would be awarded.**



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) If a rod or reel fails and the angler manually handlines the fish in the capture would be disqualified and no points awarded. iii) A rod cannot be placed in a rod holder after a fish is hooked prior to landing the fish capture would be disqualified and no points would be awarded. iv) If a rod is in a rod holder and a fish strikes while the reel is engaged and is hooked, a person cannot remove the rod and hand the rod to another angler, the fish capture would be disqualified and no points would be awarded.
<p>5.1. Penalty for fishing with illegal rigs/lures</p>	<p><i>Lures or rigs deemed to be in breach of tournament rules will be removed from the main line or leader by the Marshalls and presented to the disputes committee as evidence. A final decision will then be made and the skipper of the team will be informed of the outcome.</i></p> <p><i>The angler/team confirmed fishing with a rig or lure deemed to be outside of tournament rules will incur a 300 point penalty each, as well as points accrued for the day up until the breach.</i></p>
<p>6. Tournament Line</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Line is the angler’s choice and may be mono or braid, in any line weight. b) Leader – see rule 5. b)
<p>7. Start and Finish Times/Place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Day one start will be the traditional sail past, with all skippers drawing a number at the previous night’s Calcutta and leaving in the selected numerical order. The first boat will leave the sail past at 7.00am. <p>Note: numbers drawn by skippers at the briefing night will be logged by DGFC and no swapping of numbers with other teams for the sail past is permitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Morning start times and procedures for the remaining days will be confirmed during the proceedings on briefing night. c) The Tournament committee may amend start/launch times and fishing boundaries during the tournament, dependant on the prevailing river conditions. d) All boats must start each day at the Banyan Farm. If the skipper of a boat has issues with the Banyan Farm ramp and wishes to use the public ramp to launch their boat, they would have to then make their way up river to the Banyan Farm for the start <p>No boat shall start the day from the public boat ramp unless it is otherwise specified by the Event Coordinator.</p> <p>Penalty: 900pts from the team score.</p>
<p>8. Fishing Boundaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All anglers must fish from within their boat, within the tournament boundaries, which will be from the Banyan Farm boat ramp to the sign at Moon Billabong. These details will be marked on the map of the river provided in your kit boxes. GPS coordinates will be provided at the briefing.



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	<p>Note: Boundaries can be extended as seen fit by the coordinators; if so all competitors will be informed at the briefing night.</p> <p>b) Boats are not permitted to enter creeks.</p> <p>i. A line is formed at the mouth of all creeks (based upon the furthest bank formation). Anglers may cast into creeks and enter to retrieve snagged lures only, without penalty.</p>
<p>8.1. Penalties for fishing outside boundaries</p>	<p><i>Any angler/team confirmed to be fishing outside of the competition boundaries will forfeit the points he or she has caught on that day up until the time of the breach plus a 300 point penalty per angler fishing.</i></p> <p><i>Penalty for starting from the public boat ramp 900pts from the team score</i></p>
<p>9. No Anchoring</p>	<p>a) During competition fishing times a boat cannot be anchored, tied to and/or attached to a permanent fixture within the river or the adjoining river bank. This includes the hull and/or motor of the boat being maintained/wedged in a stationary position on a submerged structure, snag and or bank. A team fishing and constantly making way into the current always has right of way during the tournament.</p> <p>b) A boat "hovering" (small movements back and forth), utilising the current, the influence of the prevailing wind or whilst under any form of power, including "I anchor", regardless of the location (ie up against a bank, or snag, etc) must, when a competitor's boat approaches your position, making way into the current, move out into the middle of the river in sufficient time so as not to impede the progress of the approaching vessel. Once their lures are 30 metres past that location, you may resume your previous position.</p> <p>Any boats repeatedly contravening this clause risks incurring a Team penalty.</p>
<p>9.1 Penalties for fishing while anchored and or tied up</p>	<p><i>If a competitor is confirmed to be fishing while their boat is anchored and/or tied up during competition fishing times, the competitor will forfeit the points he or she has on that day up until the time of the breach, plus a 300 point penalty per angler fishing.</i></p>
<p>10. Point Score</p>	<p>Points will be awarded as per the attached table.</p>
<p>11. Scoring of Fish</p>	<p>a) Scrutineers will determine the points awarded for each fish caught, based on photographic evidence.</p> <p>b) SD cards, camera memory cards and completed scoresheets must be submitted by the designated time. Failure to submit these items by the designated times will result in those fish not being counted for points, unless there is a valid reason as judged by the Dispute Committee. The Dispute committee's decision will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.</p> <p>c) If a team has not caught any fish during a tournament day they are still required to submit their scoresheet for the day indicating nil captures. This has a two-fold purpose, firstly it permits the scores and team placing to be finalised each day and more importantly, and it confirms that all competition boats have returned safely.</p> <p>d) Teams must supply their own cameras. Standard SD cards will be provided for use by teams during the tournament. If a team's</p>



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	<p>camera does not use a standard SD card, they must supply two compatible memory cards to the scorers prior to the tournament to allow for daily exchange.</p> <p>e) The fish being photographed will have the lure, boga grips, pliers etc removed prior to the fish being placed on the measuring board. Failure to do so will result in the fish not being counted for scores. The fish will have its mouth closed and the fish's mouth will be placed hard against the upright aluminium section of the measuring board provided by Darwin Game Fishing Club. An angler may hold the fish in the correct position with its mouth closed whilst the fish is measured and photographed, care should be taken to ensure the person does not obscure the photographic evidence required for audit purposes.</p> <p>f) The fish's length will then be measured from the end of the closed mouth to the longest part of the tail, if the fish does not touch the 1 cm increments, its length will be recorded at the lesser 1 cm increment at all times. The fish should not have any pressure applied against its frame to extend the length of the fish.</p> <p>g) All fish photographed will be audited. If a fish is verified to be of a lower or higher length than shown on the completed team score sheet, the scorers will amend the score sheet to reflect the correct length.</p>
12. Prize Categories	<p>a) Team Awards</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. The Champion Team will be the team that has accrued the most points at the completion of competition.ii. The second place team will be the team that has accrued the second most points at the completion of competition.iii. The third place team will be the team that has accrued the third most points at the completion of competition.iv. In the event of a tie for any of the first three placings, a countback will occur and the team with the most number of fish will be declared the winner of that prize. If points are still tied, the team with the biggest fish will be declared the winner. <p>b) Individual Angler Awards (to be identified at the Briefing Night)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. In the event of a tie for any individual angler award, a countback will occur and the individual angler with the most number of fish will be declared the winner of that prize. If points are still tied, the individual angler with the biggest fish will be declared the winner.