

KALBARRI SPORTS FISHING CLASSIC

19th, 20th & 21st April

2024

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3 Day Tournament:

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Welcome aboard the 2024 'Classic'

These are interesting times indeed, but the resilience of fisher folk is not to be understated, the list of obstacles is growing that's for sure but hey it could be a blessing in disguise moving the 'Classic' to April when the weather is renowned for being good is something we've been forced to do now and we need your support to keep the 'Classic' going. We have made some changes to keep up with the times so please read the book carefully and contact us if you have any questions.

To our regulars 'welcome back' we look forward to catching up and hearing about all of your fishing feats and mess ups over the last year and appreciate your supports. To those that haven't fished the 'Classic' before, we hope you have broad shoulders if you mess up, enjoy a laugh and speak up if you have any questions, please don't be shy.

The 'Classic' has lots of support from it's sponsors and we would like to extend our gratitude to them and urge all competitors and their families to use our sponsors when possible. To all anglers, please cross your fingers that the weather is good, flies are few, floodwaters are low and the fish are hungry and plentiful. Please put safety first, fish with honesty keeping a good sense of humour and sportsmanship about you and most of all have a fun and rewarding competition.

Cheers and good luck!

KOAC Committee
KALBARRI



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GENERAL INFORMATION

BRIEFING

Briefing will be conducted at 6.00pm on Thursday 18th April 2024 at the Kalbarri Motor Hotel. Most of the information needed is contained in this booklet so please read it carefully and use the briefing session for clarification of questions. Attendance by the captain of each team is mandatory.

ENTRIES

Entries must be made on the official form and must be in the hands of the tournament committee NO LATER THAN 6pm (sharp) Thursday 18th April 2024. No late entries.

TEAMS:

Boat fishing teams will consist of 2 to 5 anglers and must be nominated as such. An adult team member must be nominated as captain. All members of the same team must fish from the same boat. A boat driver may be nominated but under no circumstance may be allowed to fish or assist in any way other than driving the boat.

RIVER SECTION

The River Section shall consist of one angler and nominate in the River Section and abide by the River Section rules.

KAYAKS/JET-SKI

Kayaks/Jet-ski's are permitted to fish in the under 6M boat section in the Ocean as a single Angler, adhering to boat rules. Kayaks/Jet-ski's may also fish the river section as per the river section rules.

BOATS/KAYAKS/JET-SKI

All Craft registered to fish in the Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic must be equipped with Department of Transport safety equipment requirements for distance expected to travel offshore. Changing boats is only permitted at the discretion of the Kalbarri Sports Fishing Committee. All craft must exit and return through the Murchison River estuary each day of the competition.

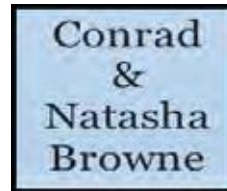
BREAK-DOWNS

If there is a break-down at sea & a competing boat is officially towing or being towed under direction from VMR and Competition Officials have been notified then those boats are permitted to weigh in that day or the following day. Daily bag limits apply.

We discourage competition boats from towing each other unless safety is an issue. Running out of fuel does not constitute a break-down.

JUNIORS

Juniors must be under 16 years of age at the commencement of the tournament. Juniors will fish the same rules and categories as adults but will score points in their own section. Juniors are eligible for any of the biggest species trophies.



GENERAL INFORMATION

WEIGH-IN

Ocean Section: Friday & Saturday at 4pm. Sunday at 3pm. **River section:** Friday & Saturday at 3.15pm and Sunday at 2.15pm. Daily weigh-in only, no accumulating days. All game fish must be presented with the rig or lure, leader & 5 metres of the line used wrapped on a **card**. Each angler must have their fish identified and separated before approaching the weigh-in station. A team member from each boat and each river angler must obtain a weigh-in-tag prior to the weigh-in time each day.

Fish must be presented in eskies on ice. Bags may only be used within eskies to separate catches. Fish will not be accepted for weigh-in if the committee deems them in poor condition. Hessian bags are not permitted.

HOOK-UPS

Anglers who hook-up and will not be able to make the weigh-in on time must advise the weigh master through VMR the latitude and longitude and time of hook-up, before the commencement of the weigh-in. Any fish so landed may be weighed in that day during the weigh-in or the following day. Bag limits apply to each daily weigh-in. No extended hook-ups last day!

COMMUNICATIONS

All boats must carry VHF radios. All boats must log on and off with VMR Kalbarri Sea Search & Rescue Kalbarri on channel 80 using VHF during the "Classic" competition. Boat to Boat is Channel 72 VHF. Any boats that have 27 MEG log on via **SMS** to 0428265500 or log on in person at VMR. Boats must log on and off using their team name as on their entry form.

FISHING TIMES

The tournament will commence at 6.15am Friday 19th April 2024. Each day's fishing will commence at 6.15am.

No night fishing (except river comp anglers). Tournament concludes at 3.00pm Sunday 21st April 2024.

No extended hook-ups on last day. Final weigh-in at 3.00pm Sunday 21st April 2024 (2.15pm for river section).

Please be aware that there may be other boats leaving the river mouth prior to 6.15am who are not in the competition.

BAD WEATHER

The committee will decide if the day will be cancelled. VMR will be notified.

DINNER AND TROPHY PRESENTATION

Will be held at the Kalbarri Sports & Rec Club (see map on page 22) on Sunday 21st April 2024. Competition entry fee includes presentation dinner ticket. Extra tickets will be available up to the Friday weigh-in. Dinner ticket must be presented at Sports & Rec Club for your meal!

CONTACTS

President: Cheryl Eley- 0427 981955 **Secretary:** Bree Reker -0455 923639 **Treasurer:** Chadd 0418 933946 **Weigh Master:** Frank Rystenberg- 0488981899

DISPUTES AND CHANGES TO THE RULES AND PROCEDURES will be decided at the discretion of the rules committee.



TROPHY LIST**PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

- 1/ Champion Angler Game
- 2/ Champion Angler Bottom
- 3/ Champion Boat Game Over 7.0m
- 4/ Champion Boat Game 6 - 7m
- 5/ Champion Boat Game Under 6.0m
- 6/ Champion Top Gun
- 7/ Champion Boat Bottom Over 7.0m
- 8/ Champion Boat Bottom 6 - 7m
- 9/ Champion Boat Bottom Under 6.0m
- 10/ Highest Point Scoring Game Fish
- 11/ Champion Junior Game
- 12/ Champion Junior Bottom
- 13/ Champion River Adult
- 14/ Champion River Junior
- 15/ Heaviest Red Emperor Dutchie Trophy
- 16/ Heaviest Coral Trout

CHAMPION TROPHIES

- 17/ R/U Champion Angler Game
- 18/ R/U Champion Angler Bottom
- 19/ R/U Champion Junior Game
- 20/ R/U Champion Junior Bottom
- 21/ R/U Champion River Adult
- 22/ R/U Champion River Junior
- 23/ Rod Mitchell Meritorious
- 24/ Highest Point Scoring Mackerel
- 25/ Heaviest Mackerel (Not Game)
- 26/ Highest Point Scoring Tuna
- 27/ Heaviest Tuna (Not Game)
- 28/ Highest Point Scoring Snapper
- 29/ Heaviest Not Game Snapper
- 30/ Heaviest WA Dhufish
- 31/ Heaviest Groper
- 32/ Heaviest Cod Ocean
- 33/ Heaviest Samson Fish
- 34/ Heaviest Whiting
- 35/ Heaviest Black Bream
- 36/ Heaviest Cod River
- 37/ Heaviest Mulloway River
- 38/ Catch, Weigh & Release River
- 39/ Blind Mullet Award
- 40/ Safest Boat Award

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FISHING REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure each angler has the required licences.

Recreational boat fishing licences can be obtained online <https://secure.fish.wa.gov.au/fish/>

BOTTOM FISHING REGULATIONS

Seven (7) eligible fish only with a minimum 350mm size may be weighed in each day per angler with a maximum of one (1) Samson fish and all must be within the Fisheries Department of W.A. bag limits, boat limits, minimum & maximum sizes. No set or unattended lines, no sharks, no Catfish. Please make yourself aware of the Fisheries bag limits that will dictate the number of individual bags permitted. No upgrading of fish.

GAME FISHING REGULATIONS

The complete description of equipment and angling regulations are found in the official Australian National Sports fishing Association Rulebook 2016 or ansa.com.au/rules/. A copy of all relevant information is provided in this brochure and is the same as the International Game Fishing regulations.

INFORMATION IS PROVIDED ON:

-Line	-Double line	-Leader	-Line backing
-Rod	-Reel	-Hooks with lures	-Hooks with bait
-Other equipment	- Acts & Situations that will disqualify a catch		-Angling Regulations

NB: Loss of leader or lure will mean you cannot weigh in the fish.

Maximum of 6 game fish per angler with a maximum of 4 of any one species and **within the Fisheries Dept. of W.A. bag and size limits.**

All fish must be at least equal or more in weight to the breaking strain of the line used.

All fish caught must be within the ANSA & IGFA game fishing regulations printed in this booklet.

Only monofilament factory pretested lines are acceptable. Acceptable lines are Platypus monofilament Factory Pre-test, Black Magic monofilament Factory Pre-test & Berkley Big Game monofilament Factory Pre-test. These lines are factory pretested and have a written manufacturers endorsement to that affect. No upgrading of fish.

GAME, RIVER & BOTTOM FISHING DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 1/ Not observing Fisheries or KOAC regulations - angler disqualified for that day.
- 2/ Not having fish identified for each angler prior to weigh-in - team disqualified for that day.
- 3/ Any dumping of fish or selling fish without a licence - team disqualified from competition..
- 4/ Not complying with the ANSA & IGFA rules on pages 9-15 (For game fishing)- angler disqualified for that day.
- 5/ Upgrading of fish. Any angler upgrading will be disqualified for that day.

POINT SCORING

GAME

Fish weight x 100 divided by the line class.

Catch and release billfish: Marlin 1000 points, sailfish 500 points.

BOTTOM & RIVER

Total weight of fish x 4 plus 5 points per fish species.

BOAT

Game: Total points scored over 3 days.

Bottom: Total points scored over 3 days divided by the number of anglers.



PLEASE NOTE: NO SHARKS & NO CATFISH CAN BE WEIGHED IN DURING THE TOURNAMENT, AND A MINIMUM 350MM SIZE FOR ALL FISH EXCEPT WHITING.

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Safety equipment changes now apply!

Please familiarise yourself with current regulations as Transport will be inspecting All Craft.

For more information please visit the link below.

<https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/safety-equipment-changes.asp>



The Dept. Of Transport will be inspecting boats from 12pm Thursday 18th April 2024 in the Kalbarri Motor Hotel Car Park. Your flares need to be in date. All craft not inspected on Thursday may be inspected during the competition at the discretion of the Dept. Of Transport. (Avoid delays and get it done on Thursday).

Top Gun Adult & Top Gun Junior
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ELIGIBLE GAME FISH

The following species are the only game fish that can be weighed in for points in the game section. ANSA Game Fishing Rules apply. All mackerel and tuna species, wahoo, Samson fish, amberjack, tailor, cobia, yellow-tail kingfish, dolphinfish, pink snapper, mullovey, and trevally.

In the event that a marlin or sailfish is hooked, a digital photo and touched by a gaff and released will be recognised. (Marlin species 1000 points, sailfish 500 points)

CATCH & RELEASE RIVER

This is for those riveries who want to catch and release their fish alive back into the river to fight another day. The species eligible for this section are Bream, Mangrove Jack, & Estuary Cod. Fish need to be kept live and swimming at the time of weigh in, after which they will be released back into the river.

ELIGIBLE BOTTOM FISH

All edible demersal scale fish including the above game fish except mackerel, wahoo, tuna, billfish, and dolphinfish. Sargent baker are not considered edible. No Catfish, no sharks are to be weighed in. **All fish MUST have a minimum size of 350mm**, apart from Whiting which is a minimum 200mm Adult & 175mm Juniors. Please only weigh-in what you would normally keep and eat.

CONDITION OF FISH

It will be hot in March. Please ice your fish & separate them into individual anglers bags or layers in the esky for the weigh-in. Fish not iced & in poor condition may render disqualification of the angler on the day. The Classic Committee will decide and their decision is final. Hessian bags not permitted as they are unsatisfactory for keeping fish in good condition. An esky with an ice slurry is best.

WEIGH-IN TAGS

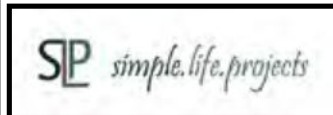
A team member must pick up a weigh-in tag from the weigh-in station at the Kalbarri Motor Hotel before 3.15pm (river) 4.00pm (Ocean) on the Fri. & Sat. And before 2.15pm (river) 3.00pm (ocean) on Sunday. Only one tag per boat required. Tags will be available after 2.00pm on Fri. & Sat: 1.00pm Sunday. No tag no weigh!

CRAY ROPES

Loss of hooks and weights on cray ropes can be very hazardous to deckies on cray boats with the hooks and weights swinging aboard. If you lose tackle snagged to a cray rope, please tie a knot in the rope or rag to the rope or something to warn the deckies and avoid serious injury.

RAMP RAGE

Our boat ramps are greatly improved over the last few years, but there is more work to do. A second boat ramp farther up river, best for larger boats, is available north of the boat pens. Engage 4WD and low ratio to retrieve all boats at the ramps. Please be patient and help out your fellow competitor when you can. If larger boats wish to moor in the river or rent a boat pen, an application form can be supplied by emailing kalbarriac@gmail.com and emailing it to lila.howie@transport.wa.gov.au with a copy of your current insurance cover.



GAME FISHING RULES & EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

The following Angling Rules and Regulations have been formulated to promote ethical and sportsman-like angling practices, to establish uniform regulations for the compilation of Australian Game Fish Records and to provide basic angling guidelines for use in fishing tournaments and any other group angling activities. The word angling is defined as catching or attempting to catch fish with a rod, reel, line and hook as outlined in the IGFA Angling rules and Equipment Regulations. However, there are some aspects of angling that cannot be controlled through rule-making. Angling rules cannot ensure an outstanding performance from each fish and Australian Records can not indicate the amount of difficulty in catching the fish. Captures in which the fish was not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect credit on the angler, and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the record. Only fish caught in accordance with IGFA Angling Rules and within the intent of these rules will be considered for weigh-in.

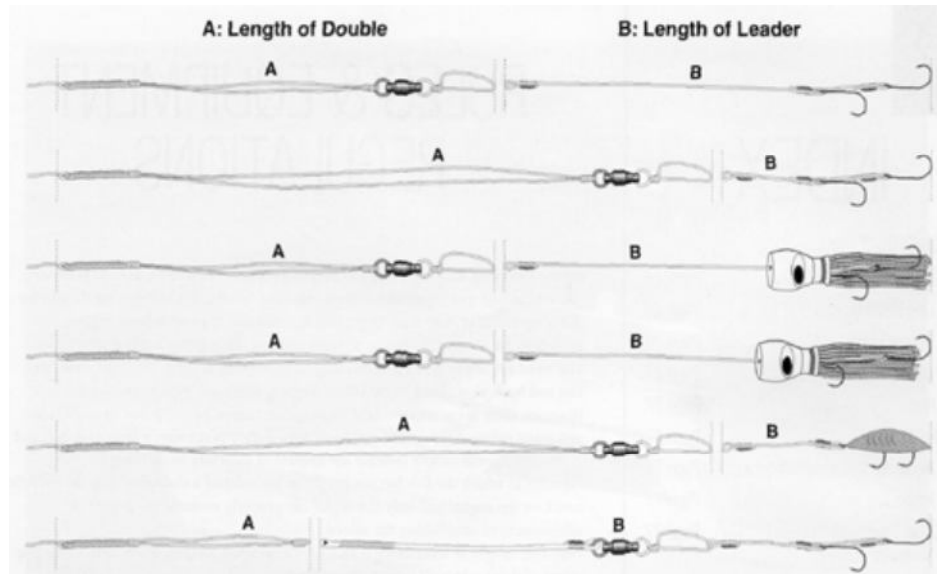
EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

A. Line

Only factory pretested lines are acceptable. Acceptable lines are Platypus monofilament Pre-test, Black Magic monofilament Pre-test & Berkley Big Game monofilament. These lines are factory pretested and have a written manufacturers endorsement to that affect. Any other line brands must be monofilament and have written endorsement that they are factory pretested.

B. Line Backing

- 1/ Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material.
- 2/ If the fishing line is attached to the backing the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the two lines. The backing may not exceed the 60kg line class and must be of a type of line approved for use in these angling rules.



C. Combination main Line & Breakaway Line

When a breakaway line is used in conjunction with a main line the entire combined line will be accepted by ANSA at the breaking strain of the breakaway line for all Divisions and Records (Line Class) and Masters Awards. Existing criteria for the combined length of doubles, leaders and traces will be as per Rule Book eg.

Main Line Knot/Swivel Breakaway Line
(min 0.5M—max 1.5
Times the rod length

Knot/swivel Double/leader/trace
(As per Rule Book)
or **Hook/Lure**

NB: the use of the double leader trace is optional

IF YOU ARE NOT CLAIMING AN ANSA RECORD THEN IGFA RULES WILL BE RECONSIDERED

The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first 5 metres of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line.

D. Double Line

The use of a double line is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

- 1/ A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.
- 2/ Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double to the furthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure, or hook to the double line. Salt water species: In all line classes up to and including 10kg the double line shall be limited to 4.57 metres. The combined length of the double line & leader shall not exceed 6.1 metres. The double line on all classes of tackle over 10kg shall be limited to 9.14 metres. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 12.19 metres.

E. Leader

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

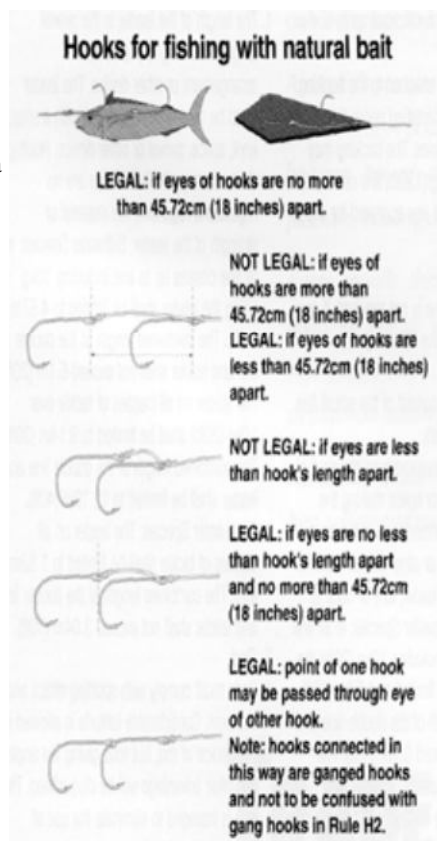
- 1/ The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement or other device. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader. Saltwater species: In all line classes and up to 10kg the leader line shall be limited to 4.57 metres. The combined length of the double line & leader shall not exceed 6.1 metres. The leader line on all classes of tackle over 10kg shall be limited to 9.14 metres. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 12.19 metres.

F. Rods

- 1/ Rods must comply with sporting ethics and customs. Considerable latitude is allowed in the choice of rod, but the rod giving the angler an

Unfair advantage will be disqualified. This rule is intended to eliminate the use of unconventional rods.

- 2/ The rod tip must be a minimum of 101.6cm in length. The rod butt cannot exceed 68.58cm in length. These measurements must be made from a point directly beneath the centre of the reel. A curved butt is measured in a straight line. (Above measurements do not apply to surf casting rods).



G. Reels

- 1/ Reels must comply sport ethics and customs.
- 2/ Power prohibited. This includes motor, hydraulic or electrically driven reels or any device which gives the angler an unfair advantage.
- 3/ Ratchet handle reels are prohibited.
- 4/ Reels that are designed to be cranked with both hands at the same time are prohibited.

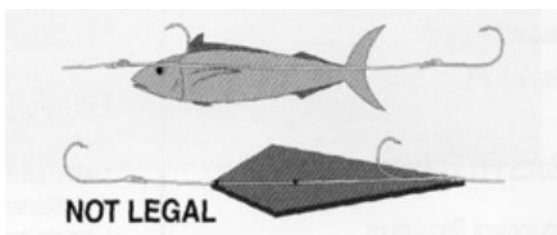


H. Hooks For Fishing With Natural Bait

- 1/ For live or dead bait fishing no more than two single hooks may be used. both must be firmly imbedded in or securely attached to the bait. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than a hooks length (The length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 45.72cm apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of he other hook.
- 2/ The use of a dangling or swing hook is prohibited. Double and treble hooks are prohibited.
- 3/ A two-hook rig for bottom fishing is acceptable if it consists of two single hooks on separate leaders or drops. Both hooks must be imbedded in the respective baits and separated sufficiently so that a fish caught on one hook cannot be foul-hooked by the other.

I. Hooks & Lures

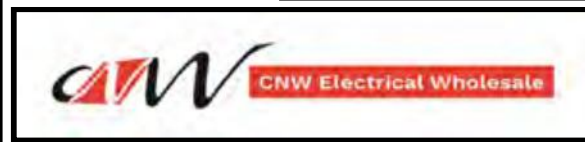
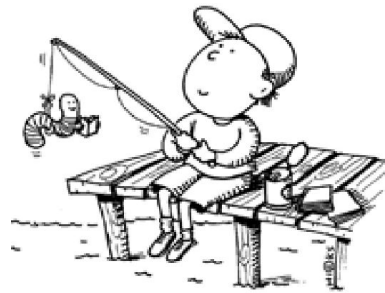
- 1/ When using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing material, no more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader or trace. he hooks need not be attached separately. The eyes or the hooks must be no less than the overall hook length (overall length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 30.48cm apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. The trailing hook may not extend more than a hooks length beyond the skirt of the lure.
- 2/ Gang (double or treble) hooks are permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specially designed for this use. Gang hooks must be free swinging and shall be limited to a maximum of three hooks (either single, double or treble, or a combination of any three).
- 3/ Bait may not be used with gang hooks. A gang hook in the intent of this rule is a hook with more than two prongs (i.e. multi-pointed hook, not to be confused with ganged hooks).



WEIGH-IN PREPARATION

To weigh your fish you **MUST** have a weigh-in tag before the weigh-in time each day (see page 3). As each angler or team approaches the weigh table they must have their fish ready to present to the fish handlers. You will be called up in order of your weigh-in tag no. This means that the fish are:

- 1/ On plenty of ice and in good condition.
- 2/ Sorted into individual catches - Joe Blogs' fish are ready to be weighed and separated from Jane Doe's either by layers of bags or towels etc. Don't be trying to sort it out at the table.
- 3/ Game fish: Your rig must have been checked before approaching the weigh table & present your "Rig Checked" tag to the weigh master.



I. Other Equipment

1/ Fighting chairs may not have any mechanical propelled devices which aid the angler in fighting a fish.

2/ Gimbals must be freely swinging, which includes gimbals that swing in a vertical plane only. Any gimbal that allows the angler to reduce strain or rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.

3/ Gaffs and nets used to boat and land a fish must not exceed 2.44 meters in overall length. (When fishing from bridge, pier, or other high platform or structure, this length does not apply). In using a flying or detachable gaff the rope must not exceed 9.14 meters in length. The gaff rope must be measured from the point where the rope is secured to the detachable head to the other end. Only the effective length will be considered. If a fixed head gaff is used, the same limitations shall apply and the gaff rope shall be measured from the same location on the gaff hook. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. Tail ropes are limited to 9.14 metres.

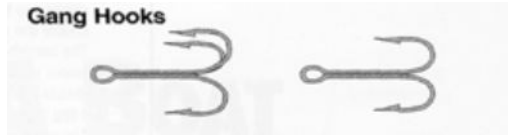
4/ Floats are prohibited with the exception of any small flotation device attached to the line or leader for the sole purpose of regulating the depth of the bait. The flotation device must not in any way hamper the fighting ability of the fish.

5/ Entangling devices (either with or without a hook) are prohibited and may not be used for any purpose, including baiting, hooking, fighting or landing the fish.

6/ Outriggers, downriggers and kites are permitted provided that the actual line is attached to a snap or other release device, either directly or with some other material. The leader or double line may not be connected to the release mechanism, either directly or with the use of a connecting device.

7/ All devices permanently attached to the main fishing line have to meet the requirements of a lure.

8/ A safety line may be attached to the rod provided that it does not in any way assist the angler.



GAME FISHING RULES



- 1/ From the time a fish strikes, or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight, and land the fish without the aid of any other person, except as provided for in these regulations.
- 2/ If a rod holder is used and a fish takes the bait or lure, the angler must remove the rod from the holder as quickly as possible.
- 3/ If a double line is used, the intent of the regulations is that the fish is to be caught on the single line most of the time that it takes to land the fish.
- 4/ A harness may be attached to the reel or rod, but not to a fighting chair. The harness may be replaced or adjusted by a person other than the angler.
- 5/ Use of rod belt or waist gimbal is permitted.
- 6/ When angling from a boat, once the leader is brought within grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the tip of the rod, more than one person is permitted to hold the leader.
- 7/ One or more gaffers may be used in addition to persons holding the leader. The gaff handle must be in hand when the fish is gaffed.
- 8/ The Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations shall apply until fish is weighed.



GAME FISHING RULES

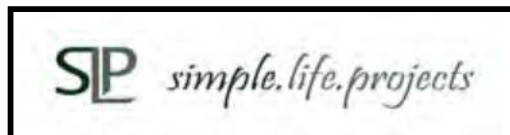
THE FOLLOWING ACTS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

- 1/ Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
- 2/ The act of persons other than the angler touching any part of the rod, reel or line (including the double line), either bodily, or with any device during the playing of the fish, or giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If any obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle (whether chum, float-line, rubber-band or other material) shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by any one other than the angler during this progress.
- 3/ Resting the rod in a rod-holder, on the gunwale of the boat, or any other object while playing he fish
- 4/ Hand lining or using a hand line or rope attached in any manner to the anglers line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
- 5/ Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish (including sharks) at any stage of the catch.
- 6/ Chumming with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin or any other part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.
- 7/ Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of it's normal ability to swim.
- 8/ Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.
- 9/ Splicing, removing or adding to the line while the fish is being played.
- 10/ Intentionally foul hooking the fish.
- 11/ Catching a fish in a manner that the double line never leaves the rod tip.
- 12/ Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.
- 13/ Attaching the anglers line or leader to part of the boat or other objects for the purpose of lifting or holding the fish.
- 14/ If a fish escapes before gaffing and is recaptured by any method other than outlined in the angling rules.
- 15/ The act of any person touching any part of the leader when striking or hooking the fish..



THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH

- 1/ When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions or severely impairs it's angling characteristics.
- 2/ Mutilation to the fish prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by a shark, other fish, mammal, or propeller that remove or penetrate the flesh.
- 3/ When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.





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RIVER COMPETITION

This section is open for those who don't fish offshore. Trophies are awarded as per list on page 4. Attendance at the briefing on Thursday 18th April 2024 from 6.00pm is mandatory due to the ever changing river conditions, as boundaries and rules may change.

POINTS

Points are scored daily by weighing the heaviest four fish of each species caught, and a maximum of 7 fish only. Fisheries Department size and bag limits apply. The following species only can be weighed in.

		Minimum sizes		
Black Bream	250mm	Tailor	300mm	
Flathead	300mm	Silver Bream	250mm	
Mulloway	500mm	Flounder	250mm	
Mangrove Jack	300mm	Cod	400mm	
Sea Mullet	200mm	Yellow-eyed Mullet	200mm	
Tarwhine	250mm	Whiting	200mm (Juniors 175mm)	
Javelin Fish	300mm	Yellow fin Bream	300mm	
Trevally	250mm			

Fishing commences at 6.15am on Friday 19th April 2024. Weigh-in will be at the Kalbarri Motor Hotel at 3.15pm every day, except on the last day, 21st April, at 2.15pm. Night fishing is permitted. Each angler must obtain a weigh-in tag from the weigh Master prior to 3.15pm each day & 2.15pm on the last day. Bag limits apply to each daily weigh-in

CATEGORIES See Trophy List Page4.

WHERE & WHERE NOT FISH

Anywhere in the Murchison River from an imaginary line drawn North from the end of the Sand Spit to the Murchison Station Western Boundary, just east of Gregory's Rock. Fishing from the recreational jetties is permitted. Fishing from the boat pens is NOT permitted. Entering the pens in a boat, drifting or anchoring is permitted but do not tie to the pen structure or penned boats in any way.

CATCH & RELEASE

The Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club supports catch & release and will supply live tanks set up at the Weigh-in for those who wish to bring live fish to the weigh-in for later release. There is a new trophy for catch, weight & release for catch and release participants. Legal size fish, being bream, mangrove jacks & cod only.

Each angler must keep their live fish separated from other angler's live fish prior to weigh-in.

No unattended live wells are to be left in the river.



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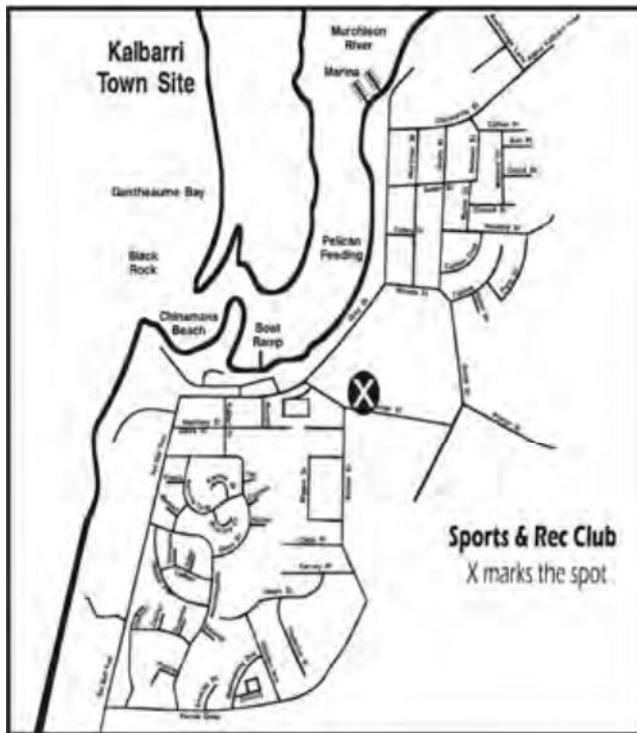
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 it, but you are half way there!

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 E114.06.520

9 Mile: S27.44.104
 E113.58.437
 S27.41.178 E113.57.350
 S27.46.756 E113.58.053

Wagoe S27.55.418
 E114.07.441
 Bluff Point: S27.50.292
 E114.06.015
 Red Bluff: S27.44.544
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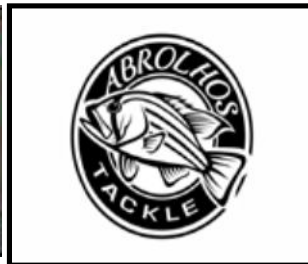
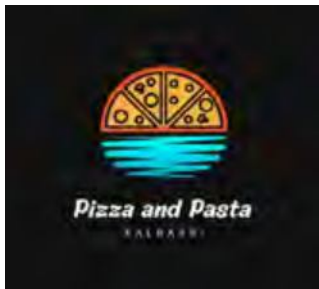
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PLEASE NOTE

The weigh-in is conducted in the Beer Garden of the Kalbarri Motor Hotel.
Strictly no BYO while on licensed premises.
Children to be under adult supervision at all times while on licensed premises.

CATCH, WEIGH & RELEASE RIVER

In the name of conservation you have the option to Catch, Weigh & Release in the River section. We realise that it is very hard to keep fish other than bream, mangrove jacks and cod alive for very long, therefore these are the only species that can be weighed live & released for this trophy.

An esky with the water changed frequently or with an aerator & kept cool will keep them alive.

JUNIOR TOP GUN

The Sutherland Family are coming aboard again this year with sponsorship for a Junior Top Gun. So the juniors are able to be recognised as the best junior angler on each day, in the River, Bottom & Game sections.



DID YOU KNOW



The Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club are proud to sponsor 3 Adult Top Gun Prizes. Awarded each day at the end of the weigh-ins. Best adult on the day, Bottom, Game & River. **'TOP GUN ADULT'**



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If you have a funny story that happened during the comp, or want to dob in someone report it to a committee member for the honour of winning the **'BLIND MULLET AWARD'**



The Dept. of Transport will be inspecting boats from the 12pm Thursday 18th April 2024 in the Kalbarri Motor Hotel Car Park. Your flares need to be in date. Boats not inspected on Thursday may be inspected during the comp. (Avoid delays and get it done on Thursday)





The Murchison River & ocean around Kalbarri are still in pristine condition. Please bring all your rubbish home with you and dispose of it responsibly. Release all undersized and unwanted fish gently.

We would like to thank the team from Western Angler magazine for their ongoing support.

Please note that the Fisheries WA measure guide stickers are only a guide and can vary by as much as 6mm. If you are unsure whether your fish is of legal size, best let it go and avoid disqualification.



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