



9 March 2020

Stealth Adder Rock 2020 Competition Rules

1. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY.

Participation is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Minors are eligible to participate with a parent or legal guardian signature on the release form.

A Release form is essential for participation in the Comp.

2. REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING.

Only entrants who have pre-paid (by this date) will be eligible for entry to the competition.

All entry fees are NON- TRANSFERABLE and NON-REFUNDABLE.

Attendance at the Friday Night Briefing (March 27) is **MANDATORY** for all contestants.

3. SAFETY.

Safety is a key objective, competitors have different levels of skill and experience, please do not feel obliged or pressured to enter the water unless you are absolutely confident and comfortable to do so given the prevailing conditions.

All contestants are required to wear a PFD at all times, failure to do so will result in disqualification. Contestants are also required to carry a VHF radio on board. Both will be checked prior to launch.

We also suggest that entrants carry the following:

- A Whistle
- High visibility clothing
- Paddle leash

- Mirror
- A Mobile Phone
- Basic First aid kit
- Drinking water
- Tow rope

We also suggest you keep within an earshot of another paddler.

Competition days may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or to cancel will be left totally to the discretion of the event organizers.

A Jetski will be on hand and available to assist wherever required. Jet Ski operators will have radios on board and can be called at any time.

Channel 9 will be used for this event.

4. BRIEFING, FISHING AND CATCH REGISTRATION TIMES.

Please ensure that you are at the Friday evening briefing. This is MANDATORY.

Briefing will commence at 6:30 pm followed by a Welcome BBQ.

To ensure that the event is run safely we will have a sign out and sign in register. Each participant must sign out prior to launching and sign in on return, for all sessions being fished.

Failure to sign out or back in will see your catch disqualified for the session. Failure to be back on time will disqualify your catch from that session. Please note it is not the organisers responsibility to chase after you to ensure you are back – When you return to the beach it is your responsibility to find the organisers to sign back in. NO EXCEPTIONS

Three fishing sessions will be held.

Session 1: **Saturday 05H30 – 11H00**

Session 2: **Saturday 14H00 – 17H00**

Session 3: **Sunday 05H30 – 10H00**

5. SPORTSMANSHIP.

Competitors in the Stealth Adder Rock Fishing Competition are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.

Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, not only to fellow competitors but all other people in the immediate vicinity.

Any act deemed by the event organizers that gives an angler an unfair advantage not specifically covered under this set of rules shall be grounds for disqualification. Any violation by an angler deemed intentional or preconceived by the event organizers to gain an unfair advantage, would be grounds for disqualification.

6. ALCOHOL.

This is a social event, and whilst we do not discriminate against those who engage in the consumption of alcohol, please do so within the confines of the law and please be mindful of your safety.

7. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS.

All fish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. Artificial lures, dead bait as well as live bait tactics may be used during the competition.

All fish must be fairly caught and done so off a kayak. All man powered kayaks are eligible – motors and sails are not permitted for use during the comp.

During the hours of competition, contestants may not obtain or receive assistance, including but not limited to the following: a non-competitor's boat, the placing of markers by a non-competitor, being towed by or riding on motorized vessels.

8. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS.

All Kayaks are to be launched from the beach in front of the Adder Rock camping grounds; fishing may only take place with the following bounds:



9. SCORING.

Scoring will work as follows:

- 1 – 49 cm = 0.5 p per cm
- 50 – 99 cm = 1 p per cm
- 100 – 150 cm = 1.5 p per cm
- 150 cm + = 2 pt per cm.

Please note the following Benchmarks.

Trophy

Species	Good fish length (1.5 points per cm)	Trophy length (2 points per cm)
Cobia	100cm	135 cm
Dolphinfish (mahi-mahi)	90 cm	120 cm
Grass emperor (sweetlip)	55cm	75 cm
Longtail Tuna	105cm	125 cm
Mulloway	90cm	110 cm
Snapper	75cm	85 cm
School Mackerel	85 cm	100 cm
Spanish Mackerel	120cm	145 cm
Spotted Mackerel	95cm	105 cm
Spangled Emperor	70 cm	80 cm
Wahoo	110 cm	140 cm
Yellowfin Tuna	85cm	105cm
Yellowtail Kingfish	90cm	110cm
GT	85 cm	100 cm

Vermin

Vermin species include:

- Mackerel Tuna
- Barracuda
- Grinner

These fish will score 0.3 Points per cm if recorded.

Any billfish caught (touching the leader counts as a capture) will score 300 points. Photographic evidence of the capture is required.

No Hairtail, Rays, Sharks, Longtoms.

All fish must be legal in size (in accordance with QLD law) and bag limits apply. If no bag limit is imposed by the government, a total of 5 fish (of the same species) can be entered.

Please be aware that there are protected species in the area that include:

- Queensland Groper
- Red Bass
- Potato Cod
- Maori Wrasse
- Paddletail
- Chinaman fish
- Barramundi Cod

Please also be aware that you are **not required** to bring a fish back to the beach to record it. If you wish to record a fish via photo or video this can be done – so long as you can prove the size of the fish in the image. We do encourage this – If you do not plan to eat it or share it with someone who will, rather get a photo of it and release. DPI Officials will be in attendance – and showing them that this event promotes sustainable fishing is important to us as the organisers.

13. PRIZES

Australian Kayak Specialists have been fortunate in securing some fantastic sponsors for the event including:



Prizes will be awarded for the following:

- Most points accumulated
- Most Species caught
- Largest Fish caught
- Team Competition
- Video/ Photo Comp

As well as various secret prizes and Lucky Draws.

The team comp will be the total number of points accumulated divided by the number of team members. Teams will be announced closer to the date.

14. PROTEST.

Log all protests with the event organizers.

15. RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE.

A waiver, release of liability, and covenant not to sue are part of the entry form. It is required that all contestants take responsibility for themselves while participating in event activities.

16. PHOTO RELEASE.

All photos taken at the event remain the ownership of Australian Kayak Specialists to be used at their discretion. Contestants grant Australian Kayak Specialists and the sponsors the unconditional right to use their name, voice, photographic likeness and biographical information in connection with Australian Kayak Specialists, production, promotion, and/or articles and press releases, and shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.

19. RULE CHANGES.

Rules interpretation is exclusively left to the Event organizer. The decisions of the Organizers are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.

Kind Regards,
Dennis Tocknell