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NOOSA STARLIGHT KAYAK FISHING CHALLENGE 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 completed indemnity waiver, and entry fee must be received no later than the 27 March 2019.

2. REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING.

Only entrants who have paid their entry fee in full are eligible to fish in the comp. All entry fees are NON- TRANSFERABLE and NON-REFUNDABLE.

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.

While on the water all contestants are required to wear a PFD at all times, failure to do so will result in disqualification. Contestants are also required to either have a Radio or a Mobile phone on them at all times. If you do not have a Radio or waterproof case for your mobile, feel free to contact me – I have options available for purchase.

We also suggest that entrants carry the following:

- . A Whistle
- . High visibility clothing

- . Paddle leash
- . Mirror
- . Basic First aid kit
- . Drinking water
- . Tow rope

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 Jet Ski 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.

To ensure that the events are 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.

This means that all participants must launch from the same area.

The Launch Spot for Noosa is at Middle Groyne, on the Main Beach. The best parking can be found off Claude Batten Road.

Launch times are:

06:00 AM - Launch

Dependent on Light & Surf.

12:00 PM - Return

You must have signed back in prior to the session being closed for your catch to be eligible.

12:00PM to 1PM - Weigh in

All fish will be weighed at Davo's Tackle World between 12pm & 1pm. If you fish until 12pm please be aware you must give yourself enough time to get to the weigh in before 1pm for your fish to be eligible.

During the weigh in there will be a BBQ courtesy of Davo's Tackle World.

Davo's Tackle World address: Shop 6, Noosa Homemaker Centre, Mary St, Noosaville QLD 4566

1.00PM to 1.30PM - Prize Giving

To be held at Davo's. To be eligible to receive a prize at this event you must be present at the prize giving.

5. SPORTSMANSHIP.

Competitors in the Noosa Challenge 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. No sails or motors are permitted. Pedal and paddle only.

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.

We are not restricting where you are eligible to fish – however you must do so within the confines of the law, and it is essential that you return to the launch spot before the cut off time (if you are even 1 minute late your catch will not be eligible).

Marks for Noosa can be found here (Courtesy of the Noosa Yakkers)
<http://noosayakkers.blogspot.com.au/2012/01/local-reference-marks-gps.html>

Weather Info on the area can be found here.
<http://noosayakkers.blogspot.com.au/2014/12/weather-explained.html>

Most importantly Launch Etiquette for the area (The Noosa Yakkers Club and AKS Rely on the Groyne as a launch spot and it is essential that you follow these simply rules)
<http://noosayakkers.blogspot.com.au/2015/09/middle-groyne-etiquette.html>

9. SCORING.

The heaviest single fish wins (Followed by the second and third heaviest for 2nd and 3rd place).
Weights will be on one individual fish and not on heaviest bag weight.
Fish must be presented and weighed at the weigh in to be counted.

No Sharks, Rays, Dolphins or Whales please.

10. PRIZES

- 1st Place - \$5000 Cash
- 2nd Place - \$1000 Cash
- 3rd Place – Prize pack valued at \$800

We also have lots of lucky door prizes to give away including a Stealth Profisha 525. **To be eligible to receive a prize you must be at the prize giving... No exceptions.** If the winner is not there to receive the prize it will result in a re-draw.

11. PROTEST.

Log all protests with the event organizers.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. WEATHER CONTINGENCY

A decision will be made at the launch site the morning of the comp if the weather is looking unsafe for offshore fishing. Considering the distance some competitors are traveling, reschedule of the comp is not an option. To keep in the spirit and enjoyment of the day an inshore, lure only comp will be run – in the event of unsafe offshore conditions. So be sure to bring a light setup if the weather looks questionable.

16. AKS COMPETITORS

Thomas, Dennis, Owen and Rodney from Australian Kayak Specialists will be competing in this competition on behalf of Starlight Foundation. If any of these participants happen to win 1st or 2nd prize, they will donate the winnings to the Starlight Foundation. If either one happens to place 3rd – the Prize pack will be given to the entrant who placed 4th.

Please see the last page to take advantage of the Discount offer from Davos tackle world for Friday 29 March and Saturday 30 March.

If you have questions or concerns regarding these rules or regulations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Dennis Tocknell

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