



## **DARWIN FLYRODDERS INC** **Territory Freshwater Fly Fishing Open Rules**



### **PURPOSE**

1. The following rules for the Territory Freshwater Fly Fishing Open (TFWFFO), to be read in conjunction with the Darwin Flyrodders Competition Code of Conduct, have been formulated to codify the rules and scoring system of the competition.

### **INTENT**

2. Darwin Flyrodders conducts the TFWFFO annually. The intent of the competition is to foster competitive but friendly fly fishing, targeting freshwater species.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

3. The TFWFFO is open to teams of two anglers.
4. Anglers need not be members of the DFR or any of its affiliates.

### **TACKLE REQUIREMENTS**

5. Lines, Leaders, Rods, Reels, Hooks, Flies and Nets are to be in accordance with IGFA's International Fly Fishing Rules.
6. The Darwin Flyrodders Competition Code of Conduct provides regulation of casting, rods and electric motors.

### **OTHER RULES**

7. All fishing must be conducted from with a boat.
8. Boating safety is to be in accordance with Northern Territory boating safety regulations.

### **MARSHALLING**

9. The Competition Committee may appoint a Competition Marshal whose job it is to police these rules and the Darwin Flyrodders Competition Code of Conduct

### **SCORING**

10. Anglers may register 20 fish per species for each of the following species;
  - a. Barramundi
  - b. Saratoga
  - c. Tarpon
  - d. Sleepy Cod
  - e. Catfish
  - f. Archer Fish
  - g. Long Tom
  - h. Mouth Almighty
  - i. Other
11. If an Angler catches 20 fish of a species, subsequent captures of that species may substituted for those of a smaller size (upgrade).
12. Points are awarded at the rate of one point per centimetre.
13. Double Points are awarded for Barramundi and Saratoga.
14. All fish are to be measured and recorded to the nearest centimetre.
15. Measurements are to be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout (with mouth closed) to the rear center edge of the tail (fork-tailed fish are to be measured to the base of the caudal fork).

16. There are no minimum lengths for fish in the TFWFFO.
17. Scores are to be compiled on the official TFWFFO Scoresheets provided to competitors by the Competition Scorer and submitted as required by the Darwin Flyrodders Competition Code of Conduct.
18. Team scores are calculated as the sum of the scores of the team members.
19. Additional Team bonuses may be awarded for photos submitted to the weighmaster at each day's score registration. Bonuses will be awarded at the rate of 10 points per photo. Teams may submit any number of photos but bonus points will only accrue for one photo of each species listed at rule 10 (maximum of 90 team bonus points per day available).

## **AWARDS**

20. The following awards will be made during the competition:
  - a. Backstop Award (last-placed angler);
  - b. Catfish King or Queen (the angler who registers the largest catfish);
  - c. Most Meritorious Fish (selected from any fish caught);
  - d. Encouragement Award (selected by the Competition Committee);
  - e. Biggest Barramundi;
  - f. Biggest Saratoga;
  - g. Biggest Tarpon;
  - h. Third Champion Angler;
  - i. Runner-up Champion Angler;
  - j. Champion Angler;
  - k. Third Champion Team;
  - l. Runner-up Champion Team; and
  - m. Champion Team.
21. These awards may be supplemented by other awards as determined by the competition committee.

### Example of scoring for Team 1 in the TFWFFO

*Fred and Jan caught the following fish during the competition.*

<i>Fred:</i>	cm	cm	cm	cm	<b>Total</b>	<b>Score</b>
Barramundi	36	24	55		<b>115</b>	<b>230</b>
Saratoga	39	42	32		<b>113</b>	<b>226</b>
Tarpon	19	25	24	42	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>
Sleepy Cod						
Catfish	45				<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>
Archer Fish						
Long Tom						
Mouth Almighty						
Other						

<i>Jan:</i>	cm	cm	cm	cm	<b>Total</b>	<b>Score</b>
Barramundi	56	45	47	59	<b>207</b>	<b>414</b>
Saratoga	45	28	32		<b>105</b>	<b>210</b>
Tarpon	25	32	31	29	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>
Sleepy Cod						
Catfish	28	27			<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>
Archer Fish						
Long Tom						
Mouth Almighty						
Other						

*Fred's total points are 611.*

*Jan's total points are 796.*

*Fred and Jan also submitted 15 photos. These photos represented 3 species. Bonus points of 30.*

*Team 1's total points are  $611+796+30 = 1437$ .*