



DARWIN FLYRODDERS INC **Territory Saltwater Fly Fishing Challenge** **Rules & Scoring**



PURPOSE

1. The following rules for the Territory Saltwater Fly Fishing Challenge (TSWFFC), 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 TSWFFC annually. The intent of the competition is to foster competitive but friendly fly fishing, targeting saltwater species. The competition rewards the capture of seven species whose differing habitats and feeding behaviours require anglers to employ skills, techniques and tackle adapted to those various species.

ELIGIBILITY

3. The TSWFFC 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 within a boat.
8. Boating safety is to be in accordance with Northern Territory boating safety regulations.
9. Berleying is not permitted in the TSWFFC.

MARSHALLING

10. 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

11. Anglers may register 20 fish per species for each of the following seven target species;
 - a. Barramundi
 - b. Salmon (all)
 - c. Tarpon
 - d. Queenfish (all)
 - e. Trevally (all)
 - f. Mackerel (all)
 - g. Snapper (genus *Lutjanis*)
12. Anglers may also register fish not of the seven target species – these fish will be registered as “others”. The only limit to the number of others an angler may register is that there can be no more than 20 of any species.
13. If an Angler catches 20 fish of a species, subsequent captures of that species may substituted for those of a smaller size (upgrade).
14. Points are awarded at the rate of one point per centimetre.
15. A size bonus of double points is awarded for each of the seven target species based upon a size set by the competition committee before the commencement of the competition.

16. Species bonuses are awarded based on the number of the seven target species captured. Other species do not attract the species bonus. Bonuses are awarded as follows;
 - a. 3 species – 600 points
 - b. 4 species – 750 points
 - c. 5 species – 1000 points
 - d. 6 species – 1500 points
 - e. 7 species – 2000 points
17. Individual scores are composed of the sum of fish lengths (including the size bonus) + the species bonus.
18. Team scores are composed of the individual scores of the team members (including the size bonus but excluding the individual species bonuses) + the species bonus as applied to the number of species collectively captured by the team.
19. All fish are to be measured and recorded to the nearest centimetre.
20. 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).
21. There are no minimum lengths for fish in the TSWFFC.
22. Scores are to be compiled on the official TSWFFC Scoresheets provided to competitors by the Competition Scorer and submitted as required by the Darwin Flyrodders Competition Code of Conduct.
23. 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 rules 11 and 12 (maximum of 80 team bonus points per day available).

AWARDS

24. The following awards will be made during the competition:
 - a. Most Meritorious Fish (selected from any fish caught including "others") – Perpetual Trophy;
 - b. Encouragement Award (selected by the Competition Committee);
 - c. Wombat Award (selected by the Competition Committee for the angler or team who make the stupidest mistake) – Perpetual Sash;
 - d. The thirteenth placed Angler (contrary to the myth of this number's bad luck) – Perpetual Trophy;
 - e. Biggest Barramundi;
 - f. Biggest Salmon;
 - g. Biggest Tarpon;
 - h. Biggest Queenfish;
 - i. Biggest Trevally;
 - j. Biggest Mackerel;
 - k. Biggest Snapper;
 - l. Runner-up Champion Angler;
 - m. Champion Angler;
 - n. Runner-up Champion Team; and
 - o. Champion Team – Perpetual Trophy.
25. These awards may be supplemented by other awards as determined by the competition committee.

Example of scoring for Team 1 in the TSWFFC

Size bonuses for this example are set at;

Barramundi	55
Salmon	50
Tarpon	40
Queenfish	65
Trevally	50
Mackerel	70
Snapper	35

Fred and Jan caught the following fish during the competition.

Fred:	cm	cm	cm	cm	Raw Total	With Size Bonus	# of Species
Barramundi	36	24	56		116	172 ¹	5
Salmon	39	42	32		113	113	
Tarpon	42				42	84 ²	Species Bonus
Queenfish							1000
Trevally	52				52	104 ³	
Mackerel							
Snapper	26	32	22		80	80	
Other							Total Score
					403	553	1553

Jan:	cm	cm	cm	cm	Raw Total	With Size Bonus	# of Species
Barramundi	37	39			76	76	4 ⁴
Salmon							
Tarpon							Species Bonus
Queenfish	36	42	32	28	138	138	750
Trevally	28				28	28	
Mackerel	42				42	42	
Snapper							
Other	28	36			64	64	Total Score
					348	348	1098

Team 1's total points are 2931⁵, consisting of;

- Fred's score with size bonus - 553; plus
- Jan's score with size bonus - 348; plus
- Fred and Jan also submitted 15 photos. These photos represented 3 species. Bonus points of 30.
- Team Species bonus for 7 species – 2000.

¹ Double points for the 56cm Barramundi

² Double points for the 42cm Tarpon

³ Double points for the 52cm Trevally

⁴ "Other" do not attract species bonus

⁵ Note that this differs from the sum of Fred & Jan's scores of 2651