FLY FISH AUSTRALIA INC.

"PROMOTING COMPETITION SPORTS FLY FISHING IN AUSTRALIA"

Patron: Janet Holmes a Court

8th August 2026

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The Inaugural Grand Masters Australian Fly-Fishing Championships Jindabyne, NSW 12-15th October 2026

Fly Fish Australia Inc (FFA) is staging the inaugural Grand Masters Australia Fly Fishing Championships from Jindabyne, NSW, with the event being hosted by the FFA NSW/ACT Chapter. The intimal briefing and the presentation dinner will be conducted from championship headquarters located at the Jindabyne Bowling Club. Competitors will need to make their own accommodation and meal arrangements. The exception being the lunches on day one and day two of the competition, which will be provided.

The waters chosen for this Championships event are:

Sector I – Kalkite (Lake Jindabyne) – loch style boat
Sector II – Buckenderra (Lake Eucumbene) – loch style boat

Detailed information on the sectors, meeting places, travel times, and sector rotations can be found in the document attached below.

The organising committee reserves the right to vary these sectors in accordance with the FFA Competition Rules should it become necessary. Any changes will be notified directly to the competitors via email initially and via email/text closer to the competition dates.

The process for competitor participation in the event will occur in the following sequence:

1. FFA National, have agreed that "Non-financial and non-members will receive membership status for the duration of the competition as part of their entry fee in the spirit of recognising and encouraging past and potentially new members to participate".

2. All competitors must be aged at least 65 years or turn 65 in the year 2026. Due to this restriction in participation ranking points will not be awarded for this competition.

3. Competitors MUST submit their entry nomination via the FlyComps website on or before Sunday 27th September 2026. Payment must be made directly to the FFA NSW chapter no later than Sunday 4th October, 2026.

4. The accepted competitor list will appear on the FlyComps website. https://flycomps.com/events

5. The accepted entrants must **register and sign in** at the registration desk at the competition headquarters the evening before the start of competition and prior to the competitor briefing as per the championships program

Transport: Private vehicles are to be utilised for transport to and from competition sectors. Competitors are encouraged to make car-pooling arrangements if possible.

We invite you to read the following event information sheets and note the contact details for participation in this year's Australian Fly-Fishing Championships and encourage you to complete your entry nomination online on the FlyComps website as soon as possible to assist planning, but no later than our nominated closing date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On behalf of the organising committee, we look forward to welcoming you to the 2026 Grand Masters Fly Fishing Championships and seeing you in Jindabyne.

Tight lines,

Les Perkins and Des Walters
Competition Organiser
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NOTE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

When you pay your entry fee to Fly Fish Australia (FFA) NSW Chapter you are declaring that you have read and accept all the details and conditions of entry as set out in the following pages.

1. If you have any problems with the entry fee or the proposed basis for running the Competition, you must resolve those issues prior to paying your entry fee. Once you pay your entry fee for the 2026 Grand Masters Fly Fishing Championships, via the online nomination system on the FlyComps web site and payment to the FFA NSW account, you agree to the entry fee and the basis of running the competition. No correspondence will be entered into once you pay your entry fee.

2. FFA maintains a current Amateur Sports Insurance Policy including Volunteers Insurance, Public Liability Insurance and Indemnity Insurance. There are limits to the coverage afforded by this insurance, and **all participants** are advised that they must ensure they have their own insurance coverage to protect them outside of the FFA insurance policy cover.

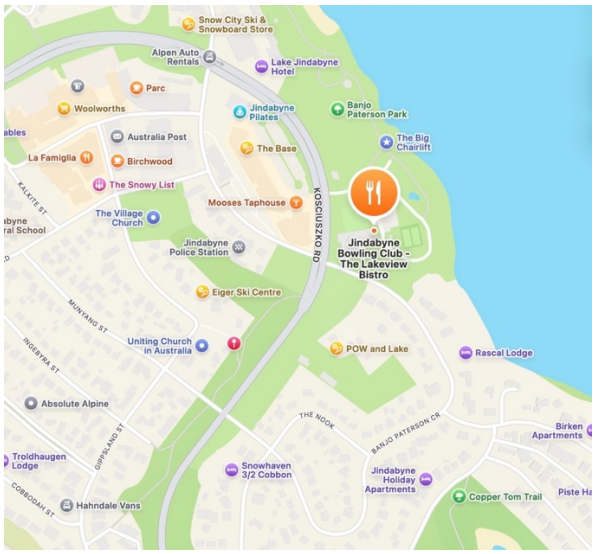
3. Studded and felt wading boots **must not** be worn on boats or transport provided. Penalty: You will incur disqualification from the session and be personally liable to repair any damage.

4. It is the competitor's responsibility to check the FFA website for any updates www.flyfishaustralia.com.au – please report any errors or omissions to the competition organisers.

5. All competitors are responsible for their own personal protection equipment, including hats, sunblock, sunglasses, water, etc.

The competition headquarters including the venue for registration, introduction briefing and the Presentation Dinner will be:

The Jindabyne Bowling and Sports Club
2 Bay Street
Jindabyne
02 6456 2133
Website: banjopatersoninn.com.au



COMPETITION PROGRAM

Notes:

1. The details below may change at the discretion of the organising committee.
2. Competition HQ is the Jindabyne Bowling Club, Jindabyne

Monday 12 October 2026		
5pm – 6pm	Bistro meal at own cost	Competition HQ
6pm – 7pm	Competitor Briefing	Competition HQ
Tuesday 13 October 2026		
8.40am -9am	Steaming time for lake sectors	
9am – 12pm	Session 1 – Competition	**ALL Sectors**
12pm – 2-10pm	Changeover period / lunch	
2-10pm – 2.30pm	Steaming time for lake sectors	
2.30pm – 5.30pm	Session 2 - Competition	**ALL Sectors**
5.20pm	Return to accommodation	
Wednesday 14 October 2026		
8.40am -8am	Steaming time for lake sectors	
9am – 12am	Session 3 – Competition	**ALL Sectors**
12pm – 2-10pm	Changeover period / lunch	
2-10pm – 2.30pm	Steaming time for lake sectors	
2.30pm – 5.30pm	Session 4 - Competition	**ALL Sectors**
5.30pm	Return to accommodation	
Thursday 15 October 2026		
8.40am -9am	Steaming time for lake sectors	
9am – 12pm	Session 5 – Competition	**ALL Sectors**
12pm – 2pm	Return to accommodation	
5pm – 9pm	Presentation Dinner	Competition HQ

TRAVEL TIMES

To comply with the above programme, you will need to add travel time appropriate to your chosen accommodation location. Approximate travel times are as follows:
Jindabyne to Kalkite 24km (20 mins)
Jindabyne to Buckenderra 55km (45 mins)
Kalkite to Buckenderra 50km (40 mins).

COMPETITION RULES AND RULE MODIFICATIONS

The FFA Competition Rules 2021 (with amendments as at July 2025) (FFACR) apply to this competition. The following Rules are also highlighted:

Article 10.3 – Boats are **NOT** to be operated 'on the plane' during the first five (5) minutes of steaming time and boat operators must ensure every step is taken to minimise wash during this critical period of operation.

Article 11.3 – Session competition times will be 9am to 12pm for morning sessions and 2.30pm to 5.30pm for the afternoon sessions.

Article 25.1 – Minimum eligible size limit of fish for scoring purposes is 160mm.

The following rule modifications are included:

Article 10.11 – Steaming time for this competition has been extended to 20 minutes noting also that in the first five (5) minutes Article 10.3 is in force. During that first five minutes boats must not be on the plane.

FISHING LICENCES

ALL anglers are required to hold a valid NSW State Recreational Fishing Licence.

GROUP ROTATIONS

All competitors will fish the same locations at the same time. It is intended that we fish Jindabyne for sessions 1 and 2 and Eucumbene for sessions 3 and 4 however this could change depending on the weather. Session 5 will be decided during the competition based on which location is fishing best.

SEEDING, TEAMS AND RAMDOM DRAW

The random draw for group numbers and beat/boat numbers will be undertaken using the FFA endorsed random draw and scoring program (FlyComps) by members of the organising committee.

COMPETITOR ENTRY FEE

The entry fee for competitors is as follows:

Non boat provider -$150
Boat providers $100

Those attending the presentation dinner on Thursday evening will be required to pay for their own meal from the extensive bistro menu which can be viewed on the Jindabyne Bowling Club website. We also encourage you have dinner at the club prior to the initial briefing.

COMPETITOR ENTRY NOMINATION

Entry Nominations close Sunday 27th September 2026.

Entries received after this date will only be accepted should the event be undersubscribed.
Entry Nomination can only be made via the online entry nomination system on the FlyComps website. You will need to register with the website before you can register for the completion. Registration with the FlyComps website is free. hXps://flycomps.com/events. After you have registered, please remember to press the update button to nominate if you are a boater or a non-boater.

You will need the following information to complete your entry:

Personal Details:

1. Name of Competitor
2. Address
3. Email
4. Telephone number (mobile preferred)
5. Nominate if you can provide a boat for the competition (boats over 4m length fitted for competition).

Please remember to make payment directly to the FFA NSW Chapter by Sunday 4th October (latest)
The appropriate account is **Fly Fish Australia Inc BSB 032814 account 155614.** Please ensure that you add your name to the deposit so that we can identify your payment

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

Competitors must provide their own meals and refreshments for all meals during the event except for lunches on day one and day two of the competition. The Presentation Dinner on the 22nd is a pay-as-you-go event, and drinks may be purchased at the bar. The lunches provided will be barbecue-style, together with a small hamper containing a muffin/muesli bar, a piece of fruit, and a non-alcoholic drink. Tea and coffee will also be available. If you have specific meal requirements (e.g. vegetarian), please let the organisers know, and we will endeavour to accommodate you.

ACCOMODATION

All accommodation arrangements are the choice and responsibility of the competitors. There are ample accommodation options in Jindabyne, including hotels, caravan parks, and Air BNB.

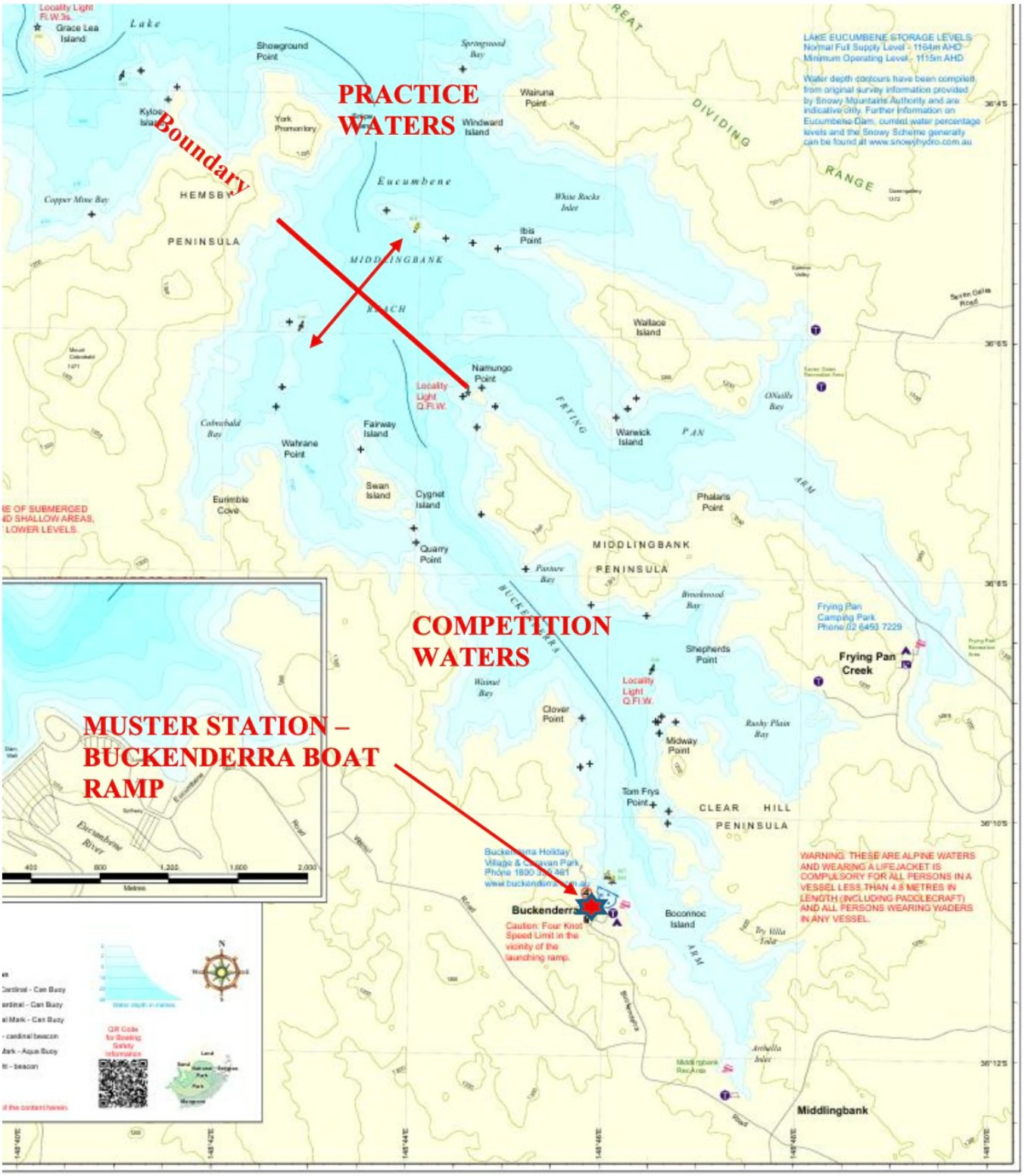
TRANSPORT

Private vehicles are to be utilised for transport to and from competition sectors. Competitors are encouraged to make car-pooling arrangements if possible.

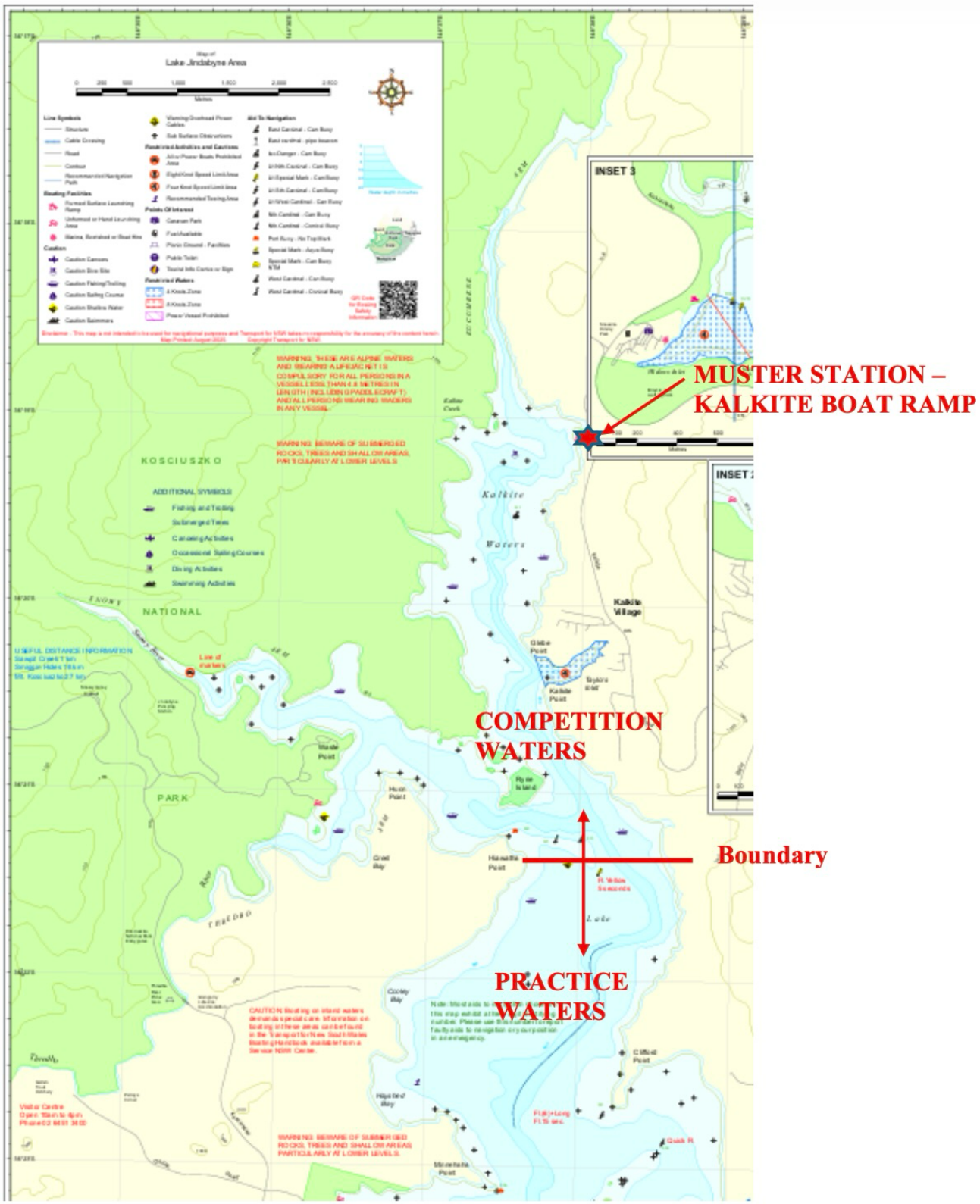
PRACTICE WATERS AND CLOSURE OF COMPETITION SECTORS

Competition waters are subject closure from 11.59pm on Sunday 11th October2026. This closure period has been modified due to a requirement to change the FFA NSW/Act round two competition from Bathurst to Snowy Mountains. The change allows the round two competition to proceeded as normal and anglers will still be eligible for the Grand Masters Championships.

Practice waters are all those waters not specifically identified as competition sectors and as noted on the sector maps. Sector maps and practice waters is provided below.



Lake Eucumbene Sector – all waters **south** of Boundary line including Buckenderra Arm, Rushy Plain Bay, Cobrabald Bay and Wainui Bay
Boundary line Bearing 315 degrees from Namungo Point.
Source Mapping: NSW Maritime Boating Maps



Lake Jindabyne Sector – all waters north of Boundary line including Kalkite Waters, Snowy Arm and Creel Bay
Boundary line Bearing 90degrees from Hiawatha Point.
Source Mapping: NSW Maritime Boating Map

SAFETY

PFDs are mandatory in the Alpine Region on all lake sectors. Competitors are to provide their own PFD. Radios will be provided to each boat for use in an emergency. Mobile phones can only be used in the event of an emergency.

COMPETITION BOATS

Boats will be taken out of the water at the end of each day by the boat owner. If you are a non-boater, please make yourself available to assist the with the launch and recovery of boats. Boats should be at least 4m in length, meet the NSW Maritime Safety Regulations, and be fully fitted out for competition use (including a drogue). The use of electric motors is not permitted. Each competitor must have their own landing net.

SCORE SHEETS AND RESULTS

Please ensure all score sheets are fully completed, legible, signed, initialled and that fish lengths are recorded in millimetres. **DO NOT** round up the lengths.

All score sheets are to be handed to the scorer at the conclusion of each session. Anglers are encouraged to take a photograph of their score sheet in the event of a dispute. Score sheets **MUST** be returned even if blank, as this is a safety check to ensure all competitors have returned. This will also allow our scorers to know they have all scores accurately recorded.

A blank will be equal to the number of competitors in the largest group.

PROTESTS

All protests will be addressed in accordance with the FFA Competition Rules. https://flyfishaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/FFACR2025_Amended-July-2025.pdf

NOTIFICATION AND CHANGES

Any changes relevant to the competition or its running will be transmitted to the registered competitors by email initially and via email/text closer to the competition dates.