

By-laws of the Canberra Fisherman's Club Incorporated

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Part A - Office Bearers and Committees

1. Composition

- (a) The committee shall be appointed in accordance with clause 7 of the Constitution.
- (b) The committee shall appoint the following officers from the committee members:
 - (i) Safety Officer;
 - (ii) Tagging Officer;
 - (iii) Insurance Officer;
 - (iv) Recorder;
 - (v) Editor;
 - (vi) Trustee (property officer);
 - (vii) Activities Officer; and
 - (viii) Outings Liaison Officer.
- (c) The Committee may appoint the following sub-committees:
 - (i) the Outings Committee;
 - (ii) the Burrinjuck Committee; and
 - (iii) such other sub-committee as the Committee sees fit.

2. Duties

- (a) The duties of the President, Vice-President and the Treasurer are defined in the Club Constitution.
- (b) The duties of the Committee are defined in the Club Constitution.
- (c) The Secretary shall act as public officer and:
 - (i) preserve and produce, as necessary, all correspondence or copies thereof;
 - (ii) keep correct records of the proceedings of all Committee Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings;
 - (iii) bring all correspondence and other business before the Committee for consideration and discussion;
 - (iv) arrange for a register of names of Club members and addresses to be kept up to date;

- (v) arrange for a register of member's boats to be kept up to date; and
 - (vi) do all such other things deemed necessary by the Club or Committee to carry out the wishes of the Club.
- (d) The Assistant Secretary shall act as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary and shall perform other duties as required.
- (e) The Safety Officer is to:
- (i) promote safety consciousness of members;
 - (ii) promote awareness of Club Safety regulations; and
 - (iii) notify the Committee of failure of any member to comply with these regulations.
- (f) The Tagging Officer is to:
- (i) encourage participation in the tagging program;
 - (ii) liaise with the NSW State Fisheries to obtain continuing supplies of tagging equipment and to return completed tag cards;
 - (iii) maintain a record of each members progress towards the obtaining of a Tagging Masters Award;
 - (iv) maintain as current as possible a running tally of the progress of each members effort; and
 - (v) ensure that this tally is published from time to time in the Club's newsletter.
- (g) The Insurance Officer is to ensure the renewal of Club insurance policies.
- (h) The Club Recorder is to:
- (i) enlighten members about Club and inter-club competitions and the rules relating to these;
 - (ii) keep and maintain Club Records in all divisions and line classes including Ladies and Junior records in all divisions;
 - (iii) maintain, a current running tally of progress in year-long Club competitions and the appropriate trophy categories;
 - (iv) ensure that up-to-date information on the state of Club Records and Club competitions is freely available to the Committee and published in the Annual Report;

- (v) arrange for Australian record claims and ANSA (NSW) competition entries by Club members to be sent to the appropriate authorities as soon as possible after receipt of the same from Club members;
 - (vi) arrange for the presentation of Club Record certificates and Australian Record certificates to members;
 - (vii) maintain a record of each members progress towards the various masters awards presented by ANSA and to publish these records in the Annual Report;
 - (viii) investigate any disputes relating to correctness or otherwise of any capture and to arbitrate on same;
 - (ix) ensure that all weighing devices owned by the Club are properly maintained and checked for accuracy as required for record purposes by ANSA and IGFA; and
 - (x) maintain a list of club members personal scales certifications.
- (e) The Editor is required to:
- (i) produce a monthly Club newsletter;
 - (ii) produce an Annual Report; and
 - (iii) arrange for distribution of uncollected items.
- (f) The Trustee (property officer) is required to:
- (i) store selected Club equipment;
 - (ii) keep record of all Club equipment;
 - (iii) arrange for maintenance of all Club equipment;
 - (iv) monitor Club members use of all equipment;
 - (v) report to the Committee any abuse of all Club equipment; and
 - (vi) collect monies (and forward to Club) for use of Club equipment.
- (g) The Activities Officer is to arrange:
- (i) talks by Club members and guest speakers; and
 - (ii) films and any other activity for the entertainment and/or enlightenment of Club members at Club meetings.
- (h) The Outings Liaison Officer is to:
- (i) chair the Outings Committee

- (ii) assist members with outing information eg venue, BBQ time, etc;
 - (iii) appoint an Outing Officer prior to each outing, whose role is to ensure the attendance book and scales are available at the outing and to promptly return attendance and capture records to the Recorder after the outing; and
 - (iv) where the Committee has not formally appointed an Outings Committee, undertake the duties of the Outings Committee set out in these By-laws.
- (i) The duties of the Outings Committee is set out in Part B of these By-laws.
 - (j) The duties of the Burrinjuck Committee is to organise the ANSA Burrinjuck Convention

Part B – Club Outings

3. Dates, venues and boundaries of Club Outings

- (a) The Committee shall decide the dates, venues and boundaries of all Club Outings.
- (b) Where possible, the Committee shall ensure that a few ANSA NSW Conventions are deemed Club Outings.
- (c) Once the dates, venues and boundaries of the Club Outings are published, a change in an outing date, venue or boundary can be made up to 28 days prior to the outing. Any changes to an outing shall be published as soon as practical.

4. Safety at Club Outings

Note that further By-laws on safety are set out in ‘Part D – Safety’.

- (a) Club members and visitors attending Club Outings are responsible for taking their own precautions to ensure their safety and well-being. This includes complying with all relevant laws and regulations in force, the By-laws relating to safety and the directions of the Club Safety Officer.
- (b) The Outings Committee shall ensure that the appropriate sections of these By-laws relating to safety at outings are organised and enforced. This shall be done in co-operation with the Club Safety Officer.
- (c) The Outings Committee or any member observing a breach of the By-laws relating to safety at a Club Outing shall refer the breach to the Club Safety Officer.

5. Organisation of Club Outings

The Outings Committee shall take such steps necessary to organise each club outing including:

- (a) booking accommodation and venue (if necessary) for the outings;
- (b) ensuring that the Club holds any necessary permits required for outings in marine parks;
- (c) ensuring that all equipment necessary for the running of an outing (including scales, tape measure, capture record sheets, attendance book and blackboards) are present, and that BBQ facilities are available at outings;
- (d) collecting payment from members or visitors where accommodation or registration to attend at an ANSA NSW Convention is booked by the Club on their behalf;
- (e) conveying payments by members and visitors for accommodation or registration to the appropriate person or authority;
- (f) arranging for members and visitors to sign the Outings Book;
- (g) where the Club Recorder is not present, supervise the recording of captures and ensure that the appropriate documents relating to captures, competitions and attendance are presented to the Club Recorder as soon as possible after the outing; and
- (h) delegating any or all of the above duties to any willing members of the Club.

6. Attendance at Club Outings

- (a) Members and visitors are welcome to attend Club Outings, however, only members are eligible for prizes and awards under Part C of these By-laws.
- (b) Any person wishing to attend a Club Outing shall notify the Outings Liaison Officer in writing.
- (c) All members and visitors attending Club Outings must sign the Outings Book.
- (d) For the purposes of Part C of these By-laws, a member is deemed to have attended a Club outing when he or she has signed the Outings Book available at that outing before he or she is eligible for points for the outing.
- (e) Members attending the outing who have not signed the attendance book by 9am on the final day of the outing have no right of recourse in any matter relating to their attendance or captures.

7. Accommodation at Club Outings

- (a) Any person requiring accommodation at a Club Outing shall notify the Outings Liaison Officer in writing.
- (b) The booking of accommodation for Club Outings is at the discretion of the Outings Liaison Officer. However, the Outings Liaison Officer will use his or her best endeavours to meet all requests for accommodation within a reasonable time prior to the outing date. In determining what is a reasonable time for receiving requests for accommodation prior to making a booking, the Outings Liaison Officer may consider factors such as availability of accommodation at the outing venue, the booking and cancellation policies of the outing venue and other factors impacting on availability of accommodation such as school holidays or events taking place in the area.
- (c) Where the Outings Liaison Officer has booked accommodation for a Club Outing, the Outings Liaison Officer has discretion to accept requests for accommodation at any time but subject to the availability of beds.
- (d) Members and visitors are required to pay for their share of accommodation booked on their behalf at Club Outings:
 - (i) the share of the total costs payable per person shall be the total accommodation costs payable divided by the number of persons using the accommodation;
 - (ii) costs payable for juniors shall be reduced to 60% and the costs payable by adult members and visitors shall be adjusted to cover the reduction for juniors.
- (e) Where a member or guest does not stay at the booked accommodation for the entire outing, the Outings Liaison Officer has discretion to accept a pro rata contribution to accommodation costs if:
 - (i) the accommodation is fully utilised on all nights of the outing; or
 - (ii) other members and visitors attending the outing indicate their agreement to this.
- (f) The Outings Liaison Officer has discretion to accept cancellations by members or visitors if reasonable notice is given prior to the outing or reasonable grounds are given for the cancellation.

8. Outing times

- (a) The starting time of Club outings shall be twelve midnight on the Friday night and the final weigh-in time shall be midday on the Sunday of the outing (this may vary to take account of public holidays).
- (b) For the purposes of By-law 13, no fish will be accepted for weigh-in after the final weigh-in time for outing-based competitions regardless of circumstances.

- (c) These times may be varied by the Committee provided that twenty-eight (28) days notice of the changes is given to members in the Club newsletter.
- (d) Where a Club outing is conducted at an ANSA NSW Club Convention, or similar event, the rules relating to the commencement of the competition and the final weigh-in of the Convention shall over-ride the above stated start and finish requirements.
- (e) An outing may be closed early, but not before 9am on the final day of the outing, by a unanimous decision of all members who have signed the attendance book.

Part C -Club Competitions, awards and records

9. General Competition Rules

- (a) *Club Year* - the Club year is from 1 July to 30 June.
- (b) *Rule changes* - where changes in fishing rules, line classes, eligible species, etc., are made (either by the Club or ANSA) during the Club year, for Club purposes the rules in force at the beginning of the Club year shall remain in force for the duration of that Club year.

The exception to this is changes in fisheries lists for target species for the tagging program and where species become either protected by law from capture or excluded by committee decision. Such changes come into force as soon as members are notified in the Club newsletter

- (c) All trophies available for accomplishments during any Club year shall be decided upon before the commencement of that Club year.
- (d) *Eligible species and fighting factors* – only fish listed in the list of eligible species in the ANSA Rule Book will be eligible for awards and points under Part C of these By-laws. The fighting factors allocated to the fish listed in the list of eligible species shall apply in the calculation of ANSA points.

10. Eligibility of captures

- (a) Fish must be caught in compliance with:
 - (i) the fishing laws of the State or Territory in which the capture is made (including legal size limits, bag limits, method of capture, correct gear, and relevant closed seasons);
 - (ii) the ANSA Rule Book; and
 - (iii) these By-laws.
- (b) Captures must be a minimum of 25 ANSA points to be eligible except for junior members. No minimum point score applies to junior members.

11. Notification of captures

- (a) All captures must be:
 - (i) recorded on the 'Notification of Capture' form
 - (ii) weighed in accordance with ANSA rules on eligible scales;
 - (iii) witnessed by another person over the age of sixteen (the witness does not have to be a Club member); and
 - (iv) submitted to the Recorder within thirty (30) days from the date of capture but no later than fourteen (14) days after the end of the Club year.

The Recorder has discretion to accept late notifications where he or she feels that circumstances existed which did not allow a capture form to be lodged in time.

- (b) On 'Notification of Capture' forms:
 - (i) all fish weights should be in kilograms and all line classes should be recorded as appropriate current ANSA line class in kilograms;
 - (ii) measurements of the length and girth of the fish are strongly recommended;
 - (iii) the length of each individual fish must be recorded in millimetres for eligibility of the 'Total Length Awards'.
- (c) At Club Outings, captures may be recorded and witnessed in the Outings Book. When an outing book is not available at an Outing, the angler must submit all captures in writing to the Recorder or another committee member by the conclusion of the next club meeting in order for these to be eligible for awards under By-law 13.
- (d) Where a Club Outing is held in conjunction with an ANSA Convention, captures that are recorded and witnessed by the ANSA Convention host club and submitted to the recorder will be deemed sufficient notification for the purposes of these By-laws.
- (e) Any captures made prior to membership renewal will not be eligible unless the membership is renewed within 31 days of the end of the Club year i.e 31 July.

12. Eligible scales

- (a) Club members' personal scales are to be checked annually by the Recorder for accuracy by using the accredited weights that the club owns prior to being used by members to weigh captures.
- (b) Personal scales may be used to accrue points at Club outings if use of the club scales at the outing is not practical.
- (c) The Club recorder is to hold a complete list of checked scales, and any relevant certificates and/or certified copies of those certificates.

- (d) Once personal scales have passed their testing renewal date, no captures weighed on them will be eligible, regardless of whether the scales re-test accurately or not.

13. Awards relating to Club Outings only

- (a) The following awards will be presented for each outing:

- (i) highest ANSA point-scoring fish; and
- (ii) highest all tackle points.

In the event of a tie in either award, two or more prizes will be awarded. The winners will be announced the meeting of the Club immediately following the outing and the nature of the prizes will be decided by the Committee from time to time.

- (b) The following awards will be presented after the conclusion of the Club Year:

- (i) All Tackle Club Champion;
- (ii) All Tackle Sub-Junior Club Champion; and
- (iii) Junior Achievement Certificate.

All Tackle Club Champion

- (c) The All Tackle Club Champion trophy is decided by the highest aggregate all tackle point-score at the end of the Club Year.

In the event of ties, the angler who is involved in the tie and who captured the greater number of species at Club outings is deemed to be the All Tackle Club Champion. Progress scores will be published in the Club newsletter from time to time. At each Annual Presentation Night the incoming All Tackle Club Champion will receive the perpetual Trophy and the retiring All Tackle Club Champion will receive a trophy to retain.

All Tackle Sub-Junior Club Champion

- (d) The All Tackle Sub-Junior Club Champion trophy will be determined in the same manner as the All Tackle Club Champion except only Sub-junior members are eligible. The presentation of trophies will be the same. For the purposes of the Sub-Junior All Tackle Club Champion trophy, any sub-junior who attains the age of thirteen (13) years during the Club year will be deemed a sub-junior member of the Club for the entire Club year.

Junior Achievement Certificate

- (e) For the purposes of the Junior Achievement Certificates, any junior who attains the age of sixteen (16) years during the Club year will be deemed a junior member of the Club for the entire Club year. A certificate acknowledging achievement in

sportfishing will be presented to any junior who weighs a fish in at any Club outing. These will be presented at the Annual Presentation night.

Calculation of all tackle points

- (f) Points may be gained only at Club outings and are allocated as follows:
 - (i) one point per fish with a maximum of two captures per species (as per the ANSA eligible species list) per Club outing regardless of ANSA divisions and sections; and
 - (ii) one bonus point will be awarded per outing to those anglers attending that outing once they have signed the outings book.

14. Club Champion Awards

- (a) The following Club Champion awards will be presented after the conclusion of the Club year:
 - (i) Overall Club Champion;
 - (ii) Freshwater Club Champion;
 - (iii) Saltwater Club Champion;
 - (iv) Land-based Club Champion;
 - (v) Ladies Club Champion; and
 - (vi) Junior Club Champion.
- (b) The Overall Club Champion award is decided by the highest aggregate point-score for the year:
 - (i) points may be gained throughout the club year;
 - (ii) the ANSA point-score will apply for the highest point-scoring fish of each ANSA eligible species;
 - (iii) only fish captured within the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales or Australian Territorial waters adjacent to the New South Wales coast are eligible;
 - (iv) captures must be a minimum of 25 ANSA points to be eligible (except for junior members);
 - (v) anglers must have attended two Club outings throughout the Club year to validate their pointscore; and
 - (vi) in the event of ties, the angler who is involved in the tie and who captured the highest point-scoring fish is deemed to be the Club Champion.

At each Annual Presentation Night the incoming Club Champion will receive the ACT Angler Perpetual Trophy and will receive a trophy to retain.

- (c) The Freshwater Club Champion award will be decided in the same manner as Club Champion except that only captures which are made in freshwater will be eligible and the presentation of trophies will be the same.
- (d) The Saltwater Club Champion award will be decided in the same manner as Club Champion except that only captures which are made in saltwater will be eligible and the presentation of trophies will be the same.

NOTE: The boundary between saltwater and freshwater is generally recognised by a physical thing (eg. town or bridge) and determinations of which section a fish is to be weighed in should be sought from the Club Recorder.

- (e) The Land-based Club Champion award will be decided in the same manner as Club Champion except that only captures which are made without the assistance of any water-borne vehicle will be eligible and the presentation of trophies will be the same.
- (f) The Ladies Club Champion award will be determined in the same manner as the Club Champion except only female members of the Club are eligible. The presentation of trophies will be the same.
- (g) The Junior Club Champion will be decided in the same manner as the Club Champion and the presentation of trophies will be the same. For the purposes of the Junior Club Champion trophy, any junior who attains the age of sixteen (16) years during the Club year will be deemed a junior member of the Club for the entire Club year. No minimum pointscore per fish is to apply.

15. Highest Pointscoring Fish awards

- (a) The following Highest Pointscoring Fish awards will be presented after the conclusion of the Club year:
 - (i) Best Fish Blue Water;
 - (ii) Best Fish from the Rocks;
 - (iii) Best Fish from the Beach;
 - (iv) Best Fish Estuary;
 - (v) Best Fish Freshwater; and
 - (vi) Best Shark or Ray.

- (b) The Best Fish Blue Water trophy will be awarded to the angler who captures the highest point-scoring fish in the blue water section during the Club year:
 - (i) the fish may be captured in any ANSA division at any time or place within Australian Territorial waters
 - (ii) by any means provided that such captures comply with the fishing laws of the applicable State or Territory and the ANSA Rulebook.
- (c) The winner of the Best Fish from the Rocks trophy will be decided in the same manner as Best Fish blue water except that the capture must be made from ocean rocks or ocean jetties.
- (d) The winner of the Best Fish from the Beach will be decided in the same manner as Best Fish blue water except that the capture must be made from an ocean beach.
- (e) The winner of the Best Fish Estuary will be determined in the same manner as Best Fish blue water except captures must be made in an estuary.
- (f) The winner of the Best Fish Freshwater trophy will be determined in the same manner as Best Fish blue water except captures must be made in freshwater in within Australia.
- (g) The Best Shark or Ray trophy will be awarded to the angler who captures the highest point-scoring shark or ray during the Club year:
 - (i) the shark or ray may be captured at any time or place within Australian territorial waters ;
 - (ii) by any means provided that such captures comply with the fishing laws of the applicable State or Territory and the ANSA Rulebook.
- (h) Sharks and rays are not eligible for other “best fish” trophies.

16. Most versatile angler award

- (a) Eligibility - To become eligible for this trophy a member must have entered fish in at least three of the following sections :-
 - (i) Best Fish Blue Water;
 - (ii) Best Fish Rocks;
 - (iii) Best Fish Beach;
 - (iv) Best Fish Estuary;
 - (v) Best Fish Freshwater.

- (b) The winners of any of the above trophies and/or any of the four Club Champion categories are eligible for the Most Versatile Angler Trophy.
- (c) The Club member's best fish of each ANSA eligible species across all the divisions in each of the above sections all amass points, allocated as follows:
 - (i) Fish scoring 50.00 -99.99 ANSA points score 1 M.V.A. points
 - (ii) Fish scoring 100.00 or more ANSA points score 2 M.V.A. points
- (d) Fish that are tagged and released will also accrue points toward the MVA Championship. Each tagged and released fish will earn the angler 2 MVA points, with a maximum of 2 points per species accruing toward this Award.
- (e) The highest aggregate point-scorer for the Club year is deemed the winner of the Most Versatile Angler Trophy provided that the above requirements have been met.
- (f) In the event of ties, the angler who has entered fish in the most sections is the winner. If a tie still exists, the angler who has entered the most species is the winner.

17. Other Awards

- (a) The following awards will be presented after the conclusion of the Club year:
 - (i) Total Length Award – Saltwater
 - (ii) Total Length Award – Freshwater
 - (iii) Saltwater Flyfishing Trophy
 - (iv) Tagging Trophy
 - (v) Tagging Ton
 - (vi) Board Fish
 - (vii) All Time Board Fish
 - (viii) Bottle Fish
 - (ix) Masters Trophy
- (b) The Total Length Award – Saltwater trophy will be awarded to the angler who records the highest cumulative length of eligible saltwater species during the club year. The eligible saltwater species must be caught within Australian Territorial waters. The eligible saltwater species shall be determined by the Committee and published twenty-eight days prior to the commencement of the Club year. In the event that the Committee does not publish the eligible saltwater species, then the eligible saltwater species shall be the eligible saltwater species for the preceding Club

year. Individual fish must be of a legal length and recorded on "Notification of Capture" forms in millimetres.

- (c) The winner of the Total Length Award – Freshwater trophy will be decided in the same manner as the Total Length Award – Saltwater trophy except that:
 - (i) the eligible freshwater species must be caught within Australia;
 - (ii) the eligible freshwater species shall be determined by the Committee and published twenty-eight days prior to the commencement of the Club year, and
 - (iii) in the event that the Committee does not publish the eligible freshwater species twenty-eight days prior to the commencement of the Club year, then the eligible freshwater species shall be the eligible freshwater species for the preceding Club year.
- (d) The Saltwater Flyfishing Trophy will be presented to the person who captures the highest point-scoring fish flyfishing in saltwater during the Club year. The fish must be caught in saltwater by fly-fishing method in compliance with ANSA saltwater fly-fishing tackle rules and regulations. Only those fish indicated by ANSA are eligible for consideration. Fish can be captured at any time or place within Australian territorial waters. The ANSA point-score will apply for all captures. At each Annual Presentation Night the incoming winner will receive the perpetual Trophy. There will be no retained trophy.
- (e) The Tagging Trophy will be presented to the person who has accrued the most tagging points in the tag and release of fish during the Club year. Only those fish indicated by ANSA are eligible for consideration. The angler claiming the tag points must have caught the fish.
- (f) The Tagging Ton_Trophy will be presented to any person who tags one hundred (100) fish in the course of the Club year. The standard tagging rules apply.
- (g) At the Annual Presentation Night a certificate will be presented to all members who have captured a Board fish. A Board fish is the heaviest fish (regardless of the breaking strain of the line used) of any species from the list of eligible species in ANSA Rulebook. A Board fish may be captured at any time or place within Australia or Australian Territorial waters or by any means by any member provided that such capture was made within the ANSA fishing rules. Where ties exist, two or more trophies will be presented. A fish may not be classified as a Board Fish unless it is at least 0.5 kg in weight.
- (h) At the Annual Presentation Night a certificate will be presented to all members who have captured an All Time Board Fish. An All Time Board Fish is the heaviest fish (regardless of the breaking strain of the line used) of any species from the list of eligible species in the ANSA Rulebook in the recorded history of the Club. An All Time Board fish may be captured at any time or place within Australia or Australian

Territorial waters or by any means by any member provided that such capture was made within the ANSA fishing rules. Where ties exist, two or more certificates will be presented. A fish may not be classified as an All Time Board Fish unless it is at least 0.5 kg in weight.

- (i) At the Annual Presentation Night a Bottle will be presented to members who have captured a Bottle fish. A Bottle fish is a fish weighing over 50kg (regardless of the breaking strain of the line used) of any species from the list of eligible species in the ANSA Rulebook. A Bottle fish may be captured at any time or place within Australian territorial waters by any means by any member provided that such capture was made within the ANSA fishing rules.
- (j) The Masters Trophy is presented to members upon the receipt of an ANSA Masters Angling Award in any of the recognised ANSA divisions. Each recipient will hold the trophy until a subsequent member receives an ANSA Masters Angling Award. This Trophy is a perpetual trophy and can be awarded at any time during the Club year. A momento trophy will not be awarded to recipients of this trophy.

18. Awards decided by the Committee

- (a) Nominations will be accepted from members towards the end of the Club year for deliberation by the Committee:
 - (i) Club Member of the Year;
 - (ii) Most Improved Angler;
 - (iii) Most Improved Junior Angler;
 - (iv) Most Meritorious Capture;

Nominations should include a short statement of reasons why the nominee should receive the award in question. The Committee shall decide the winner of these awards by secret ballot of the Committee members present at the final Committee meeting of the Club year.

Club Member of the Year

- (b) The Club Member of the Year award is for exemplary service to the Club throughout the Club year above and beyond the requirements of any position that the member may hold.

The nominations should include a short account of the service given to the Club by the nominee or any other reasons for the nomination.

Most Improved Angler

- (c) The nomination for the Most Improved Angler award should include a short account of the manner in which the angler has improved.

Most Improved Junior Angler

- (d) The nomination for the Most Improved Junior Angler award should include a short account of the manner in which the angler has improved. At each Annual Presentation Night the incoming will receive the Perpetual Trophy and the retiring will receive a trophy to retain.

Most Meritorious Capture

- (e) Nominations for the Most Meritorious Capture trophy should include a short description of the capture, mentioning the factors that made the capture meritorious (e.g. difficulties overcome by the angler, gear used, age of angler, etc). The fish may be captured at any time or place within Australian territorial waters by any means by any member provided that such captures comply with the fishing laws of the State or Territory in which the capture is made and is within the ANSA fishing rules. Fish which are tagged and released are also eligible for this trophy.

Gold Badge

- (f) The Committee may, from time to time, present to any member who, in the opinion of the Committee, has rendered continued outstanding service to the Club a special Gold Badge. No more than two (2) such presentations may be made in any Club year. This badge is also presented to Life Members of the Club.

NOTE : The committee will hear any dispute relating to the awarding of the above trophies and its decision is final

19. Club records

- (a) All members are eligible for Club records regardless of whether they are ANSA members.
- (b) Club records shall be determined in accordance with the ANSA Rulebook except that the weight of the fish is the only measurement required.

Note: While other measurements under the ANSA Rulebook are not required for a Club record, it is recommended that members record these measurements in order to be eligible for ANSA State and National records.

- (c) Instead, the angler will be required to indicate the line class in which he or she was fishing and any disputes regarding the correct identification shall be decided by the Recorder on the evidence available.
- (d) If the Recorder is not completely satisfied as to the species, line class or the compliance with ANSA fishing rules, a record shall not be granted.
- (e) The Recorder may only grant a new record for a fish that does not meet the minimum ANSA point score required under the ANSA Rulebook if the ANSA point score for that fish is greater than the ANSA point score for an existing Club record.

Part D -Safety

20. Members to take all reasonable precautions for their own safety

- (a) Club members are responsible for their own safety and shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure their own safety and the safety of others at Club outings or when fishing.
- (b) Club members shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure they do not recklessly or knowingly put their own lives or the lives of others at risk.

21. Safety equipment

- (a) Club boats shall carry as a minimum requirement all of the safety equipment required by law.
- (b) In addition to the above, the Club recommends the following equipment be carried on board Club boats:
 - (i) food;
 - (ii) radios;
 - (iii) sea anchor;
 - (iv) first aid kit;
 - (v) mirror; and
 - (vi) a tool kit which should include spare spark plugs and fuses, a spark plug spanner, insulating tape and a can of water repellent spray (e.g. CRC or WD 40).

Please note the following radio frequencies:

- (i) 27.860 Mhz -*Rescue and Weather Information;*
- (ii) 27.880 Mhz -*Distress and calling (Maritime Safety Channel);*
- (iii) 27.900 Mhz -*Volunteer Coastguard;*
- (iv) 27.910 Mhz -*Boat to Base Stations;*
- (v) 27.940 Mhz -*Fishing and Yachting competitions; and*
- (vi) 27.960 Mhz -*Boat to Boat traffic*

22. Club outing regulations

- (a) At all Club outings (excluding ANSA Conventions and similar events), all members and visitors must personally record their attendance in the Outing Book so that the Outings Liaison Officer and Safety Officer are aware of who is attending an Outing.
- (b) As a courtesy, members and visitors should notify the Outings Liaison Officer and Safety Officer of their intended movements on each day of the outing including expected arrival and departure times and fishing locations (especially if the member or visitor plans to go rock fishing or blue water fishing).
- (c) Members and visitors are encouraged not to fish by themselves, especially if fishing off ocean rocks or in blue water. However, members and visitors who elect to fish by themselves off ocean rocks or in blue water are encouraged to notify the Outings Liaison Officer or Safety Officer and provide their mobile number, car, trailer and/or boat registration numbers.
- (d) Members or visitors expecting or experiencing delays on their return from a fishing location or back to Outing accommodation should, as a matter of courtesy, notify the Outings Liaison Officer or Safety Officer as soon as practical.

23. Life Jackets

- (a) Members must comply with the applicable State or Territory law regarding the use of life jackets.
- (b) Members and visitors are encouraged to wear life jackets whenever fishing off ocean rocks.

24. Failure to comply with safety requirements

- (a) The Safety Officer shall investigate any breaches of the By-laws relating to safety that are brought to his or her attention and advise the Committee of his or her findings at the next Committee meeting.
- (b) The Safety Officer shall advise the Committee of the findings of his or her investigation.
- (c) Where the Committee is of the view that a Club Member recklessly or knowingly put the safety of themselves or others at risk or that the Member's actions caused great inconvenience to others due to concerns about the Member's whereabouts or safety at a Club Outing, the Committee may, in its discretion:
 - (i) give a warning to the Member;
 - (ii) disqualify some or all of the points earned by the Member either for the outing in question or for the Club year;
 - (iii) disqualify the Member from one or more of the Club awards for the Club year;

- (iv) expel the member from the Club;
- (v) or such other action the Committee sees fit.

The Committee shall notify the Member of its decision in writing and, where applicable, notify the Recorder of any disqualification of points or awards.

Part E -Miscellaneous

25. Club equipment

Club equipment may be available to members giving the Club Trustee two (2) weeks notice, any damages or repairs are to be paid for by the borrowing member.

26. Narooma and Batemans Bay Radio Base and Sea Rescue

Contributions to the Narooma and Batemans Bay Radio Base and Sea Rescue are to be discussed annually at the January meeting of the Committee.

27. Insurance of ANSA Members' lives

As part of our annual ANSA affiliation fees, all ANSA members receive cover under the NSW Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme. This scheme covers ANSA members 365 days of the year for all competitions conducted by ANSA and affiliated member clubs (including the yearly competition). However it is essential that members fish in groups of two or more to ensure any claim arising from these activities can be satisfactorily processed under the scheme. It is a strict rule of the scheme that any claim for benefit must be accompanied by a statement from at least one witness as to the circumstances surrounding the injury or death. It is preferable, but not essential, that the witness be a member of ANSA also.

28. Life Members' ANSA fees

The Club is to pay ANSA fees for Club life members should that life member want ANSA affiliation. All life members need to be asked each Club year.