

Ingham Rod and Reel Club Inc
2026 Annual Hinchinbrook Catch and Release
15th & 16th MAY 2026
TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **MEMBERSHIP:**
 - a. All Anglers must be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either GFAA or QGFA and to be able to provide current membership evidence.
 - b. Membership with IRRRC is available for Anglers who do not hold (financial) membership with another club which is affiliated with either GFAA or QGFA.
 - i. IRRRC Full Membership (with voting rights)
 - ii. IRRRC Associate Full Membership (with no voting rights)
2. **CAPTURES:** All point scoring fish must be measured on the supplied measuring board and photographed. The photograph must be a complete clear photo of the whole fish (nose to tail and head to the front of the board) on the measuring board provided. All fish must then be immediately released.
3. **TACKLE:** Anglers can use any line – Mono filament or braid up to and including 15kg. Artificial lures or flies only.
4. **FISH CARE:** All effort will be made to release fish in the shortest time possible, and in as good of a condition as possible. Gaffs are not to be used. Barbless hooks are encouraged.
5. **BOUNDARIES:** Cardwell Jetty: Transit lane marker B.18°12.3851S 46°06.2973E. Macushla Point: 18°13.586S 146°13.001E
Lucinda front beach: 18°33.300S 146°20.715E End of Lucinda Bulk Jetty: 18°31.200S 146°23.265E
Hillock Point: 18°25.213S 146°21.490E (As per the map provided in the program)
6. **NO FISHING ZONES:** The Herbert River beyond the Halifax Road Bridge and Mary Creek. (As per the map provided in the program)
7. **METHODS OF FISHING:** Lure casting, fly fishing or trolling only. No land-based fishing allowed. One line per angler in use at any one time, whether trolling or casting.
8. **LEADER LENGTH:** The tournament will be governed by GFAA rules in the case of leader length. For lure fishing, the length of the double/leader combination shall not exceed a) 1.5 times the length of the rod in use, or b) the GFAA regulations for double and leader length. For fly casting, butt, or taper section, 10kg class and shock tippets reflect the GFAA/QGFA ruling.
9. **SCORING and Photos of Catches:** The recording and photographs of all catches are required to be entered into the INGHAM ROD & REEL CLUB Track My Fish APP. You are required to take the photo of your catch using the APP Camera for scoring purposes. We recommend you take a second photo using your phone/electronic device camera as a back-up. Anglers are required to download the APP to their electronic mobile device. Tampering or deliberate misuse of the APP, scores, photographs, or the supplied measuring boards is prohibited. Any discrepancies will be referred to the judges.
10. **START TIMES:**

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| | Friday | NO Staggered Start | DEPART Dungeness (only) anytime between 5.30 & 7.00am, but NO fishing before 7am Note: Teams MUST check in for sign off at the Lucinda Hotel prior to departing. |
| | Saturday | NO Staggered Start | DEPART Dungeness (only) anytime, between 5.30 & 7.00am, but NO fishing before 7 am Note: Teams MUST check in for sign off at the Lucinda Hotel prior to departing. |

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| FINISH TIMES: | Friday | 5.00pm | Cease Fishing | Friday | APP CLOSES at 5.30pm |
| | Saturday | 4.30pm | Cease Fishing | Saturday | APP CLOSES at 5.00pm - you must be back |
| | | <i>Important Note for Saturday</i> | | | at the Dungeness Boat Ramp <u>no later than 5.30 pm on Saturday.</u> |
11. **CHAMPION ANGLER:** Champion Angler male/female and Champion Team must catch at least one Barramundi or will be ineligible for that prize.
12. **PROTESTS:** Any protests must be lodged in writing within One (1) hour of the days finishing time using the form provided in the back of the program. The Judges will consider any submission and their decision is final.
13. **OVERRIDING RULES:** In all cases, the adherence by each competitor to the regulations set down by various regulatory authorities is their own responsibility and shall take precedence over any tournament rules. These authorities include, but aren't limited to the following: GBRMPA, the Department of National Parks Recreation Sport and Racing, Queensland Transport, Maritime Safety Queensland and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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14. **A TEAM IS TWO (2) PERSONS:** There is a maximum of 2 Persons per boat unless rule 15 is applied.
15. **THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** reserves the right to place an observer, sponsor, or media representative on board any vessel, for any length of time during the Tournament.
16. **THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** reserves the right to deny or relinquish any participant's invitation to attend the Tournament for any reason they see fit. Breaches of any of the above rules may result in disqualification of an individual or team or loss of points. **The Judge's decision is final.**
17. **Minimum size** for Barramundi is 45cm.
18. **Maximum** of 10 Barramundi per boat, per day will be used for scoring.
19. **Maximum** of 5 of each other species, per angler, per day will be used for scoring.
20. **BOAT INSURANCE (QGFA Mandatory Rule):** All boats nominating to fish the Tournament are required to have current boat insurance. Details of such insurance must be completed on the nomination along with a photocopy of your insurance certificate. Should a boat not have insurance, nor be able to supply evidence of insurance and certificate prior to the commencement of the tournament, that boat shall be excluded from participating in the tournament. All onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner/skipper.
21. **TEAM NUMBER BOAT DECALS:** It is important that you place your team number decal provided on your boat in a visible position – to enable you to be easily identified as a competitor in this event.