



# 2019 HOBIE® FISHING WORLDS 8 RULES

The Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 event will be a three competition day series. The event will be cast and retrieve, lure and fly only, and involve an angler bringing back to the weigh-in, his or her, heaviest bag of own caught, live, legal size bream. The event shall be a combined bag weight tournament.

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## 1. POWER-POLE BIG BREAM TROPHY

- A trophy shall be awarded on each tournament day to the angler who weighs in the biggest bream on that day.

## 2. PRIZE POOL AND PAYOUT

- A trophy shall be awarded for the heaviest bream caught on each day of competition and shall be called the Power-Pole Big Bream.
- On each day of competition, a trophy shall be awarded to an angler who does not catch a fish on that day. If more than one angler catches no fish, names of anglers who did not catch a fish will go into a draw and one name will be taken out and receive the Lowrance Donut Dough trophy.
- The world champion shall receive a free entry into the next world championship.
- The winner of the Angler's Choice Award shall receive a free entry into the next world championship.

## 3. SAFETY

- The care of fellow competitors and tournament staff is of the utmost importance. If an angler or a tournament staff member is in distress it is expected that competitors shall assist. Safety is more important than your day's catch.
- All competitors shall wear an Australian Standards Level 100+ Lifejacket or Personal Floatation Device (PFD), former type 1 category (or above), at all times when on the water.
- All competitors shall be issued with a key-tag. The key tag shall be placed on the key-tag board before the allocated finish time.
- Organisers shall search for late returning anglers.
- During competition hours, smart phones may only be used for:
  - Safety and Emergency Calls
  - Communicating with Event Organisers
  - Photography
  - Social media posts using the hash tag #HFW8
  - Time Keeping
  - Making or receiving any other phone calls or messages is NOT permitted
  - Emergency phone numbers shall be announced at the tournament briefing
- The tournament organisers reserve the right to reduce the fishing arena, change start or finish times, change the start and finish location and postpone or cancel a competition day or the tournament if they deem it necessary for the safety of anglers or required by authorities.
- All tournament staff (director, media, scorer and support staff) have the right to direct any angler back to shore, at any time, in the interest of safety.
- If for safety or any other reason, the Tournament Director calls for a stop to fishing, the



session shall be deemed cancelled for ALL anglers (whether they are or are not aware of the cancellation) and no fish shall be weighed-in by any angler.

#### 4. PRE-ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Online entry at [hobiefishingworlds.com](http://hobiefishingworlds.com)
- All entries require full payment within 24 hrs of submission to be eligible. It is the responsibility of the competitor to contact Hobie Fishing (via [entries@hobiefishing.com.au](mailto:entries@hobiefishing.com.au)) if their entry is not listed on the event page at [hobiefishingworlds.com](http://hobiefishingworlds.com)
- Entries for competing anglers close at midnight on 31 March 2019. Use this [date time converter](#) to find out when this deadline occurs in your timezone.
- Submissions for Meal Packages and/or Official Non-Competitor Event Jerseys close at midnight on 30 April 2019. Use this [date time converter](#) to find out when this deadline occurs in your timezone.
- Cancellation of an entry after midnight on 30 April 2019 shall incur a 50% cancellation fee. Use this [date time converter](#) to find out when this deadline occurs in your timezone.
- Cancellation of an entry on the Pre-Fish, Navigation, or Tournament days shall result in the forfeit of the entire entry fee, regardless of the reason.
- Anglers must contact Hobie media to cancel their entry at [entries@hobiefishing.com.au](mailto:entries@hobiefishing.com.au)

#### 5. PRE-FISH BAN

- Anglers fishing in the 8th Hobie Fishing World Championship will not be allowed to access the tournament arena from, and including Monday, 24th June 2019, until and including Saturday, 20th July 2019.
- A pre-fish ban means anglers, or other people acting on behalf of anglers, are not allowed on competition waterways for **ANY REASON**.

#### 6. REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING

- Registration, Briefing, Start, and Finish times may vary. Please read the Noticeboard and pay attention to briefing announcements to confirm times.
- The tournament key tag allocation shall be on the morning of the pre-fish days and competition days and will close 30 minutes before the session begins. Failure to sign in for your key tags within the allocated time shall result in an angler starting in the last position plus 10 mins regardless of reason for absence
- The Daily Briefing shall be held after the close of key tag allocation.
- It is a requirement of entry that all anglers shall attend the entire briefing. Failure to do so shall result in an angler starting in the last position plus 10 mins regardless of reason for absence.
- Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 will have the official Registration and Briefing the evening before day one of the tournament. Failure to attend the Registration and entire Briefing may result in an automatic disqualification from the championship. Navigation day at of Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 will be two days (Pre-Fish Day 1 & Pre-Fish Day2).



## **7. START**

- The order of entry may be used to determine the start method. Start methods include;
  - Order of entry, single file start e.g. #1 entry first away, #2 entry, second start, etc.
  - Group start, all competitors start together in single start line.
  - Gate start in which all anglers start on single start line, however split direction at the two turning gates.
  - Other as required for safe fleet start.
- All competitors shall pedal across the defined start line and in the specified direction.
- The tournament organisers reserve the right to modify any starting order and procedure as required.
- The Tournament Director shall announce the start method at the official briefing.

## **8. FISH HANDLING PROCESS**

- Wet anything that the fish shall touch (hands, net, measuring device).
- Land your fish properly using a net. Avoid handling fish by their delicate gills.
- Release or place your fish in the boat's LiveWell as quickly as possible.
- Repeat for all fish caught.
- Anglers shall release the fish in a humane way, so the fish are not harmed and have the best survival rate possible. Failure to do so, may result in disqualification. The health of the fish is the angler's responsibility from capture to release.

## **9. LIVEWELLS**

- Only supplied Hobie V2 LiveWells shall be used.
- Fish shall only be caught during the designated times and shall be kept in the angler's LiveWell.
- Once an angler has caught their limit and they then catch another fish they shall immediately release one of their fish. Anglers caught fishing with more than the competition defined Bream bag limit shall be immediately disqualified.
- At any stage pre-tournament, during and at the completion of the tournament, any tournament staff member has the right to inspect an angler's LiveWell.
- Competitors must be mindful of changes in shallow water areas where the water temperature may spike causing distress to the fish. Anglers must fill their LiveWells in deeper cooler water before entering shallow water areas.

## **10. FINISH, WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE, AND POINTS SCORING**

- Key Tags shall be placed on the key tag board immediately on return to the event site, at completion of fishing. Tags not returned by the allotted weigh-in time shall be penalised at the rate of 50 grams per minute.

- If an angler returns later than 15 minutes after weigh-in time, the angler shall be penalised 750 grams and all fish caught shall not be weighed. There shall be NO exceptions to this regardless of circumstance.
- Weight penalties shall be deducted from the anglers accumulated bag weight and may incur a negative score.
- Tournament staff are NOT permitted to place the key tag for anglers. The key tag shall be placed on the key tag board only by the angler.
- Any late penalties shall be deducted from the Power-Pole Big Bream prize calculations as well as the overall bag weight.
- Kayak anglers may return to the weigh in location earlier than the allotted time, however, once their key tag is placed on the key tag board, the angler's session is deemed over and they shall not return to the water and they shall wait until the designated weigh in time, mentioned at the tournament briefing, to weigh in their catch.
- The bag limit shall be announced by the tournament director at the briefing.
- Bream shall be the minimum state legal length, plus 1cm which for Queensland is – 26cm, and shall be measured to the tip rather than to the fork of the tail. For example, the legal state length in Queensland is 25cm to the tip, this shall mean that in the world championship the minimum legal length shall be 26cm to the tip. Any undersized fish weighed in shall be disqualified from the angler's bag.
- Only live Yellowfin and Pikey Bream are eligible for tournament points.
- Fish must be caught during the designated times and kept in the angler's LiveWell. Anglers must catch their own fish and weigh-in fish they have caught using Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 legal methods only.
- The fish's mouth shall be closed while measuring.
- Bream shall be weighed in order of angler arrival to the bump tub line up except on the final day and the leaders will weigh-in last.
- Details of the weigh-in site and times shall be established during the briefing prior to the start of the event.
- Each angler may weigh up to the session maximum bag limit of Bream.
- Bream shall be weighed collectively with "Power-Pole Big Bream" candidates weighed individually. Note: It is the angler's responsibility to identify these fish to the weigh master.
- If the angler believes the weight represented by the scales is wrong, they can request the scales be re-tared and the bag reweighed. If this is the case the angler shall then take the second weight regardless of whether it is heavier or lighter than the first weight that was recorded.
- Dead fish, or those unable to swim away from the release point before the weigh-in has finished (as deemed by the event organisers) shall be reweighed and deducted from the anglers' bag weight. At all times, the wellbeing of the fish shall be the responsibility of individual anglers.

## 11. TIES



When two or more anglers finish the tournament with the same Total Bag Weight, the angler with the largest single day bag – on any one day – shall be declared the winner. If neither angler has a larger single day bag, a tie shall be declared. Examples below show 2 tournament days only; the same scenario applies to day 3 of the championship.

**EXAMPLE 1:**

Name	D1	D2	Total Weight
John Smith	4.20 kg	0.00 kg	4.20 kg
Jack Brown	4.20 kg	0.00 kg	4.20 kg
Sam Freddo	2.00 kg	2.20 kg	4.20 kg

**FINAL RESULTS BELOW**

John Smith and Jack Brown shall tie because they had the heaviest bags – on any one day of the tied anglers. Sam Freddo shall take the next place.

Pos	Name	D1	D2	Total Weight
1st	John Smith	4.20 kg	0.00 kg	4.20 kg
1st	Jack Brown	4.20 kg	0.00 kg	4.20 kg
3rd	Sam Freddo	2.00 kg	2.20 kg	4.20 kg

**EXAMPLE 2:**

Name	D1	D2	Total Weight
Billy Bob	2.20 kg	1.92 kg	4.12 kg
Sammy Jane	1.00 kg	3.12 kg	4.12 kg

**FINAL RESULTS BELOW**

Sammy Jane shall take the higher place because she had the heaviest bag – on any one day.

Pos	Name	D1	D2	Total Weight
1st	Sammy Jane	1.00 kg	3.12 kg	4.12 kg
2nd	Billy Bob	2.20 kg	1.92 kg	4.12 kg

**EXAMPLE 3:**

Name	D1	D2	Total Weight
John Smith	2.50 kg	2.40 kg	4.90 kg
Jack Brown	2.40 kg	2.50 kg	4.90 kg

**FINAL RESULTS BELOW**

In this scenario the anglers shall tie as no-one had a higher bag weight – on any one day.

Pos	Name	D1	D2	Total Weight
1st	John Smith	2.50 kg	2.40 kg	4.90 kg
1st	Jack Brown	2.40 kg	2.50 kg	4.90 kg



## **12. SESSION TIMES & MINIMUM HOURS FISHED TO CONSISTUTE AN EVENT**

- Session times will be announced at the morning's briefing and listed on the official Notice Board.
- Either day's session times may be extended in the event of weather or system issues (floods, tides, etc) in an effort to, not cancel the event.
- In the event of bad weather, a minimum of 6 hours over the 3 days are required to be fished to constitute an event.
- If the event is unable to meet the minimum hours required, the event will be cancelled or postponed to a future date.

## **13. HOBIE FISHING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

- All anglers in the Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 Championship shall fish from factory supplied, Hobie kayaks.
- Anglers shall provide their own tackle for the Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 Championship.
- Hobie reserves the right to invite wildcard and VIP anglers to the Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 Championship.
- Only official tournament apparel may be worn during Pre-Fish and Competition Days.

## **14. PRE-FISH DAY**

- Anglers who do not return the key tag, (return late) on the official Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 Pre-fish days shall penalized 1 hour for every 10 minutes late. This penalty shall apply to the first day of the championship only. Anglers who are more than 1 hour late on pre-fish may be disqualified from the first day of competition only.

## **15. SPORTSMANSHIP AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation and they are to conduct themselves in a manner that shall be a credit to themselves, to Hobie Fishing, Hobie Fishing's sponsors, and the sport of fishing. Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the rules of Hobie Fishing World tournaments.
- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during registration or tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure.
  - Abuse of, or addiction to, mind-altering substances.
  - Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months.
- Suspension/disqualification, probation or ban from any tournament or fishing organisation.
- Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavourably upon the efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules, or which fail



to comply with the standards set forth in the first sentence of this section. This includes verbal communication and social media.

- In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, Hobie Fishing Worlds Tournament Directors shall have the right to refuse an application to compete, to deny a confirmed application to compete by returning the entry fee (minus deposit) or to disqualify a contestant.
- Hobie Fishing Worlds events shall encourage Fisheries and Boating Officers to attend all Hobie Fishing Worlds tournaments to police safety regulations, registration, relevant boating legislation as well as alcohol and drug laws.
- It is expected that anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming a professional sports person. Behaviour that shall reflect unfavourably on Hobie Fishing Worlds, its members, representatives, and sponsors shall subject the angler's catch to penalty or disqualification.
- It is a condition of entry that all anglers acknowledge and accept the Model Release and Liability Waiver included on the entry form.

## **16. MODEL RELEASE**

I give Hobie Cat Australasia Pty Ltd and parties designated by Hobie Cat Australasia Pty Ltd, including clients, licensees and purchasers, the right to use my name, photographs and video of me for sale to any medium for the purposes of advertising, trade, display, exhibition, social media, television or editorial use.

## **17. LIABILITY WAIVER**

- The responsibility for a person to participate in the Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 is his or hers alone. I am conscious of the dangers inherent to kayak fishing.
- I agree that none of the organisations or persons involved with the Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 including Hobie Cat Australasia Pty Ltd, sponsors, promoters, or any other involved persons or parties accept liability for damages due in negligence or any other reason whatsoever while conducting or connected with this event for injury, to property or person, I may suffer while participating in the tournament and while upon the event premises.
- I know the risks of danger to myself and my property while preparing for and participating in the tournament, and while upon the event premises, relying upon my own judgment and ability, assume all such risks of loss and hereby agree to reimburse all costs to those persons or organisations connected with this tournament for damages incurred as a result of my negligence.
- Furthermore, I agree to be bound by the [Hobie Fishing Worlds 8 Rules](#) and any other rules that govern this tournament. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the tournament.
- These terms do not operate to exclude any provision of the Australian Consumer Law that may apply and cannot be excluded by agreement.
- If you are entering an event on behalf of someone else, you accept the liability waiver terms and model release on their behalf.





- If an entrant is aged under 18 years, the liability waiver and model release will be viewed and agreed to by their legal guardian in order for them to compete in the event, and that their legal guardian will be responsible for their safety during the event.
- If you do not accept the terms of the liability waiver and/or model release you must cancel your entry transaction now.

## **18. AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL RULES**

- The Tournament Director has the authority to change, amend or delete a rule as necessary.
- Changes will take place prior to the start of a session and will be announced at the session briefing or prior to the start time of the championship. Any changes to the rules made during the event will be written and posted on the official notice board and website.
- It is the angler's responsibility to check the notice board.

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### **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the rules will be given the date of change and listed here as they occur.

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