



GOFISH NAGAMBIE 2019 – RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TOURNAMENT

**Tournament conducted on the Goulburn River, Nagambie and surrounds.
Hosted at the GoFish Nagambie Festival Hub, Nagambie Lakes and Regatta Centre,
Nagambie Victoria Thursday 25th April (Anzac Day) – Sunday 28th April 2019.**

Thank you for your interest in entering the GoFish Nagambie fresh water fishing Tournament. Common-sense rules and regulations must be adhered to by all participants. GoFish Nagambie is a catch and release tournament offering prize money and prizes to the winners. GoFish Nagambie is a fair competition for all participants, by entering the tournament you agree to be bound by the GoFish Nagambie rules and regulations.

GoFish Nagambie is an environmentally sustainable Catch / Measure / Release Tournament

- Catch (species) – Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Redfin and European Carp
- Measure – GoFish Nagambie tournament smart phone App which facilitates the measuring and proof of catch, automatically entering the caught & legal fish into the competition.
- Release – After carefully photographing your catch please humanely release the fish. European Carp are listed as a “noxious aquatic species” and not returned to the water. They should be thoughtfully disposed of or brought back to the festival hub (*further information on the handling of Cod will be provided*).

GoFish Nagambie tournament includes Trailer Fishing Boat (NB: Wake Boats and Jet Ski’s cannot be used), Kayak/Canoe and Land based fishing.

Each competitor must provide an individual entry form for the tournament, providing the GoFish Nagambie organisers the participant name and other detail required by the application for entry. All participants are required to have access to a smart phone (it is not necessary for the participant to own a smart phone, but have access to a smart phone with the free App installed) to utilise the GoFish App for the participant submission of entries of the fish caught. The phone to be used must be included in the registration detail, and is included as part of the participant identification.

All competitors between the ages of 18 and 70 must hold a current Victorian Fishing License (subject to the Regulations of Age). Competitors under 18 and over 70 are also welcome. Details regarding the Victorian fishing license can be found at: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/fishing-licence>

All participants must observe the Victorian Recreational Fishing Regulations. All fish entered in the tournament must comply with the Victorian Fisheries Authority Regulations. The participants must have knowledge of the regulations; it is the participant’s responsibility to comply with the recreational fishing regulations. Note anglers who use illegal means or equipment to catch fish will be disqualified from the tournament. The GoFish Nagambie organisers, officials & representatives

reserve the right to inspect and police equipment, bait and fishing methods used.

NB: If competitors are caught manipulating the App or photos or cheating in any way with their catch, they will be disqualified.

Details of rules available at: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-guide>

Murray Cod, Golden Perch and Redfin must be photographed quickly and handled appropriately for the fish survival. Please note that Gaffs cannot be used and only fish friendly (knotless) landing nets may be used.

Fish handling information & tips: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-guide/photographing-fish-to-be-released>

The submission of a participants catch can only be made via the free GoFish Nagambie App. The App is available for download from the Google Play Store for android users and the App Store for Apple users. The App is quick, simple and easy to use, instructions are provided upon the initial log-in of the App. There is an additional requirement for the fish to be photographed on the supplied GoFish Nagambie measuring mat which includes unique competitor details automatically recognised or activated by the App.

Use of the GoFish Nagambie measuring mat guarantees the validity of a participants entry of a caught fish. The Go Fish measuring mat must be used when submitting a catch as an entry in the tournament.

GoFish Nagambie Headquarters (HQ) is based at Nagambie Lakes and Regatta Centre, Nagambie Victoria. Participant numbers are capped at 5,000. The fishing competition area is strictly managed and no competitor is permitted to submit fish caught outside the competition area boundaries. All participants are provided maps and detail of the fishing competition area boundaries. The number of permissible fishing boats is capped at 1,000.

Eligibility for submission to the tournament (entries made via the app), the fish must comply with Fisheries Victoria legal size regulation. A participant may submit as many LEGAL SIZE (55cm – 75cm Cod, above 30cm for Yellow Belly/Redfin) fish as they can catch. Larger fish can be submitted via the app and will be eligible for a prize. Each catch submitted is equivalent to one entry. The winners are the biggest fish measured and the total measurement of your fish caught submitted via the supplied measuring mat and smart phone app. Prizes will consist of sponsored prizes and cash prizes. (See the website for the value of prizes).

Winners must show their competition entry accreditation card to show they are a legal competitor.

CASH AND PRIZE DRAW:

There are two divisions of prizes: 1. Cash prizes for the Biggest Fish and Champion Angler across multiple divisions. 2. Random prize Cash and draw where all competitors have a chance of winning.

Please note for the Biggest Fish category, if multiple fish of the same size are caught, the first fish entered will be the winner.

Cash and Prize Draw is a unique prize category for all participants in addition to the cash division prize money (for values of prizes, see website). All legal fish entered for division prizes automatically

qualify for the Cash Prize Draw, i.e. all fish caught / measured / released (Carp not released) and entered via the GoFish Nagambie App are entered. The more legal fish a participant catches the more Cash Prize Draw entries are automatically entered.

The Prize Draw will be drawn on Sunday 28th April at the GoFish Nagambie Festival Hub at Nagambie Lakes. Participants must be present at the draw to be eligible; winning competitors have 2 minutes to make themselves known to the judges to be eligible.

CARP COMPETITION

Carp is a noxious species and is not a catch / measure & release.

Anglers will not release a Carp when caught. The catch is to be logged via the GoFish Nagambie App. Carp must be humanly killed and not returned to the river. It should be thoughtfully disposed of or brought to the GoFish Nagambie Festival Hub where the fish will be logged and appropriately disposed.

HOURS OF COMPETITION

The tournament fishing hours must be observed.

Note; the GoFish Nagambie App automatically records the time, date and location of the catch.

The fish must be caught within the competition area boundaries and within the tournament times:

Thursday: Tournament briefing at Festival Hub. Friday: 6.30am to 6.00pm. Saturday 6.30am to 6.00pm and Sunday 6.30am to 12noon.

TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

All participants receive a Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide and Booklet.

A competition briefing is scheduled at the GoFish Nagambie Festival Hub at 7pm, Thursday 25th April (Anzac Day), 2019.

See: www.gofishnagambie.com.au for details.

Tournament winners will be announced at the 'GoFish Nagambie Final Cast' at the GoFish Nagambie Festival Hub at 3pm Sunday 28th April, 2019.

STATE LAWS

All participants are bound by the laws of Victoria.

GoFish Nagambie is a safety-first tournament and the competition is conducted in an environmentally sustainable manner. Victoria Police and Fisheries Officers will police the tournament to ensure the laws of Victoria are observed, including water speed limits, boat licensing laws, fishing license regulations and the general laws of the state of Victoria. Boat owners/operators (Skipper) are responsible for the people fishing on/from their boat. Boat registration must be current and the Skipper must hold a current Marine Licence.

All watercraft must have the regulated & necessary safety equipment on board, including floatation, correctly serviced fire extinguishers. Please note: all waste must be kept on board and disposed of properly. Alcohol consumption will be Policed.

Participation will be withdrawn for competitors in breach of the terms.

JUDGING

The Judge's decision is final.

In the instance of evidence of fraud or cheating, the participant will be disqualified.

Fish pre-caught & tethered or caught in nets are not permissible and competitors will be referred to the Victoria Police & Fisheries Officers.

Only the species included within the competition rules can be submitted for consideration.

If an attempt of fraudulent action is committed by a participant, the participant will be referred to the Victoria Police who are present at the event.

The use of a Drone to locate fish or structure is strictly prohibited, and will result in disqualification.

REGISTRATION

A participant is entered when the tournament application is completed and submitted with the entry fee payment. By entering this tournament, participants agree to be bound by the tournament rules and regulations, the laws of Victoria and acknowledge that the organisers of the tournament reserve the right to decline/reject or cancel entries, add further rules & regulations as required, inspect equipment and fishing techniques and the right to disqualify participants if required in the opinion of the organisers. Judges will scrutinise caught fish entries, the judge's decision is final, no discussion will be entered into. Boats must be registered in the competition as well. **Boat numbers are restricted to 1000. Boat owners/captains will receive a boat registration sticker that must be displayed on the outside of the boat at all times during the conduct of the tournament.**

REFUND

No refunds will be given unless requested by the 1st April prior to the conduct of the event and \$50 of the entry fee will be retained for administration.

CANCELLATION

In the instance the tournament must be postponed or cancelled, the tournament will be postponed for the necessary period, based on the circumstances of the conditions or incident. Incidents that cause a cancellation or postponement would include but not limited to: Algae Bloom making the water unsafe to fish or an Electrical Storm, severe accident etc.

If the tournament is cancelled or postponed participants will be advised by the Judges regarding solution(s) they deem appropriate to restart the competition.

The judge's decision is final.

COMPETITORS CONCENT

The participant consents to the publication and/or use in any form of merchandise or media whatsoever of their name, image, voice, results, statements or otherwise, without payment or compensation and agree that they will reasonably expect to receive marketing material, such as e-news and entry forms, from GoFish Nagambie.

LIABILITY

The operators and owners of the tournament and event known as GoFish Nagambie and all of their staff & representatives accept no responsibility for any injury, loss, damage of any person or boats, equipment or personal belongings during the competition, whether such injury or loss is due to any act, neglect or default of the organisers, the organiser company GTR Events Pty Ltd or of any official

or agent thereof and all competitors fully understand that in so participating, they do so entirely at their own risk.

We show our respect and acknowledge the Taungurung clans, the traditional custodians of a large part of Central Victoria including Nagambie. We pay respects to their Elders past and present.