



GOFISH NAGAMBIE 2020 – RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TOURNAMENT

Where: Tournament conducted on the Goulburn River, Nagambie Lakes and surrounds.

Venue hosted at the Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre, Nagambie, Victoria.

When: Thursday 02nd April – Sunday 05th April 2020

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in entering the GoFish Nagambie (the tournament) fresh water fishing tournament. By entering the tournament, you (the participant/competitor) agree to abide by all rules and regulations stipulated in this document, as determined by GoFish Nagambie Pty Ltd (the event organisers). You 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.

COMPETITION

Tournament Format & Species

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

Catch;

- Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Redfin, European Carp*
- Both bait and lures are permitted for use.

● **Measure;**

- Use the [iCatch app](#) to measure and enter your catch into the tournament.
- Fish must be photographed on the supplied tournament measuring mat and with the participants competition accreditation clearly visible.
- All fish are to be positioned with the head facing to the left for all submissions.
- We encourage all fish to be measured into the competition as this helps us gather data to support research into river health in the Goulburn. However, only fish that are of minimum legal size will be approved and accepted for each competition category after entering. Information on legal sizes & tips on how to best handle your fish for measuring can be found [here](#).

● **Release;**

- After carefully photographing your catch please humanely release the fish.

Each legal and approved catch and submission counts as a single entry to the tournament, there is no limit as to the amount of fish a participant can submit. ***Fish photographed not using the supplied tournament measuring mat, without the participants accreditation clearly visible, or with fish position head facing to the right in the photo will be disqualified.***

*Carp

Carp is a noxious species and should not be released once caught. The catch is still to be measured and logged via the iCatch application to be eligible for Carp competition categories. Caught Carp must then be brought to one of the tournament Carp Disposal Locations. Disposal locations are noted on the Tournament Map.

Age Categories

The tournament will include two age categories,

- Junior – ages 5 to 15 years
- Open – 16 years +

Age based on participants age at the time of the tournament.

Tournament Zone

The tournament zone includes all lakes, backwaters and small creek & estuaries between the Goulburn Weir and approximately 2km south of the Hughes Creek junction. The only exclusion to this is the Tabilk lagoon, which is excluded from the tournament due to its wetlands and wildlife reserve status. The ends of the Tournament Zone will be clearly marked out by signage during the competition. Participants will be provided with a map and detail of the fishing competition area boundaries.



Hours of Competition

Only fish caught within the tournament times are eligible to be submitted into the competition;

- Friday – 7.30am to 5.00pm
- Saturday – 7.30am to 4.00pm
- Sunday – 6.30am to 10.00am

The competition app automatically records the time, date and location of the catch. If you are unable to submit within the tournament times due to data or signal problems at the time of the catch, you can submit outside of the competition hours and the catch time stamp will include it as a legitimate catch for the tournament. A grace period of one hour post tournament finish will be given for catches to be considered as a legitimate submission for that day's prizes.

Capped Entries

Participant numbers are capped at 5,000 cumulatively across all categories. The number of permissible fishing boats is further capped at 1,000.

Fishing Vessels

Participants can fish from boat (excluding wake boats), Kayak/Canoe/PWC's and from the banks. Boats over 6m in length are not recommended due to the limited water space and the ramps available in the area. Persons other than fully paid participants may be present in a competition vessel; however any action construed as assistance to the paid participant or participants by anyone other than the paid participant or participants by any means whatsoever, including any passengers seen to be fishing without being part of the tournament, will cause disqualification from the tournament for the paid participants in the vessel.

Unpermitted Fishing Methods

- Fish pre-caught & tethered or caught in nets are not permissible and will result in disqualification.
- The use of a Drone to locate fish or structure is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- Gaffs cannot be used and only fish friendly (knotless) landing nets may be used.
- A maximum of two attended lines are permitted in the water at any one time as per the Victorian Guidelines

Dispute Procedure

The decision of the event organisers is final; no discussion will be entered in to. In the instance that sufficient evidence of fraud or cheating has occurred, the participant in question will be disqualified from the competition.

All catch submissions are assessed by the iCatch team at the point of submission for correct measuring and any duplicate submissions. The iCatch team may alter the measurement lines on a catch submission should the use of the system be incorrect. In the case that this has happened, the fish will be marked as "Adjusted" on the leader board including a note of the amendment to ensure full transparency to all competitors. If a participant wishes to dispute an amendment, they must raise this during venue opening hours with the event organisers.

Competition Registration

Each participant must enter as an individual for the tournament, providing the participant name and other details as required by the event organisers. All entries are required to be submitted through the online purchase platform supported by third party provider, Lup. All entry purchases are also subject to the terms and conditions of purchase of the Lup platform.

Refund

No refunds will be given unless requested by the 1st March 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: severe weather, fire, severe accident, etc.

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

The event organisers decision is final.

Participant Consent

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 the event organisers.

Liability

The operators and owners of the tournament and the event 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.

COMPETITION PRIZES AND DRAWS

Competition Formats

Full information on the competition formats, prizes and draw processes will be available on the GoFish website.

Prize Draw Dates and Times

Prizes will be announced at the Festival Hub on the following dates and times:

- Friday 3rd April – 7:00pm
- Saturday 4th April – 7:00pm
- Sunday 5th April – 12:00pm

All overall and Grand Slam categories will be announced during the presentations on Sunday 5th April. Cod/Carp O'Clock/Golden Hour prizes will be announced on the day of the session as well as daily draw prizes and daily species prizes.

Prize Collection

All small prizes are available for collection and take home on the day of the prize draw. Prizes will be held for collection until 3:30pm on Sunday 5th April. In the event that a prize cannot be taken home on the day, competitors have two weeks to collect their prize from the GTR Events office, Port Melbourne. Large prizes such as boats and caravans may be subject to collection from a local dealership which will be decided on a case by case basis. For cash prizes, money will be deposited to the recipients nominated bank account within 45 days of the tournament closing. Please note participants will be required to provide their tournament accreditation and may be required to show proof of ID when collecting prizes.

WATERWAYS COMPLIANCE

It is the responsibility of all entrants to comply in whole with the following Authorities

Licensing

All competitors between the ages of 18 and 70 must hold a current Victorian Fishing License, as per Victorian state law. Competitors under 18 and over 70 are also welcome. Details regarding the Victorian fishing license can be found at: [Victorian Fisheries Authority Licensing](#)

State Laws and Regulations

All participants must observe the [Victorian Recreational Fishing Regulations](#). It is the participant's responsibility to have knowledge of and comply with these regulations during the competition. Anglers who use illegal means or equipment to catch fish will be disqualified from the tournament. The event organisers and representatives reserve the right to inspect and police equipment and fishing methods used.

It is the responsibility of the participants to comply with all Maritime Safety Victoria regulations and all appropriate boat licenses and safety equipment for Victoria. If participants are reported to be in breach of waterways laws the event organisers reserve the right to disqualify competitors from the event. This includes but is not limited to speeding offenses.

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.