



GOFISH NAGAMBIE 2022 – RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TOURNAMENT

Venue: GoFish Nagambie ('the tournament') is conducted on the Goulburn River, Nagambie Lakes and surrounds within the designated tournament zone. The Tournament Hub is located at the Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre, Nagambie, Victoria.

Date: Thursday 10th February – Sunday 13th February 2022

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in entering the GoFish Nagambie (the tournament) freshwater fishing tournament. By entering the tournament, you (the participant) accept and agree to abide by all rules and regulations stipulated in this document, as determined by the tournament organisers, 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 and regulations as required, inspect equipment and fishing techniques and the right to disqualify participants if required in the opinion of the event organisers.

COMPETITION

Tournament Format & Species

The tournament is an environmentally sustainable Catch, Measure, Release Tournament

- **Catch;**
 - Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Redfin, European Carp¹
 - Both bait and lures are permitted for use.
- **Measure;**
 - You must use the tournament supplied measuring mat, also referred to as the tournament 'Brag Mat', to measure your fish.
 - Fish must be photographed with the participants competition accreditation clearly visible.
 - All fish are to be positioned with the head facing to the left for all submissions.
 - Enter your photo via GoFish Catch Manager.
 - We encourage all fish caught to be measured and entered into the tournament as this helps us gather data to support research into river health in the Goulburn River and Nagambie Lake area
- **Release;**
 - After carefully photographing your catch please quickly release the fish, except European Carp¹. Refer to details below on disposal of European Carp.

Each 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 without the participants accreditation clearly visible, or with fish position head facing to the right in the photo will be disqualified.**

¹European Carp

Carp is a noxious species and should not be released once caught. The catch is still to be measured and logged via the Catch Manager 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.

Tournament Zone

The tournament zone includes all lakes, backwaters and small creek & estuaries between Murchison 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 – 6.30am to 5.00pm
- Saturday – 6.30am to 4.00pm
- Sunday – 6.30am to 10.00am

The competition online catch recording system automatically records the time, date and location of the catch. Only the tournament Catch Manager system can be used to submit your catch.

Catch Manager

Catch Manager is the website used to submit tournament entries and is linked to your accreditation details. Catch Manager automatically records the time of the submission from the time stamp on the photo when taken.

Participants will need access to a smart phone to access the Catch Manager website to submit their entries.

The event organisers can accept entries submitted outside of tournament times should participants have trouble submitting their entry via the Catch Manager website during the tournament due to data or signal problems. Late entry submissions must be caught during competition times and will be verified by the time stamp linked to their photo. Late entry submissions will only be accepted for a grace period of one hour after competition time closes each day.

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.

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.

Tournament Speed

The Victorian Water Police and Marine Safety Victoria will enforce a 5 knot speed limit within the competition area of the tournament to ensure the safety of all participants and fellow waterway users over the weekend. This speed limit will exclude Nagambie Lake which will remain as a permitted waterski area.

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. 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 event organisers at the point of submission for correct measuring and authenticity. The event organisers may alter the measurement on a catch submission should the measurement be found to be incorrect. In the case that this has happened, the participant will be notified to ensure full transparency. 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's 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.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements

It is currently a Victorian Government requirement for all patrons attending venues and events aged 12 years 2 months or over to show proof of their full-vaccination status to our staff and/or volunteers upon entry into the venue and at registration. This is a condition of competition entry.

All competitors, visitors, exhibitors, contractors, staff, and volunteers over 12 years and 2 months entering the tournament and the tournament Hub, including the tournament campsite will need to show full COVID-19 vaccination status as a condition of entry. For a definition on what *fully vaccinated* means visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live-vaccination-status>.

When you arrive at our venue (including GoFish Nagambie Campgrounds) and registration you will be asked to show proof of vaccination by one of our friendly staff or volunteers. The quickest and easiest way to show proof of vaccination is by adding your COVID-19 digital certificate to the Service Victoria app.

If you don't have a smartphone or are unable to use one, there are additional non-digital proof of vaccination status options available including an official copy of your Australian Immunisation Register vaccination certificate or a printed copy of your digital vaccination certificate from myGov alongside photo identification. Visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/get-your-covid-19-digital-certificate> to find out more.

Please note visitors that have a medical exemption are excluded from this requirement. Please show evidence of your medical exemption alongside photo identification—such as a medical certificate or a letter from a medical practitioner when entering the tournament venue and at registration.

The event organiser has the right to refuse entry to someone who cannot or will not show proof of vaccination or a valid exemption. Legal protections are in place. Patrons and visitors must prove their vaccination or exemption status to enter our venues and/or the tournament.

COVID-19 vaccination requirements are subject to change in line with Victorian State Government and health directive updates.

Refund

No refunds will be given unless requested 30 days prior to the conduct of the tournament and \$50 of the entry fee will be retained for administration.

Cancellation/Postponed Policy:

The event organisers acknowledge and respect your rights arising under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) or other similar consumer legislation. Subject to the Act, if the tournament is cancelled or



postponed the registrant or ticket buyer will be notified via the email address provided at the time of booking. At the time of cancellation, the event organisers will assess the date of the cancellation or postponement and the circumstances causing the cancellation or postponement. Under these circumstances we advise:

- (a) for reasons that are beyond its reasonable control, the event organiser may retain the Fee and will not be required to make any refund of the Fee; or
- (b) for reasons other than as set out in this clause, the event organiser will refund the Fee minus any reasonable administration costs (as determined by the event organiser).

COVID-19 POLICY

Your rights will be protected under *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). In the instance that social distancing or mass participation measures do not permit the event to proceed, your rights are protected. The event organiser's Policy for your registration, if the event is not able to be held in 2022 due to Government restrictions; participants will have the ability to;

- (a) Transfer your registration to the rescheduled event.
- (b) Receive a Refund minus a small transaction fee to cover third party costs associated with the ticketing process which is non-refundable. These are external fees from online merchants not the event organiser.

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 and 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 event organisers 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 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Standard term

By entering the tournament, you have agreed to the prizes and draws terms and conditions, and your entry is deemed as acceptance of these terms and conditions.

Competition Formats

The tournament will commence Thursday 10th February and operate until close of competition on Sunday 13th February 2022. Prizes will be eligible for winning during the conduct of the competition. No entries for the fishing competition can be submitted outside of these dates and times.

Full information on the competition formats, prizes and draw processes will be available on the tournament website – www.gofishtournament.com.au

Prize Draw

Prizes will be announced at the Tournament Hub located at the Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre on the following dates and times (AEST):

- Friday 11th February – 7:00pm
- Saturday 12th February – 7:00pm
- Sunday 13th February – 12:00pm

All overall and Grand Slam category winners will be announced during the presentations on Sunday 13th February.



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. The time and length of Cod O'clock, Carp O'clock and Golden Hour competitions are advised only when these competitions commence. All fish submitted during the hour that these competitions are open, will automatically be entered. Prizes are advertised prior. Winners of these individual categories are announced at the daily presentation ceremony.

If multiple fish of the same size are caught in a 'largest fish' competition, the first fish entered will be the winner.

Prize Winning Communications

Event organisers will contact you if you are a winner of a major prize and announce the details of the presentation and your required attendance. Please note if you have not claimed your prize within 24 hours the organiser reserves the right to redraw the prize and award the prize to another registered competitor who is deemed a runner up. Winners will also be announced via Facebook and Instagram and on the tournament website. For minor prizes and on the day drawers, competitors may be required to be present at the prize draw to collect the prize. This is stipulated in each prize category in the competitor guide. NB: Prizes are as displayed and offered at the event. No prize can be exchanged or changed.

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 13th February. In the event that a prize cannot be taken home on the day, competitors have two weeks to collect their prize from the event organisers office in Scoresby. Large prizes such as boats and caravans may be subject to collection from a local dealership or manufacturer which will be decided on a case-by-case basis and the detail provided to the winner. 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 Regulations

All competitors between the ages of 18 and 70 must hold a current Victorian Fishing License unless exempt, 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.