

# **62<sup>nd</sup> Australian Spearfishing Titles B Section Rules**

## **General Competition**

All competitors must be REGISTERED by 6 pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.

Current AUF or USFA membership is mandatory for this competition. All competitors must be financial for the duration of the event. Pre advised overseas competitors are eligible to enter and be recognised (all trophy's will remain in Australia) All competitors must show respective association members card.

Nominations for Pair and Teams must be submitted by 4.00 pm on the afternoon preceding those events.

World individual & Interpacific pairs selections will be considered from this event and rules applying to selection will be provided prior to the championships commencing.

There will be a dive briefing for each heat the night prior at 1800 for captains. There will be a short competitor briefing prior on the day at 0745 am.

Captains will be required to read the risk management plan, which will be provided, on sign on day

Grand Masters 64 years & older will be included in this event.

The organizers accept no responsibility for any claims for loss or injury that may arise at this event & expect that all competitors understand & accept the coverage of insurance they may or may not have through their membership of the AUF or the USFA as being adequate to their personal needs. Competitors should consider their own personal insurance cover additionally.

**Every competitor must bring a plastic fish/dive bin to store their fish in water prior to weigh in.** This will enable fair treatment of all competitors fish and maintain eating quality.

It is the obligation of the diver to bag, seal and tag his / hers catch at the competition venue. (BAGS, SEALS & TAGS will be provided by the organisers).

No responsibility will be taken by the organisers for incorrectly sealed or tagged catches.

All catches MUST BE TRANSPORTED to the weigh-in area by the divers.

The competitor's catch will only be weighed when the competitor, his nominee or the team manager is in attendance.

Only the competitor or his nominee and the team manager will be allowed in the weigh-in area to watch the weighing of the competitor's fish.

Decisions on identification of fish species by the weigh-in officials will be final.

The principal reference text for identification of species shall be; **Sea Fishes of Southern Australia by Barry Hutchins & Roger Swainston.**

Any ineligible fish species (see scoresheet) presented at the weigh in will result in that competitor being disqualified from that day's heat. Only listed fish are permitted to be used for burley. Size limits must be adhered to at all times. No competitor is to present more than 2 of one species at the weigh in.

The following species are protected In South Australian waters and their capture is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN:

- Blue Groper
- Great White Shark

Divers are required to bring back all items of gear and fish to the sign off area prior to the finish time, Failure to do so will result in disqualification from heat.

Only one unlisted specie & one fish from each category "other" may be weighed in. Eligible species, which are dependent upon fisheries legislation, will be accepted by **minimum lengths first**, followed by weight. This will be at the interpretation of the weigh master.

Any competitor breaking any South Australian Fisheries regulations size or bag limits during the event will be disqualified from the competition.

All fish presented for weigh-in shall remain the property of the host.

A collection bin will be provided at the sign-off point for depositing of unwanted fish.

Tails are to be chopped off of any fish competitors wish to take home.

Dumping of fish or rubbish at the dive venues will carry a "**PENALTY**".

**DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HEAT.**

Breaches to 'A' Section Rules will be dealt with under those rules & may lead to disqualification.

**PLEASE SEE SCORESHEET**

### Locations

Emu Bay, Snellings beach, Stokes Bay, Western River Cove, Cape Cassini

No competitor shall spear any fish in any of the nominated venues 14days prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.

**\* PENALTY \* DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

The depositing of equipment at various sites in the Competition Venues prior to the start of competition for use during the competition will not be allowed. eg: Backpacks, shoes, spare clothing, dive gear, water bottles etc. (Refer A Section Rules)

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Starting points & Sign off points TBA prior to heats.

### **Gear**

All mandatory safety gear as per "A section" Rules must be strictly adhered to and will be checked each day of the event.

Plaques/Float boats & Body board floats are permitted for use during competition.

Due to the potential shark hazard that diving Kangaroo Island provides, these methods of floats are **STRONGLY RECCOMENDED** by the organisers.

There is no maximum size limits for floats, but they must not be used to aid in transportation of a diver at any point of the competition. Competitors caught doing so will be subject to **DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HEAT.**

The use of torches during the event is permitted. As South Australian fisheries regulations permit the use of torches whilst engaged in spearfishing activities.

The use of Shark Shields is permitted and recommended to be used by all competitors.

**PERSONAL GPS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED!**