

## **Hobie BREAM Kayak Rules - 2009/10**

### **SUMMARY**

ABT BREAM Kayak events are designed to offer kayak anglers a competitive framework under the ABT umbrella. They are cast and retrieve, lure and fly only, and involves bringing your three biggest legal bream alive back to the weigh-in.

Like all ABT formats, BREAM Kayak will have its own events, rankings, payouts and prize schedule. Culminating in the Grand Final, where qualifying competitors will fish in identical sponsor-provided kayaks on a totally level playing field.

### **BREAM KAYAK SERIES**

- One and two day events which are enter-on-the-day.
- \$50 (includes GST) entry fee per day of competition.
- Competitors must be ABT members. Membership can be purchased on the day (\$50 per year for new members, \$40 for renewing members).
- After registration and before the start, competitors' kayaks will be checked for empty livewells, safety gear and issued a key tag.
- Competitors must ensure that they have a minimum livewell capacity of 25 litres.
- After the pre-start briefing, there will be a shotgun start.
- All competitors must make their way to their desired spots by pedal or paddle-power.
- Competitors must have their key tags on the board by the nominated finish time. Failure to do so will result in time penalties at the rate of 50g per minute (or part thereof) late and disqualification of the bag for returns over 15 minutes late.
- All rules are applied as interpreted by the Tournament Director, and the Director's decision is final.

### **WHAT IS A KAYAK?**

- Sit on and sit-in kayaks are allowed
- No combustion, sail or electric propulsion allowed.
- Canoes are not allowed.
- Outriggers are allowed.
- Tandem kayaks are allowed, but only with one operator.

### **SAFETY**

- All competitors are to wear a PFD type 1 at all times.
- All competitors must return their key-tag to the tagboard when they return to the event site. Organisers will search for late returns.
- Competitors may use mobile phones for safety reasons, but not to communicate fishing information.

### **FISHING**

- Competitors must abide by all state fishing and boating regulations.
- Cast-and-retrieve only – no trolling. Drift fishing is allowed.

- Bream must be the minimum state legal length to the fork of the tail (QLD – 23cm, NSW – 25cm, VIC-28cm, SA- 28cm, WA-25cm).
- Bream must swim away from the weigh-in to be eligible. Dead fish, as deemed by the weighmaster, will not be eligible.

### EVENT FORMATS

- The series will feature one and two day events. In two day events anglers can fish either/both of the tournament days, however, their best bag of the two days will count towards their final results.
- AOY points and Grand Final qualification will be based on this single-day final result. Rankings Points, however, will be calculated on a combined two day bag result.
- Each state hosting multiple events (QLD, NSW, & VIC) will use its last round as State Title deciding round. State Title events will feature a two-day bag and will offer GF qualification spots to the top five.
- Non-state title events will offer GF qualification spots to the top three.
- For an additional \$50 anglers can enter the 'Pro' division and compete amongst other Pro optioning anglers for an additional side pot of cash. Pro entries can only be paid for with cash, and will be paid out with 100% payback and with a 1 in 4 ratio.

e.g. If 8 anglers option up, the top two will share in the \$400 Pro Pool.

### PRIZES

The prize pool payout structure will be paid back on a 1 in 5 ratio. In a 50 angler field, prizes will be paid down to 10<sup>th</sup> place with a \$3450 prize pool.

e.g.

Place	Prize \$
1st	1000
2nd	500
3rd	400
4th	350
5th	300
6th	250
7th	200
8th	150
9th	100
10th	100
Big Bream	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>3450</b>

### Big Bream

A Hogs Breath sponsored \$100 big bream prize will be awarded each day of competition and will be known as the Boss Hog. This will apply to all events except the Grand Final and State Titles, where a \$500 (GF) and \$100 (State Title) Boss Hog will be awarded over the two days of competition.

## **PREFISH BAN**

There are no prefish bans in place except for the rounds that are run in conjunction with scheduled BREAM Qualifying events and State Titles. The kayak rounds that have a prefish ban include Glenelg River (19/20<sup>th</sup> September), Walpole (13/14<sup>th</sup> February), Noosa (9/10<sup>th</sup> January), Forster (13/14<sup>th</sup> March), and the Grand Final (May 2010). The prefish ban for these events is as follows:

- There will be a practice fishing ban for all competition waterways and linked systems from dawn on the Monday week prior to the competition until dawn on the day immediately before the tournament. For instance, if a Qualifier tournament is held over the weekend of Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of a month, the pre-fish ban will extend from dawn on Monday the 8th until dawn on Friday the 19th. This is the same period as ABT BASS Pro and BREAM Qualifiers.

## **GRAND FINAL QUALIFICATION**

- There are 45 slots available for the 2010 Hobie BREAM Kayak Grand Final.
- In each of the Qualifying events, the top three placed anglers will qualify. Declined places will be offered to the next down the list from that event.
- Five places will be offered to anglers from each of the State Title events. Declined places will be offered to the next down the list from that event.
- There are 5 wildcard spots that will be filled at the discretion of the Naming Sponsor.
- All grand finalists will fish from supplied, identical Hobie kayaks with livewells, ensuring a level playing field.
- Anglers provide their own tackle/safety gear for the Grand Final event.

## **BREAM Kayak Rankings**

- Rankings, rather than AOY reward consistent performance over a two year period. The top three rankings points from series one and the top four points from series two, will determine an angler's Rankings score. At the Grand Final 70 points will be allocated for State Titles 50 points and at standard events 40 points. The top 4 (GF), 5 (State Titles) and 5 (Qualifier) receive bonus points per their position.
- Rankings points are allocated as follows:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Grand Final</b>	<b>State Titles</b>	<b>Qualifier</b>
1st	70	50	40
2nd	59	47	37
3rd	55	44	34
4th	51	41	31
5th	46	38	28
6th	45	34	24
7th	44	33	23
8th	43	32	22
9th	42	31	21

10th	etc	etc	etc
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### BREAM KAYAK AOY

- Points from each BREAM Kayak event will be allocated according to placing.

1<sup>st</sup> 100 points

2<sup>nd</sup> 99 points etc etc

- Anglers not catching a limit will be awarded 10 less points than the last placed fish catching anglers.

- The BREAM Kayak Angler of the Year (AOY) will be awarded to the angler with the highest points at the end of the Qualifying events.

- AOY ties will be settled by a countback with the placing going to the highest placed angler in the last event.

### DATES

Round	Date	Event	Days	Scoring Format	GF Quals
1 *	Sep 19-20	Glenelg River, VIC	2	1 day bag	3
2	Nov 7-8	Narrabeen Lakes, NSW	2	1 day bag	3
3	Nov 14-15	Gold Coast, QLD	2	1 day bag	3
4	Dec 12-13	Redcliffe, QLD	2	1 day bag	3
5	Jan 9-10	Noosa, QLD	2	2 day bag (QLD State Titles)	5
6	Jan-23	Sydney Harbour, NSW	1	1 day bag	3
7	Jan-26	Bemm River, VIC	1	1 day bag	3
8	Feb 6-7	Westlakes, SA	2	1 day bag	3
9	Feb 13-14	Walpole, WA	2	1 day bag	3
10	Feb-28	Scamander River, TAS	1	1 day bag	3
11 *	Mar 13-14	Forster, NSW	2	2 day bag (NSW State Titles)	5
12 *	Mar 27-28	Mallacoota, VIC	2	2 day bag (VIC State Titles)	5
13	Apr 17-18	Camden Haven, NSW	2	1 day bag	3
GF *	May	BREAM Kayak GF, NSW	2	2 day bag	n/a

\* Prefish ban is in place for this event.

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