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Daiwa BARRA Tour Rules 2010

Entry Fees

Barra Qualifying Events- **\$220 (inc GST)** per team per event for 2-day events.
Barra Tour Grand Final- **\$TBA (GST included)** per angler.

Entry Process

- Anglers should use the entry form found on the www.australianbarra.com.au website.
- Entries to the BARRA Qualifying tournaments will be filed in order of receipt of correctly completed entry forms and payment.
- All BARRA rule enquiries can be directed to ABT on (07) 3387 0888 during business hours.

Pre Entry Requirements

- All anglers participating in the 2010 Daiwa BARRA Series events must be current financial members of ABT.
 - Anglers must be 16 years of age or older to fish in random paired BARRA Tour events.
 - Non-paired events require a minimum age of 12 years at the time of competition.
- n.b. Note to fish the Grand Final anglers must be 16 years or older at the time of the event in order to be eligible to compete.**

Event Briefings

- See the DAIWA Barra Tour dates for briefing timings and locations.
- All competitors are required to pre-register at the briefing location (with SIP if req) ***BEFORE the stated Briefing time.*** Failure to do so will result in a starting position penalty regardless of reason for absence.

2010 DAIWA BARRA TOUR

- Australian Bass Tournaments P/L (ABT) will conduct five BARRA Tour Qualifying Events in the 2010 DAIWA BARRA Series, followed by a Grand Final to be held in February 2011.

Session Formats

There will be two formats utilised in the 2010 tour;

- The 2 x 5 Format, which is the standard 2 session format with a 5 fish limit.
- The 3 x 3 Format, which will comprise of 3 sessions, with a 3 fish limit.



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Cash and Prizes

In the five qualifying events of the 2010 BARRA Tour, all cash and product prizes will be awarded to individuals. The best 3 (3x3) or 5 (2x5) fish captured each session will contribute to each anglers score. If two anglers finish with the same length of barra for a tournament, the count back will go to the angler with the longest barra, if this is the same it will go to the angler who caught the longest barra first.

Big Barra Prize

In each event there will be an individual prize awarded to the angler that captures the longest barra of the tournament. If there is a tie in length, the count back will go to the first person to catch the longest barra.

2010 DAIWA BARRA TOUR DATES

Event 1

Teemurra Evening Championships (2 x 5 Event)

Briefing- Friday 12th Nov - 12 noon Pinnacle Hotel

Session 1- Friday 12th Nov - 2pm – 10pm

Session 2- Saturday 13^h Nov - 2pm – 10pm

Presentation- Sunday 14th September 9am Pinnacle Hotel

Event 2

Peter Faust 3x3 Championships

Briefing- Tuesday 16th Nov 1pm Location TBA

Session 1- Tues 16th Nov, 3pm -9pm

Session 2- Wed 17th Nov 6am - 12 noon

Session 3- Wed 17th Nov 3pm – 9pm

Presentation- Thursday 18th Nov 9am Gunna Go Caravan Park

Event 3

Awoonga 3x3 Championships

Briefing- Friday 19th Nov 8pm Lakeside Awoonga

Session 1- Saturday 20th Nov – 6am – 12 Noon.

Session 2- Saturday 20th Nov - 3pm – 10pm

Session 3- Sunday 21st Nov – 6am – 12 Noon

Presentation- Big 4 Benaraby Sunday 21st Nov – 2pm.

Event 4

Awoonga Evening Championships – 2 x 5 Event

Briefing- Monday 22nd Nov 2pm Lakeside Awoonga

Session 1- Monday 22nd Nov – 4 -11pm

Session 2- Tuesday 23rd Nov – 4 – 11pm



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Presentation- Wednesday 24th 9am, Big 4 Benaraby

Event 5

Monduran Afternoon Championships – 2 x 5 Event

Briefing- Friday 26th Nov, MASA stocking shed 9.30am

Session 1- Friday 26th Nov, 11.30 am – 6.30pm

Session 2- Saturday 27th Nov 11.30 am – 6.30pm

Presentation- - Gin Gin Hotel Saturday 27th Nov from 8.30pm

The **Inaugural BARRA Tour Grand Final** will be held on the **18th-20th February 2011**. It will be a Boater/Non Boater event – Shared length. Top 30 in AOY will fish as Boaters for cash prizes, next 30 AOY will fish as Non-Boaters for product prizes. Being a shared weight event encourages anglers to fish as a team to increase both anglers results.

BARRA Boating Requirements

- Boats must be 3.7m in length or greater. Horsepower and beam must be sufficient to plane the craft with two anglers, 20hp is the minimum accepted. Boats must be carrying all safety gear in compliance with QLD boating regulations
- All outboards must not exceed the maximum horsepower rating stipulated on the boat's compliance plate.
- Boat drivers must wear their engine's safety lanyard strap that connects to the kill switch at all times while the engine is running. Additionally, all competitors are required to wear a PFD Type 1 while the boat is planning. All jackets worn must comply with required standards as outlined by the relevant waterway authority.
- In sessions that start before sunrise or finish after sunset, navigation lights and anchor lights are to be functioning correctly. Boats will not be allowed to start the session with faulty navigation lights.
- ABT must sight current boat insurance policies from all boaters competing in ABT sanctioned events. This can be faxed to ABT on (07)3387 0889.

Practice Fishing

There will be no practice fishing on the day of the event. Practice fishing is allowed until 12 midnight the evening before the event. Unless otherwise stated.

Boat Checkout

Prior to each session, competitors must go to the pre-arranged location to have their boats checked by an ABT official. The official will check safety gear/lanyard, lifejackets, and lights (if required) all meet the tournament safety requirements. Once the boat is approved, the angler is given their key-tag with their start position number. ABT reserves the right to disallow unsafe boats (for either anglers or fish) to compete.

Session 1

The first session will start with boat one approaching the start area, where it will be held until the designated start time. When released, boat two can approach the start area, be identified and released, and so on until all competitors are released.

Session 2 and 3

The second and third sessions will be run as a chase start. That is, the team placed in first position after Session 1 and then Session 2 will be released first, then the second placed boat and so on until all boats are released.

- Once released to fish, anglers may proceed to their chosen fishing spots with due care and attention to the safety of themselves, their co-anglers, other competing boats and the general public.
- Any speed restrictions, non-boating or non-fishing areas must be adhered to; failure to do this will result in either disqualification from the session, and or the tournament and a maximum penalty of 100cm may be applied.
- Anglers finish a session by placing the key tag on the appropriate peg before the session finishes. Anglers placing their key tag on the peg after the finish time will incur penalties. Each angler in the boat will be penalised 10cm per minute, Until 15 minutes after the allocated finish time. At that point, the teams' catches will be disqualified for that session.
- Anglers also return their catch sheets and digital camera media card to the weigh-tent where ABT staff will collate catch sheet data and post results. Camera media cards can be collected from ABT officials prior to checkout for the next session.

BARRA Fishing Rules

- Anglers must fish within the current QLD Freshwater Fisheries guidelines and must be in possession of Stocked Impoundment Permit (SIPS) if required.
- Anglers may fish any line class.
- Lure and fly casting only is permitted.
- Trolling is not permitted. Trolling is using the momentum of the boat to give the lure action. Casting along a stretch of bank under electric power is fine, as is using your electric motor to keep position; don't, however, leave your lines in the water when changing positions. ABT Staff reserve the right to disqualify anglers deemed to be purposely trolling in defiance of the spirit of BARRA events.
- Only one rod per angler is allowed to be used at any one time. This includes instances where one rod is snagged and the angler picks up another rod to fish with. The angler is considered to be using two rods and will be disqualified for that session.
- Fishing is NOT permitted within any defined non-boating or non-fishing areas.
- All pairs of anglers are to stay with each other at all times. Additionally, anglers are not permitted to fish from outside their fishing vessels at any time during sessions, including fighting and landing fish.

- It is mandatory that anglers use mesh nets with no knots when landing their fish, as these have been scientifically proven to have minimal impact on released barramundi.
- ABT reserves the right to place camerapersons or observers on boats.
- In the case of physical or medical emergencies, ABT officials will judge the acceptability of catches.
- Any complaints regarding a breach of the rules must be addressed to the on-site Tournament Director, **within 30 minutes of the end of the session**, in which the incident occurred. There is no point making a complaint after the presentation.

Penalties for rule and conduct violations may include the following:

- i. Disqualification of fish from your limit, starting at the largest.
 - ii. Disqualification of entire catch for the day
 - iii. Disqualification from the tournament
 - iv. Disqualification from future ABT events
- Any concerns regarding clarification of rules can be discussed with ABT officials **BEFORE** the start of the tournament.

BARRA Points Scoring

- Anglers are to take two photographs of the landed barra - one with the angler and the fish (that may be used by ABT as promotional purposes) and another of the barramundi on the measuring device (for catch verification), showing the entire fish, event identification icon, and measurement. Barra are to be measured with their bottom jaw resting against the upright end of the measuring device. Measurements are rounded up to the nearest centimetre. Details to be recorded in folders provided.
- Each angler's best three or five (depending on format) barra per session count towards the point score - one point per centimetre.

BARRA Anglers Code of Conduct

- During fishing sessions, no mobile phones or radios should be used, except in the case of emergency or to communicate with ABT staff.
- Non-boaters should bring their own PFDs to tournaments.
- Boats should remain a cast apart (30metres) while fishing.
- In a boater/non boater event, the boater is fully responsible for all fishing and boating decisions. The non-boater is not to in any way inhibit or hamper the boater in his actions.
- In any Boater/Non Boater event, it will be considered an offence by both the boater and non-boater if they fish a location that the non-boater fished in the previous session with another boater. Unless the boater can prove that he fished that location in the previous session penalty action may be taken.
- ABT sportsmanship would dictate that care of fellow competitors is of utmost importance. If an angler or boat is in distress it is expected that other competitors will assist. Remember that safety is more important than your day's catch.
- ABT will encourage Fisheries and Boating Officers to attend all ABT tournaments to

police safety regulations, registration, relevant boating legislation as well as alcohol and drug laws.

- Anglers are not to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during tournament briefings and competition hours. ABT reserves the right to request a blood alcohol test prior to the start, or at the completion of a fishing session.
- It is expected that anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming a professional sportsperson. Behaviour that will reflect unfavourably on ABT, its members, representatives and sponsors will subject the angler's catch to penalty or disqualification.

BARRA Angler of the Year Titles

Southern BARRA AOY - 3/3 Events

Northern BARRA AOY - 2/2 Events

Overall BARRA AOY - 3/5 Events

The Overall BARRA Angler of the Year (AOY) rates alongside the BARRA Grand Final Winner as the most prestigious award a BARRA angler can achieve. The Northern, Southern and Individual BARRA AOY is rewarded by recognition on the perennial trophies. It rewards the anglers who are the most consistent throughout the qualifying rounds, with points per round allocated according to placing. The first placed angler in each event receives 100 points, and each place below that receives one less point eg.

- Anglers do not need to catch a fish to receive AOY points, however, they do need to fish both days in an event to score. This rewards anglers who have made the effort to attend and fish events to the best of their ability.
- Anglers catching no fish for a tournament will receive 10 AOY points less than the last placed fish catching angler.
- Ties will be settled by countback. The angler with the largest and subsequent largest bag will gain the higher place, otherwise the first angler to reach their score gains the higher place.
- At the end of the Qualifying Rounds, AOY points are tallied and the BARRA Angler of the Year is determined. An angler's best three events will count towards their Overall AOY Calculations.

BARRA Grand Final Qualification

The Grand Final will be held on Awoonga Dam in 18 – 20 February 2011. It will be a shared length, random pairing event, with 60 anglers competing.

There will be two divisions in the Grand Final, a Pro division which will be competing cash prizes, and the Non-boater division which will be competing for product prizes.

30 anglers will fish as pros (boaters) and 30 fishing as non-boaters.

There will be 30 anglers invited to fish as BARRA Pros, taken from the top 30 Overall AOY points. Non-boaters will be selected as the next highest 30 Anglers in the Overall AOY table.

If any anglers qualify in the top 30, but can't find a boat to fish from they have the option to fish in the Grand Final as a Non-Boater, and their Pro position will be filled by the next highest placed angler in AOY. This will continue until there a 30 Boater and 30 Non-Boater positions filled.

Invitations for the Barra Pro Grand Final will be sent out after all qualifying events have been held.

National BARRA Rankings

ABT has reached a stage where we have derived a need to compile a "National Rankings" list for ABT BARRA Tournament anglers. The following is a way we have devised to rank anglers against each other from different states and different events.

In future years, the rankings will also include the 'strength' of the fields – ie, how well ranked the anglers are that they are competing against and also size of fields. This is our starting point, though, and will be updated after each event.

BARRA Rankings Formula

- The Rankings will measure data from Qualifying Events and Grand Finals. The Rankings will use tournament results from 2006 onwards. Moving forward, it will include the latest two years' worth of data.
- The BARRA Rankings chart will use an angler's best 4 events per year from that two year period.

2010/11 Barra Ranking Chart

Place	Qualifier	Grand Final Boater	Grand Final Non Boater
1	50	70	35
2	47	59	32
3	44	55	30
4	41	51	28
5	38	46	26
6	34	45	25
7	33	44	24
8	32	43	23
9	31	42	22
10	30	41	21
11	29	40	20

12	28	39	19
13	27	38	18
14	26	37	17
15	25	36	16
16	24	35	15
17	23	34	14
18	22	33	13
19	21	32	12
20	20	31	11
21	19	30	10
22	18	29	9
23	17	28	8
24	16	27	7
25	15	26	6
26	14	25	5
27	13	24	4
28	12	23	3
29	11	22	2
30	10	21	1
31	9		
32	8		
33	7		
34	6		
35	5		
36	4		
37	3		
38	2		
39	1		