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abt flathead series 2010

ABT Flathead Rules 2010

BOATING RULES

- Anglers are to wear their PFD and safety lanyard at all times the outboard motor is running.
- Boats are to have the necessary safety equipment for the waterway being fished.
- Boats are to be insured (with a third party liability clause) and proof of insurance must be submitted with entry forms.
- Breach of any of these rules may incur disqualification from the session or event.

FISHING RULES

- Cast and retrieve, lure and fly only - no trolling, no bait, no berley.
- 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 fish.
- Anglers are to take two photographs of the landed flathead - one with the angler and the fish (that will be used on the website) and another of the flathead on the Brag Mat (for catch verification), showing the entire fish, event identification icon, and measurement. Fish are to be measured with a closed mouth and rounded up to the nearest centimetre.
- Each teams best five flathead per session count towards the point score - one point per centimetre.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- There will be no pre fish ban in place.
- Sign up will commence at 6am with a briefing at 6.50am.
- ABT will check angler supplied brag mats, loan brag mats available from ABT.
- Session-specific score sheets and key-tags will be issued as boats are checked out in the hour before the start. At the checkout, ABT officials will be checking;
 - PFDs.
 - Safety Lanyards.
 - Livewells
- If any of these items are missing or not working, boats will not be allowed to start until they are up to standard.
- Key tags are to be returned to the tag board by the allocated fishing time of the event. Each angler in the team will be penalised 10cm per minute late penalty until 15 minutes after the allocated finish time. At that point, both anglers' catches will be disqualified and a 150cm penalty applied.
- Anglers are then to return their catch sheets and digital camera media 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 the presentation.

EVENT CHECKLIST

- Digital camera and sufficient battery power for the tournament PLUS your download cable in case there are compatibility issues.
- PFD (type 1,2 or 3 is OK)- please ensure you also have the mandatory number of Type 1s.
- Motor safety lanyard.
- Landing net.
- Brag mat.