

Hobie ABT BREAM Kayak Event Rules

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SUMMARY

ABT BREAM Kayak events are designed to offer kayak anglers a competitive framework under the ABT umbrella. They are lure only, cast and retrieve only and involve bringing your two, 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 FORMAT

- One day events which are enter-on-the-day.
- \$50 entry fee (includes GST).
- 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 sufficient livewell capacity for two bream.
- After the pre-start briefing, there will be a shotgun start at 6am.
- All competitors must make their way to their desired spots by water under kick- or paddle-power.
- Competitors must have their key tags on the board by 12 noon on the day of the tournament. 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 in 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 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).
- Bream must swim away from the weigh-in to be eligible. Dead fish, as deemed by the weighmaster, will not be eligible.

GRAND FINAL QUALIFICATION

- There are 25 slots available for the 2009 Hobie BREAM Kayak Grand Final.
- In each of the three Qualifying events, the top four placed anglers will qualify as well as a fifth qualifier drawn from places 5 through the rest of the field. Declined places will be offered to the next down the list from that event.
- Five places will be offered to anglers from the Forster Kayak event preceding the Grand Final.
- 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 per year, over a two year period, will determine an angler's Rankings score.
- Rankings points are allocated as follows:

1 st	40
2 nd	37
3 rd	34
4 th	31
5 th	28
6 th	24
7 th	23 etc etc

BREAM Kayak AOY

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

1 st	100 points
2 nd	99 points etc etc
- 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 (including the Forster Qualifying event)

DATES

- 17 January 2009 Sydney Kayak Tournament (Bayview Park, Parramatta River)
- 22 February 2009 Sunshine Coast Kayak Tournament (Mooloolah River)
- 15 March 2009 Gold Coast Kayak Tournament (Budds Beach, Nerang River)
- 21-22 March 2009 Forster Kayak Tournament (Forster, NSW)
- 24-25 March 2009 Hobie Kayak Grand Final (Forster, NSW)

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