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Reef Rumble 2026

THE LITTLE SHIP GAME FISH CLUB

Tournament Dates

13, 14 & 15th November 2026

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Reef Fishing & Deep Drop Tournament

Entries Strictly Limited

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ITINERARY:	Friday 13th:	Start Fishing 0700 cease 1500.
	Saturday 14th:	Start Fishing 0700 cease 1500.
		Dinner at the One Mile from 1800.
	Sunday 15th:	Breakfast from 07:30am. Presentation from approximately 08:15am.

ENTRY IS RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM OF 20 TEAMS IN ORDER OF RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS. LSGFC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS ABOVE THIS LIMIT BASED ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE AMOUNT OF NOMINATIONS IN THE GAME FISH TOURNAMENT.

RULES

1. All teams must be rafted up at The Little Ship Club at 6pm Saturday night to be eligible for any prizes. Prizes will be presented after breakfast on Sunday.

2a. A **working VHF radio** is an entry requirement. Scheds will be called on Channel 21. All vessels are expected to relay Scheds through other boats if you cannot contact Game Base directly. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

2b. All teams are to have **appropriate ropes and fenders** for the raft up at The Little Ship Club. This is to protect not only your boat but also boats you maybe rafted to. Failure to not have correct tie up gear may result in you being asked to leave the pontoon.

3 Teams will be called following the Game Fish Tournament Scheds for reports.

Times are: 0903, 1103, 1303, 1433 Friday
0903, 1103, 1303, 1433 Saturday

4.a. Anglers will accumulate points with each fish caught relating to length of the fish i.e. 45cm snapper equals 45 points. Points will then be adjusted using a handicap system based on equalising value of legal length so that legal minimums score 100 points.

4.b. Deep Drop Category
All points accumulated for the five (5) eligible fish species contribute to a total point score for the “Deep Drop Category”. Points also contribute to the overall Reef Rumble Competition.

4.c. Whiting (NEW Standalone Category) No points accumulated toward the Reef Rumble for this category. This Whiting category includes all whiting species and Queensland size and possession limits apply. There will be one prize allocated to the team with the longest Whiting.

4.d. Mud Crab & sand crab (New Standalone Category). No points accumulated toward the Reef Rumble for this category. There will be a prize allocated to the team with the largest Mud Crab & Sand Crab. Eligible crabs must be returned to the One Mile for Measuring.

5. Fish measurements are rounded UP to the nearest centimetre i.e. 44.3cm equals 45 points. Millimetres will only be counted in the case of a count-back.

6.a. Only fish that are of “recognised comp size limits” are eligible for points i.e. snapper must be 35cm to be eligible for points.

7.a. LSGFC recognises the fact that fish caught from the Deep Drop fishery do not release in a survivable condition and as such, in consultation with experienced Deep Drop fishers and sponsors, LSGFC are restricting the maximum number of captured fish to 15 fish per day, per boat. This would comprise of five (5) Flame Tail Snapper, five (5) Blue Eye Trevella, and five (5) combined total of Bar Cod, Hapuku and Bass Grouper.

7.b. LSGFC actively encourages responsible fishing practices and categorically rejects the practice of “upgrading” once the bag limit is reached. Any evidence of such practices will result in an instant disqualification from the tournament. Refer to Rule 20 of the Reef Rumble Rules.

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8. All fish must be photographed with a digital camera or mobile phone. All fish must be photographed on a brag mat and the entire fish must be visible in the photo. In addition, the allocated token for that day must also be in the photograph. All fish are to be measured from the very front of the fish to the very tip of the tail. Fish are not to be measured to the fork of the tail.
9. All photos taken must be retained until the end of the competition. In case of a count-back, photos must be submitted on request. If no photos can be produced, all claimed points will be invalid.
10. Capture sheets must be submitted to Game Fish Base at the completion of Saturday's fishing, and no later than 7pm. Teams are encouraged to attend The Little Ship Club, located at One Mile, on Friday night for the barbecue and submit their day's capture sheets at the same time.
11. There is no need to bring fish back to Game Fish Base. Only photos will be accepted as evidence of capture. If competitors wish to keep their fish for any reason, they need to be mindful that this is a two (2) day fishing tournament and all Queensland Fishing regulations for possession, bag and size limits must be observed at all times.
12. No angler can fish from a boat, or from shore alone for safety reasons. All team members are to be in line of sight from their teammates when fishing from the shore. A team must consist of a minimum of two people. Juniors may form part of a team. All team members must fish out of the same boat.
13. A maximum of one (1) fish line per angler at any time. Anglers must set, cast, attend and retrieve their own rods. It is anticipated that equal fishing opportunities will be given to each member of the team.
14. Persons other than fully paid entrants in a vessel must have approval of the Tournament Committee. Any action construed as assistance to the angler, or anglers, by anyone other than a fully paid entrant, by any means whatsoever, will cause team disqualification for that day, or possibly the tournament.
15. Fish may be caught using a fishing line only. No nets or any other fishing apparatus is to be used. Landing nets and gaffs are permitted to bring the catch on board. Only artificial lures, flies and hooks are to be used. Live bait and dead bait are also permitted.
16. Burley may be used, as well as commercial scents.
17. The Reef Rumble and Deep Drop sections of the tournament are open to all line classes.
18. All teams that intend to move between the Deep Drop category and either the Reef Rumble category or Game Fish section are to notify Game Fish Base of their intentions before doing so.
19. The Tournament Fishing Boundaries are from all waters south of a line running due east from Caloundra Point, to north of a line running due east of the Gold Coast Seaway, and including all waters of Moreton Bay. No fishing is to occur in government gazetted closed areas.
20. Protests of any nature must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee on the day of the incident. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee concerning rules, prizes and trophies are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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Reef Rumble Category

Target Species	Recognised Comp Size Limits
Snapper	35cm
Grassy Sweetlip	30cm
Spangled Emperor	45cm
Pearl Perch	38cm
Venus Tuskfish *(no other parrots or tuskfishes)*	30cm
Cobia	75cm
Whiting *(All Species)*	See Rule 4.c
Mud Crab	15cm
Sand Crab	11.5cm
Jetty Rat	TBA

Deep Drop Category

Target Species	Recognised Comp Size Limits
Flame Tail Snapper	50cm
Bass Grouper	50cm
Blue Eye Trevella	50cm
Bar Cod	50cm
Hapuku	50cm

Prize Category

- Champion Boat / Team for each of the below eligible categories *

Snapper, Grassy Sweetlip, Spangled Emperor, Moses Perch, Venus Tusk Fish, Cobia, Whiting, Mud Crab, Sand Crab, Jetty Rat and Deep Drop category.

- Fish of the Tournament Adult (Committee Decision)
- Fish of the Tournament Junior (Committee Decision)
- Champion Boat/Team - Highest total points overall for all categories *

**** Results are averaged out based on numbers of anglers per team.***