



Exmouth Game Fishing Club Rules & Regulations Exmouth King of the Reef Competition

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1. Regulations: All competitors must fish within WA Department of Fisheries, WA Department of Transport, WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions rules and regulations.

2. Registration: Entries can be made online at www.egfc.com.au.

All competitors in the Exmouth King of the Reef Competition must register a minimum of 12 hours BEFORE they begin fishing. New competitors may enter at any time during the competition's time span, but captures will only count 12 hours from the time of registration.

Anglers fishing from vessels undertaking commercial fishing operations are not eligible.

3. Fishing Equipment: All fish entered in the Exmouth King of the Reef Competition must be line caught.

Spearfishing or net fishing equipment may not be used. Any competitors suspected of logging catches taken using spearfishing or net fishing equipment will be disqualified from the competition.

4. Fishing Area: All competitors must fish within 60 nautical miles of the Exmouth Game Fishing Club (EGFC) Clubhouse, from the shore or from a boat at sea. All other safety requirements apply.

5. Fishing Times: Competition starts at midnight June 1st and runs until midnight September 30th. All fish entered must be logged on the phone app before the competition end.

6. Catch Reporting: The Exmouth King of the Reef Competition will use the Track My Fish for Tournaments phone app for all catch reporting. The Track My Fish for Tournaments phone app can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store, and competitors must download and set up the app prior to commencing fishing.

Instructions on how to use the Track My Fish for Tournaments phone app can be found at www.egfc.com.au.

7. Logging a Catch: All competitors must log an image and details of their captured fish using the camera function on the Track My Fish for Tournaments phone app as soon as possible after the catch is completed for the fish to be eligible.

The image must be of the full length of the fish lying on top of the official competition brag mat with the fork length (length of the fish from snout to the fork of the tail) clearly visible. The fish may be held in position for the image, but this must be done in a manner which does not obscure the view of the fish or the official competition brag mat.

When taking an image of you captured fish, the official competition brag mat must be laid flat and straight, with fish's snout touching the nose-stop of the mat. The fish's mouth and snout must be free of lures or lifting devices.

Catches which are not accompanied by a clearly legible image of the fish on the official competition brag mat will be disqualified.

For a catch to be eligible it must be within the legal size limit for that species. Download the Recfishwest app for information on legal limits at – <https://Recfishwest.org.au/Recfishwest-fishing-rules-app/>

8. Sections: The Exmouth King of the Reef Competition has seven major sections. These are

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- Most Species Caught on King Reef
- Longest Red Emperor
- Longest Spangled Emperor
- Longest Coral Trout (all species)
- Longest Blue-Lined Emperor
- Longest Spanish Mackerel
- Longest Trevally (all species)
- Longest Charlie Court Cod (competitors 16 years and under only).

In addition to these major sections, supplementary sections will also be awarded for –

- Longest Red Emperor each month
- Longest Spangled Emperor each month
- Longest Coral Trout (all species) each month
- Longest Blue-Lined each month
- Longest Spanish Mackerel each month
- Longest Trevally (all species) each month
- Longest Charlie Court Cod each month (competitors 16 years and under only)

- Mystery length Red Emperor each month
- Mystery length Spangled Emperor each month
- Mystery length Coral Trout (all species) each month
- Mystery length Blue-Lined each month
- Mystery length Spanish Mackerel each month
- Mystery length Trevally (all species) each month
- Mystery length Charlie Court Cod each month (competitors 16 years and under only).

9. Most Species Caught on King Reef Section: The Exmouth King of the Reef Competition's major prize will be awarded to the competitor who logs catches of the most fish species caught on and around the King Reef artificial reef system in the Exmouth Gulf.

For a catch to be eligible for this section it must be within the legal size limit for that species. All totally protected species are excluded from the competition. Download the Recfishwest app for information on legal limits at – <https://Recfishwest.org.au/Recfishwest-fishing-rules-app/>

To qualify for this section, each fish captured and logged must be caught no further than 100 metres from these coordinates surrounding King Reef –

North-West - 21 54.854S, 114 11.157E

North-East - 21 54.854S, 114 11.318E

South-West- 21 55.021S, 114 11.157E

South-East - 21 55.021S, 114 11.318E

The Track My Fish for Tournaments phone app features a geocache feature which registers where the image logged with your catch was taken around King Reef. As such, catches logged beyond the 100 metre limit of the coordinates shown above will be disqualified.

All King Reef captures must be recorded through the camera function of the Track My Fish app. Captures submitted with an image not taken via the camera function of the Track My Fish app will be disqualified.

Species identification for the purposes of catch logging will be the duty of the competition holder whose decision on species identification of each logged catch will be final. No protests on species identification will be heard.

To be eligible to win this section, a competitor must catch and log a minimum of 10 different species. If no competitor catches and logs the minimum amount of 10 different species during the competition period, this section will be declared vacant and the prize(s) advertised will be carried over to the next year's competition.

In the event of a tie on number of species caught, the prize will be awarded to the competitor who logged their total number of species on the phone app first.

10. Mystery Length Sections: Monthly mystery lengths for each species will be set at the beginning of the competition, and each will remain confidential to all but the competition holder until the winner is announced at the end of each month during the competition period

The competitor who logs a catch with a fork length closest to the monthly mystery length for that species will be awarded that section prize.

To claim a mystery length section, a fish must measure within 5 centimetres of that month's mystery length. Should no catches be logged that measure within 5 centimetres of that month's mystery length, the section will remain vacant for that month.

In the event of a tie on any mystery length section, the prize will be awarded to the competitor who logged their catch on the phone app first.

11. Length Measurements: All measurements will be made in centimetres. Fish that measure between 0.5 centimetre increments on the official tournament brag mat shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments (for example, a fish that measures between 45.5 and 46 centimetres will have a recorded capture length of 45.5 centimetres.)

In the event of a tie on length for any section, the prize will be awarded to the competitor who logged their catch on the phone app first.

12. Protests: The competition holder's decision on all captures and competition sections is final and no protests on individual captures or section winners will be heard.

13. Sanctuary Zones & Exclusion Zones: If a competitor is charged by Fisheries WA or the Department of Biodiversity, Attractions and Conservation Parks & Wildlife with fishing in a sanctuary zone, they will be disqualified from the competition.

If a competitor is sighted fishing within an oil & gas exclusion zone (500m radius of any offshore oil & gas structure), they will be disqualified from the competition.

14. Conduct: All competitors will participate in a sporting manner and embrace the ethics of sustainable recreational sport fishing.

Catch and release practices are encouraged wherever possible.

The competition holder reserves the right to penalise any angler by deduction of captures, disqualification for part of, or the whole competition for conduct they consider detrimental to the competition or the Exmouth Game Fishing Club.

15. Disclaimer: The EGFC Committee reserves the right to change any rule, regulation or section which it believes will enhance the competition.

The EGFC takes no responsibility for loss or damage to competitor's person, personal effects or vessel, and competitors fish the competition at their own risk.

