

Rules and Regulations
2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic

Registration

1. Competitors must be registered and payment made to organisers as indicated on registration form prior to Saturday 27th April 2019.
2. Registration while the event is underway is at the discretion of the organisers.
3. Registration is only confirmed on receipt of registration form (which must be completed in full, providing all details requested) and full payment.
4. By completing the registration form and making payment of fees, each competitor agrees to the Rules and Regulations of the 2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic outlined in this document.

Fees

5. Adult \$60.00 per person.
6. Junior \$30.00 per person.
7. Family (2 Adults & 2 Juniors) \$150.00
8. All fees remain the same regardless if fishing for one or both days.

Competition Merchandise

9. A pre-ordered quantity of adult fishing shirts ranging from S to XXXL, "Fish Headz" buffs and stubby coolers will be available first to competitors then to non-competitors.
10. Shirts are limited to one per competitor at an additional cost of \$40, then to non-competitors (or additional sales to competitors) after the event at \$70 each.
11. Buffs and stubby coolers are available as a combo to competitors for \$20, then sold after the event for \$15 and \$10 respectively.
12. Merchandise for this year's event works on a "first in best dressed" basis. Items will be available at the Information Evening at the Croc Café & Bakery Friday 26th April 2019 from 1700hrs. It is strongly recommended to select and pay for your merchandise prior to the competition as competitor prices cannot be guaranteed after the event.

Age Restrictions

13. A "Junior" for the purpose of the 2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic is any registered competitor under the age of 18 years old.
14. Each "Junior" competitor must be accompanied by and remain the responsibility of the "Adult" competitor listed on the registration form for the duration of the 2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic.

Competition Times

15. All competitors must sign-on from 0500hrs Saturday 27th April 2019 and sign-off no later than 1600hrs Sunday 28th April 2019 at the designated area indicated below.
16. Registration fees, entry to competition, and entry into prize categories may be forfeited by competitors failing to sign-on and sign-off within allocated times including loss of registration fees.
17. Evidence of caught fish for entry into prize categories must be lodged to event organisers no later than 1700 on Sunday 28th April 2019. Submissions after this time are at the discretion of the event organisers.

Sign-on & Sign-off Procedure

18. All competitors must sign-on and sign-off at the Wyndham DFES building located on St Paul's Way, Wyndham.

19. Competitors must supply all information requested by event organisers and can test any communication devices if desired at this point.
20. Beyond the Bastion Inc. members and volunteers will be at the Wyndham boat ramp to assist flow of launching in any busy periods if required.

Eligible Species

21. Barramundi
22. Salmon (any species)
23. Catfish
24. Jewfish
25. Only fish caught between 0500hrs Saturday 27th April 2019 and 1600hrs Sunday 28th April 2019 are eligible for entry into prize categories.
26. Any competitor found to enter an eligible species into a prize category caught outside this range will immediately forfeit their registration fees and entry into any prize categories.
27. If a competitor is granted permission to register during the event times, they will forfeit registration fees and entry into any prize categories if they submit an entry caught prior to registration.

Size Limits

28. As a paid competitor of this event Western Australian Department of Fisheries regulations must be adhered to by all competitors regarding legal sizes of eligible species. These can be viewed online here - <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Fishing-and-Aquaculture/Recreational-Fishing/Recreational-Fishing-Rules/Pages/North-Coast-Bioregion.aspx>
29. Any competitor found to have kept any eligible species smaller than, or, where applicable, larger than, that stated by the Western Australian Department of Fisheries regulations will immediately forfeit their registration fees and entry into prize categories

Bag Limits

30. As a paid competitor of this event Western Australian Department of Fisheries regulations must be adhered to by all competitors regarding bag limits of eligible species.
31. Any competitor found to have kept any eligible species quantities larger than that stated by the Western Australian Department of Fisheries regulations will immediately forfeit their registration fees and entry into prize categories.
32. Event organisers remind competitors that we support catch and release of all species as entry into Prize Categories only requires photographic proof.

Fishing Areas

33. All open waterways limited to the mouth of the Cambridge Gulf, and within Western Australia only. To fish outside of this range on boat must be approved by event organisers and EKVMR to ensure adequate radio capability.
34. Rock/cliff fishing into open seas with risk of waves is prohibited.
35. It is the responsibility of all competitors to seek permission from land-owners/managers should they wish to use any private tracks/roads to access fishing spots or fish waters on private property. Event organisers take no responsibility for fines or other penalties received.

Entry Into Prize Categories

36. Each entry must be evidenced by a photo of the eligible species against the supplied 2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic Brag-Mat collected during sign-on with their tag number in view as well. No other method of measuring will be accepted.

37. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure photographic evidence is transferable to computer via email/SD/USB/etc. at sign-off and prior to 1630hrs Sunday 28th April 2019.
38. Consider taking a short video of you measuring your entry, showing the fish is alive and a legitimate entry. *This is not compulsory in 2019* but is the best way to prove to judges if required that your entry was caught within competition times. **It is the competitor's responsibility to prove the legitimacy of their entry.**
39. Photos must be taken directly above the fish displaying the tip of the closed mouth against the end of the Brag-Mat with all measuring markers on the top and/or bottom of the measuring mat visible to the tip of the tail in the photo.
40. Any photos of eligible species with a broken neck will not be accepted for entry into a prize category.
41. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure their picture for entry has been successfully delivered and recorded at time of lodgement.
42. Organisers of the 2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic promote catch and release, particularly of Barramundi.
43. Each competitor may enter multiple prize categories – see Rule 58 below.

Prize Categories

Adult Categories

44. J.Cav Electrical Biggest Barra Overall (Prize \$2500.00)
45. Vagg's Wyndham Liquor Biggest Boat-Based Barra (Prize \$2000.00)
46. El Questro Wilderness Park Runner-Up Boat-Based Barra (Voucher to \$1094.00)
47. Hotel Kununurra Biggest Land-Based Barra (Prize \$2000.00)
48. Home Valley Station Runner-Up Land-Based Barra (Voucher to \$950.00)
49. Frontier Post & News Biggest Salmon (Prize \$1700.00)
50. Darwin City Hotel Biggest Jewfish (Vouchers to \$2150.00)
51. Wyndham Caravan Park Biggest Cattie (Prize \$1000.00)
52. Bushcamp Surplus Store "Early Bird Registration Door Prize" (Item Prize over \$1200)
53. The Croc Café & Bakery Mystery Barra (Prize \$1000.00)

Junior Categories

54. Kununurra Home & Garden Junior Biggest Barra (Prize to the value of \$300.00)
55. Kununurra Home & Garden Junior Biggest Salmon (Prize to the value of \$200.00)
56. Kununurra Home & Garden Junior Biggest Jewfish (Prize to the value of \$200.00)
57. Kununurra Home & Garden Junior Biggest Catfish (Prize to the value of \$200.00)

58. The entry awarded the J.Cav Electrical Biggest Barra Overall is ineligible to win any other prize category for Barramundi.
59. "Junior" competitors are ineligible for any of the "Adult" Prize Categories, except for the Bushcamp Surplus Store "Early Bird Registration Door Prize".

Judging

60. Event organisers will assess all valid entries and determine prize category winners based on the length of the eligible species.
61. The clarity of the picture and clear view of measuring markers on the 2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic Brag-Mat could make all the difference. Endeavour to take the most accurate and clear picture possible. Use two mats if you must as a means of showing the true/accurate length of the fish!! Also, **see above Rule 38.**
62. In the event of same measurement of any prize category, the value of the cash prize will be evenly split. Should this occur with a voucher prize and determination of a longer measurement be impossible after photograph analysis, the voucher will be awarded to the entry lodged first.

63. The Croc Café & Bakery Mystery Barra will be awarded to the first Adult entry of a Barramundi at the length nominated by Croc Café & Bakery to event organisers via email received 07/02/2019. This will be between the legal range of 55-80cm. Event organisers will have a copy of this email at the Presentation Night should any competitor wish to verify the nominated length.
64. Completion of registration and payment of fees plus purchase of a merchandise pack (shirt, buff and stubby cooler) is required before 7th April 2019 to be eligible for the Bushcamp Surplus Store Early Bird Registration Door Prize. The winner will be drawn randomly at the Presentation Night and must be present to win the Door Prize.
65. In the event of a Prize Category not being won, event organisers solely at their discretion may decide to use the prize in addition to another category or as a random spot prize for a unique event during the competition.

The Brown Pentecost Water Pro

66. When registering for the 2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic, competitors may choose to additionally register for the inaugural "Brown Pentecost Water Pro" – a joint competition between Beyond the Bastion Inc. and Home Valley Station.
67. Entry into this competition is \$20.00 per person.
68. Competitors lodge their longest Barramundi at the Brown Water Classic, then their longest Barramundi at the Pentecost Pro. The competitor with the greatest combined length is the winner.
69. In the event of two competitors totalling equal combined lengths, the competitor who lodged their Pentecost Pro entry first will be the winner.
70. Prize: \$500 cash and a Guest Room and Sunset Tour for 2 at Home Valley Station (valid in 2020). Adult competitors only eligible for prize.

Presentations

71. Presentations of prize category winners will commence at 1800 at the Wyndham Community Club Sunday 28th April 2019.

Protests

72. Any competitor wishing to lodge a protest an entry into a prize category or the behaviour of another competitor must do so by no later than 1730hrs on Sunday 28th April 2019.
73. The decision agreed among the event organisers is final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered.

Transportation and Equipment

74. Maximum two lines may be used by a competitor at any one time. No set-lines or nets.
75. Any competitor collecting bait using a throw net must hold a valid throw net license.
76. Event organisers will request an initial destination for both land and boat-based competitors as an additional safety measure.

Land-Based Competitors

77. Event organisers require all competitors to carry a mobile phone either individually or within a group, the number to be provided during log-on if not already on registration form.
78. In the interest of safety, event organisers require any appropriate updates regarding changes in location.
79. Competitors are responsible for the preparation and safe and legal operation of their vehicles (including motorbikes and quad bikes) to ensure the safe return of all passengers (whether competitors or not) in the vehicle travelling along sealed and/or sealed roads and tracks throughout the competition.

80. Competitors are not allowed to fish from the Wyndham boat ramp for the duration of the competition.
81. Competitors are always to operate their vehicles within their own ability and conditions of the road and ensure that the safety of all within their vehicle is always their highest priority.
82. Maintain a safe distance of 4m from banks, never turn your back on the water, and no cleaning of fish on the water's edge. Keep a distance of 2m from each competitor and never stand behind someone casting. Respect each other's space and refrain from multiple lines at busy/popular locations.
83. If at any point you have used a boat to get to your land-based fishing destination, any entries lodged for Barramundi will be as "boat-based".

Boat-Based Competitors

84. It is the responsibility of the skipper of any boat to hold a valid RST and ensure the vessel is sound, complies with all Department of Transport laws and rules and adheres to WA Recreational Boat Regulations, and is insured.
85. All competitors must hold a valid Recreational Fishing from Boat License.
86. All boats must additionally log-in and log-out with Wyndham Volunteer Sea Rescue as they leave from and return to the boat ramp. Ch80, or Ch81 from Adolphus Island towards to coast.
87. All boats must advise Wyndham Volunteer Sea Rescue regarding any changes in location as a matter of safety.
88. All boats must have a minimum of two people on board at all times during the competition.
89. Competitors are to be aware they can contact EKVMR via VHF to receive regular weather updates.
90. If advised by EKVMR at any point to take shelter or return to port (including WAPOL notification) all boats must follow safe direction as instructed. Failure to do so will result in all competitors on the boat forfeiting their entry fees and entry in any Prize Categories.
91. If at any point competitors are notified by event organisers (at their discretion or under advice of EKVMR, WAPOL, DFES, or other authority) to take shelter or return to port (including WAPOL notification) they must follow direction as safely as possible when instructed. Failure to do so will result in all competitors on the boat forfeiting their entry fees and entry in Prize Categories.
92. Skippers and competitors must operate their vessels within their ability and the conditions at all times and ensure that the safety of all on board is always their highest priority.
93. Minimum size 3.5m. No open sided vessels such as canoes, kayaks, jet skis, inflatable or rigid dinghy's, etc.
94. Launch only one boat each side of the ramp at a time. **Please no "ramp rage"! There's plenty of time and water for everyone!** One person from a group on a boat may log-on and log-off those competitors aboard the vessel to streamline registration and launching.

Behaviour & Alcohol

95. Event organisers will not be checking for, or taking responsibility for, persons who wish to use un-roadworthy or un-seaworthy transport, operate their vehicle or vessel irresponsibly, or the consumption of alcohol whilst competing. Competitors are reminded that during the competition they are still subject to the applicable laws regarding the operation of motor vehicles and/or water craft. Competitors found to be adversely affected by drugs and/or alcohol, especially if operating a vehicle or vessel, may face immediate forfeit of registration fees and entry into Prize Categories and any incidents may be reported directly to WAPOL to manage.
96. Reports of anti-social/aggressive/intimidating/etc. behaviour towards other competitors, the public, or event organisers, or any act found to bring the competition into disrepute, may result in immediate forfeit of registration fees, entry into prize categories and registration into future competitions.
97. A non-competitor accompanying any competitor may not provide any fish they catch to a competitor for entry into a Prize Category. **That's cheating!** Similarly, Adult competitors may not give a fish they catch to a Junior competitor, and vice versa, for entry into their category – **that's also cheating!**

98. The 2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic is a community and family orientated event – **let's keep it fun, and honest!**

General Safety

99. All competitors must be aware that crocodiles inhabit all waterways and fishing holes surrounding Wyndham. Extra precautions must be taken when launching and retrieving boats at the boat ramp, and all land-based anglers must always stay well back from the edge of the water.
100. Event organisers reserve the right at any time to cancel or postpone part or all of the 2019 Wyndham Supermarket Brown Water Classic due to any issue they believe may pose a risk to any competitors, e.g.: adverse weather.
101. It is expected that any competitor, land-based or boat based, will render assistance to any calls of distress they hear, or are made aware of, regardless of their perception of the incident or state of emergency, so long as it is safe for them to do so.
102. To further decrease the chance of crocodile related injury, no fish are to be cleaned while close to or on any banks, in any bodies of water that involves a competitor standing in water to undertake cleaning, or at the boat ramp at any time.
103. Competitors are responsible for carrying and maintaining adequate and appropriate communication equipment (e.g.: have access to a UHF or VHF radio and/or satellite phone), carry large quantities of fresh drinking water to combat dehydration while outdoors, ample sunscreen to reapply throughout the day, sun protection items (such as hat, sunglasses, competition shirts and buffs, make use of shade), stocked and in-date first aid kit/s to treat minor injury to significant trauma if needed, and food adequate for the length of the/each trip. Non-slip footwear on boats and boat ramp.
104. Boat-Based and Land-Based rules listed above may apply to each category where applicable.
105. In the event of any emergency contact EKMVR or 000 immediately and then notify event organisers.

Disclaimer

106. Even where not specifically stated above, breaking or failing to comply with any of the Rules and Regulations within this document may result in immediate forfeit of entry fees and entry into Prize Categories for an individual or group of competitors. This decision may be made at the discretion of the event organisers and once made is final.
107. Individuals entering this event do so at their own risk.
108. Event organisers accept no liability for any loss or damage suffered to person or property, directly or indirectly, as a result of individuals participating in this competition.
109. It is the responsibility of each competitor, and of "Adults" to "Juniors", to ensure their own safety whilst fishing in the competition. Boat and Land based fishing in the Kimberley and surrounds is not without its risks and should be approached with all due care and caution. Event organisers take no responsibility for the safety of participants outside of their immediate control and remind all competitors that prevention is better than cure, and that safety is everyone's responsibility.
110. By completing the registration form and paying registration fees, each competitor agrees to all rules and regulations above.