

Normanton Barra Classic Catch and Release

Rules and Conditions 2026

Entry Fees Registration	Open Section (15 years and above)	\$30.00
	Junior Section (8-15yrs)	\$15.00
	Kids Section (0-7yrs)	\$5
	Kids/Juniors can choose to fish in the opens section if preferred if fee paid. Registration must be complete by 06.00pm Friday 3rd April 2026 and have measuring mats and registration key. All registrations will be through Ticketebo to ensure consistency with nominations and the lucky draws.	
Venue	Norman River, Normanton. 3km upstream from Glenore Weir to the boat ramp at the mouth of the Norman River at Karumba. Boating is not permitted above Glenore Weir. Fish must be caught in Australian publicly accessible waters (excludes fish farms, private dams, etc) from land or boat by hand-held rod and line only. <u>YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF FOUND FISHING OUTSIDE THE DETERMINED BOUNDRIES</u>	
Fishing Times	6am Saturday 4th April 2026 to 3pm Sunday 5 th April 2026 Anglers can fish during the night.	
Photo Submissions	6am Saturday 4th April 2026 to 3pm Sunday 5 th April 2026 Last Fish Submissions are to be no later than 3pm Sunday 5 th April 2026. Any after this time will not be accepted.	
Photo Submissions and Expectations	Anglers MUST take photos of their catch ensuring best practice of handling the fish and returning it to the river safely. There will be a prize for best photo captured through the competition that is sent to the email address supplied sponsored by Bills Marine. Check your photo submissions to ensure that entries are accepted and not disqualified. Photo's must include a clear time, date and location of fish caught. Photos must be taken at the time and place of capture and fish must be alive in entry photos. Entries of fish that are dead or heavily covered in blood will be disqualified. Photos must be taken square-on (horizontal). Photograph the fish so the entire length can be seen in the photograph along with your Angler Number facing up and visible. Check your photograph to ensure the whole fish is in the photograph and the nose end of the fish is in line with the "0" (zero) measurement and the overall length along with the Angler Number Is clearly visible. Fish must be measured and photographed on the Normanton Barra Classic Brag Mat. All brag mats must be the type with a 'stopper' at 0cm and the fish's head must be up against the stopper. Measuring fish on a brag mat protects the fish against losing its protective coating in the event of release. Entries of fish against anything other than the Normanton Barra Classic brag mat, i.e., rulers, stickers, tape measures, etc. will be disqualified. Brag mats must be laid flat with no creases and straight with at least one edge of increments showing. If both edges are hidden under the fish, we may not be able to accept your entry.	

TRACK MY FISH APP

All fish are to be photographed in the “Track My Fish” app.
The app must have access to your location service in your phone/tablet.
All fish MUST be clearly photographed on the 2025 Normanton Barra Classic brag mat with anglers ID tag visible. The nose of the fish must be against the stop at the zero end of the brag mat. Photo must show the whole fish on brag mat nose to tail.
Fish with round edge tail will be measured to the tip of the tail.
Fish with V shaped tail will be measured to the inner fork of the tail.
Measure **fish fork length** from the fish’s mouth to the inner fork of the tail (where applicable). For species without a forked tail measure to the central tip of the tail, see examples below. The fish’s tail must be presented open with a natural spread, any attempt to press the tail fins together to increase perceived fork length, whether deliberate or not, will result in disqualification.
Any obvious and excessive lip stretching will also result in disqualification.
Please see photos of examples on how to measure.



Enter your fish’s length into the app. All measurements **must be recorded in the app in mm, not cm’s** as per the samples or will be missed.
2 by photos to be submitted, one with fish on brag mat with ID card with number up – the other photo of the fisher holding the fish before releasing.

Any photos submitted without this requirement will be disqualified.

Fish

Catch and release of your catch is encouraged to preserve fish stocks. Also, releasing a fish quickly, rather than keeping it alive for possibly hours, will enhance the possibility of its survival.
All fish must be within the legal-size limits and must be caught within the boundaries and dates outlined above.
Fish that exceed relevant state minimum/maximum size limits can be entered under the provision that the fish is immediately returned to the water in a healthy state once photographs are taken.
Fish must exceed relevant Qld minimum size limits.
All fish must be measured in whole with photo showing the whole fish and in fresh, undamaged condition. No cutting of fish permitted.
Tethering is not permitted. Fish that are currently “no-take” are NOT to be taken and returned to the river ASAP. These include and not limited to: Sawfish, QLD Grouper etc.

Fishing methods

Fish are to be caught in a boat, or by foot whether that means walking to the river or driving. NO HELICOPTER FISHING IS PERMITTED.

Fraud

Any evidence of fraud will be placed into the hands of the police and the competitor disqualified.
Participants caught cheating in any matter will be disqualified and banned from the site without refund and any outstanding prizes will not be awarded.
Fish showing signs of stretching, mutilation or improper handling will be disqualified.

Apparatus	<p>Fish must only be taken using handlines or rod and reel with bait or lure.</p> <p>Landing nets may be used to assist in landing the fish. No other method is permitted.</p> <p>Kids need to cast the line and wind in the fish themselves. If it's a big fish the parent can help support the rod only.</p>
Judging	<p>Judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.</p> <p>In the event there is a tie in any prize category, a count back on time and date of capture will determine the winner, NOT the time when the fish are submitted into the app.</p> <p>If several fish come in at the same size, then the fish that is time stamped and submitted the earliest will be the overall winner. There will be no multiple winners for the same placing.</p> <p>In some instances, participants may be required to validate their entry by providing additional information upon request. Failure to provide this information will result in disqualification of the entry.</p> <p>Enter as many fish as you like. However only your longest one will be accepted in each category, the rest will go into the draw for mystery fish size.</p> <p>You may enter as many times as you like. You may not enter the same fish more than once.</p> <p>Winners can only win 1 prize per species/category.</p> <p>You may enter fish from as many species categories as you like.</p> <p>Normanton Social Fishing Club reserves the right to disqualify any angler during the event. No refund of nomination fee will be offered.</p> <p>Normanton Social Fishing Club reserves the right to decline an angler's nomination. If the nomination is declined the angler will receive a full refund.</p>
Commercial	<p>Commercial fishers are permitted to enter this competition under the same rules and conditions as other competitors.</p> <p>Fish caught from a commercial fishing vessel or while commercial fishing are not accepted and will be disqualified.</p>
General Information	<p>There are a few hazards that boat and land-based fishers should look out for. Be aware that there is a large population of saltwater crocodiles, the river has numerous rock and sand bars, especially upriver.</p> <p>Never risk your life for a fish. Never fish in dangerous conditions. Respect our waterways. Handle fish with care. Use adequate release methods.</p>
Liability	<p>The Normanton Social Fishing Club and its members do not accept any liability for the insurance cover of any competitor/s, other persons or property involved or associated in any way with the Barra Comp Tournament. All such persons are totally responsible for their own insurance or liability cover of any kind which covers themselves, their property or equipment and any third party.</p>

PLEASE ENSURE YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RULES AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU DON'T – THESE ARE IN PLACE TO ENSURE EVERYONE HAS A FAIR AND ENJOYABLE FISHING COMPETITION. SUBMISSIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND RULES WILL BE ADHERED TO WITH THESE NEW FORMATS