



2025 Cardwell Barra Bonanza Rules

Welcome to the 19th Cardwell Barra Bonanza and thank you for nominating. We look forward to seeing you in October.

All competitors must be registered by 6.00 pm and must be present for the briefing at 7.00 pm on Thursday the 23rd of October 2025. This briefing will outline important information and the rules of this competition.

One team member from each team **MUST BE PRESENT** to collect angler/team bags with angler ID cards. If the team bags are collected by anyone other than a team member, **no claims can be made by that team to dispute any outcome of the event.**

- Start of fishing is 6.00 am Friday the 24th of October 2025.
- Fishing closes at 3.00 pm Saturday the 25th of October 2025.
- Anglers can fish throughout the night 24th of October 2025.

Final fish submissions are to be no later than 4.00 pm the 25th of October 2025.

Any line class may be used. All captures must be caught on rod and reel or hand line. A minimum of 2 anglers per team and a maximum of 3 anglers per team. There is **no requirement for all team members to fish in the same boat.**

To be eligible as a Senior Team, all team members must be of senior age, i.e., 16 years of age at the tournament start date of 23rd October 2025.

However, juniors 15 years of age at the tournament start date of 23rd October 2025 can nominate as senior team member by paying a senior nomination fee, but they will not be eligible to participate in any element of the Junior Competition.

To be eligible as a Junior Team, all team members must be **under 16 years of the age at the tournament start date 23rd October 2025.**

Mixed teams of senior and junior anglers (**other than defined above**) will not be eligible for any team prizes.

The Calcutta will only involve Senior Teams. (**no Juniors can be involved in Calcutta**)



7 Prize Categories

MAJOR prize categories are for Barramundi. All Barramundi caught are eligible for submission. **Your biggest 2 (two) per day total maximum of 4 (four)** go to your individual overall length and the **Team's biggest 6 (six)** go to the **Team's overall length**.

MINOR prizes are for Mangrove Jack, Javelin fish (Grunter) & Threadfin Salmon (all species). **Only fish that meet QLD Fisheries Regulations size limits will be accepted for these minor categories.**

John Carter Trophy (Grand Champion Barramundi): The **largest 1 (one) Barramundi** from any Senior angler.

Champion Veteran

This year we have introduced a Veteran's category, ie, anglers over the age of 60 years at the tournament start date of 23rd October 2025. The prize will go to the veteran angler with the largest 1 (one) Barramundi. The winner of this category is also eligible for the John Carter Trophy (Grand Champion Barramundi).

Senior Male Champion: This prize will be won by the **accumulated length of 2 (two) Barramundi per day, maximum total of 4 (four)**, caught by 1 (one) senior male angler.

Senior Female Champion: This prize will be won by the **accumulated length of 2 (two) Barramundi per day, maximum total of 4 (four)**, caught by 1 (one) senior female angler.

Runner Up Senior Male: This prize will be won by the **accumulated length of 2 (two) Barramundi per day, maximum total of 4 (four)**, caught by 1 (one) senior male angler, second to the champion.

Runner Up Senior Female: This prize will be won by the **accumulated length of 2 (two) Barramundi per day, maximum total of 4 (four)**, caught by 1 (one) senior female angler, second to the champion.

Champion Senior Team: This prize will be won by the senior team with an accumulated length of **6 (six) biggest Barramundi fish caught over the 2 (two) days** by any team member.



Runner Up Senior Team: This prize will be won by the senior team with an accumulated length of **6 (six) biggest Barramundi fish caught over the 2 (two) days** by any team member, second to the champion senior team.

(Grand Champion Barramundi Junior): The **largest 1 (one) Barramundi** from any junior angler.

Champion Junior: This prize will be won by the overall **accumulated length of 2 (two) Barramundi per day, maximum total of 4 (four)**, caught by 1 (one) junior angler.

Runner Up Junior: This prize will be won by the **accumulated length of 2 (two) Barramundi per day, maximum total of 4 (four)**, caught by 1 (one) junior angler, second to the champion.

Champion Junior Team: This prize will be won by the junior team with an accumulated length of **6 (six) biggest Barramundi fish caught over the 2 (two) days** by any team member.

Runner Up Junior Team: This prize will be won by the junior team with an accumulated length of **6 (six) biggest Barramundi fish caught over the 2 (two) days** by any team member, second to the champion junior team.

Mangrove Jack: This prize will be won by the angler with **the overall largest accumulated length of 5 (five) Mangrove Jack caught over the 2 (two) days in both senior and junior categories.**

Largest Daily Mangrove Jack: This prize will be won by the angler with the **largest 1 (one) Mangrove Jack caught on Friday and Saturday in both senior and junior categories.**

Javelin Fish (Grunter): This prize will be won by the angler with **the overall largest accumulated length of 5 (five) Javelin (Grunter) caught over the 2 (two) days in both senior and junior categories.**

Largest Daily Javelin Fish (Grunter): This prize will be won by the angler with the **largest 1 (one) Javelin (Grunter) caught on Friday and Saturday in both senior and junior categories.**



Threadfin Salmon: This prize will be won by the angler with **the overall largest accumulated length of 5 (five) Threadfin Salmon caught over the 2 (two) days in both senior and junior categories.**

Largest Daily Threadfin Salmon: This prize will be won by the angler with the **largest 1 (one) Threadfin Salmon caught on Friday and Saturday in both senior and junior categories.**

Mystery Length: Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Javelin fish (Grunter) and Threadfin Salmon will all have a mystery length prize; **both senior and juniors are in the running together in these categories.**

Best Photo: There will be a prize for the best photo captured through the comp that is sent into the Cardwell Sportfishing Club's email address fishing@cardwellsportfishingclub.com.au.

Senior Entry Chance Draw: All Senior entrants will go into the draw for a chance to win the boat package. The **entrant must be present and produce their angler ID card** to claim the prize. If the entrant is not present the prize will be redrawn until there is a winner.

Junior Entry Chance Draw: All Junior entrants will go into the draw for a chance to win a \$1000 Voucher. The **entrant must be present and produce their angler ID card** to claim the prize. If the entrant is not present the prize will be redrawn until there is a winner.

All entrant draws will be conducted using a random number generator on a computer. There will be random draws throughout both nights so remember your angler ID cards.

IN THE EVENT THERE IS A TIE IN ANY PRIZE CATEGORY, THE FIRST ANGLER TO CATCH THAT SIZE FISH WILL WIN, BASED ON THE TIME AND DATE OF CAPTURE, NOT THE TIME WHEN THE FISH ARE SUBMITTED INTO THE APP.



Fish Submissions

Cardwell Barra Bonanza is a catch and release tournament so all fish submitted must be alive.

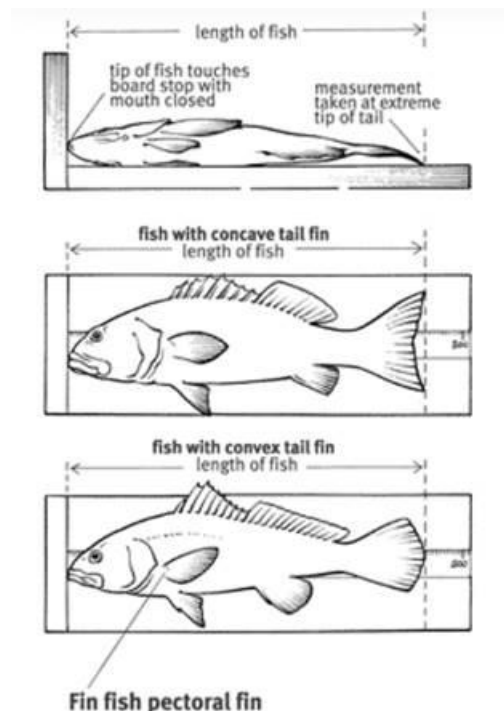
All fish are to be photographed in the “TRACK MY FISH” app. The app must have access to your location service in your phone/tablet.

Fish submissions using any other app will not be accepted. All anglers are encouraged to submit all eligible fish species captured as they will upgrade your overall accumulated length.

Please do not submit photos of species not included in the competition.

Your camera must have access to your location service in your phone/tablet. All fish must be clearly photographed on the 2025 Barra Bonanza brag mat with your Angler ID tag clearly visible, preferably in the top left corner of the brag mat.

Fish are to be measured according to their length overall i.e. from the end of the tail to the leading edge of the jaw with the fish lying flat and tail in a natural position. The fish must not be manipulated to increase or decrease its length. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries guide for measuring fish applies. See below:





Fishing closes at 3.00 pm on Saturday the 25th of October 2025.

No submissions will be accepted **after 4:00 pm on Saturday 25th October 2025, so you need to ensure you have data access before 4:00 pm Saturday 25th October 2025.**

Any photos submitted that do not meet these requirements will be disqualified.

Cardwell Sportfishing Club reserves the right to disqualify any angler during the event. No refund of nomination fee will be offered.

Cardwell Sportfishing Club reserves the right to decline an angler's nomination. If the nomination is declined the angler will receive a full refund.

Cardwell Sportfishing Club reserves the right to change any rules or terms and conditions. Entrants will be notified of any changes should this occur.

Disputes

Anglers can only dispute issues relating to their own catch or their Team's catch. Disputes can only be submitted between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Saturday the 25th of October. No disputes will be considered after this time. Disputes regarding fish/photos will be handled by Cardwell Sportfishing Club's Executive Committee with assistance from Infofish, if required. Any decision made will be final.

Other disputes will be handled by Cardwell Sportfishing Club Committee and their decision will be final.

Fishing Restrictions

Fishing restrictions are in place around all prawn farms. Fishing near these farms could introduce serious diseases. All fishing is prohibited within 100 meters of prawn farm water intakes and outlet channels and all fishing is prohibited in drainage channels surrounding these prawn farms.

YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF FOUND FISHING IN THESE AREAS



Boundaries

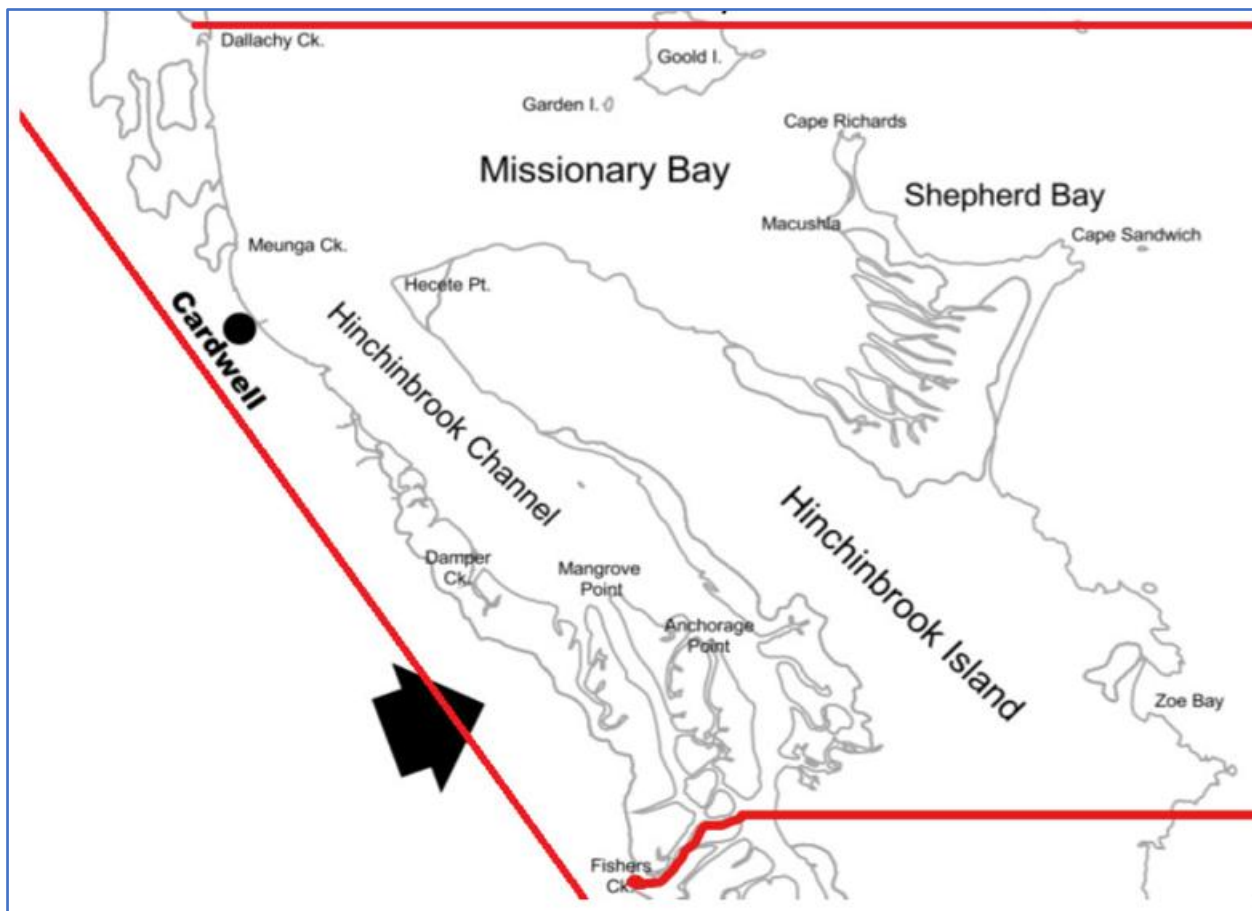
Southern Boundary is the southern bank of Fishers Creek and east from the mouth from 18.26.138

Northern Boundary is the northern bank of Dallachy creek and east from the mouth from 18.09.946

Western Boundary is the Bruce Highway

Any fish submitted outside of this area will be disqualified.

Within the competition boundaries there are GBRMPA Zones. Anglers must observe any rules for fishing in these Zones. Cardwell Sportfishing Club is not liable for people who break these rules for the local area.





Sponsorship

All sponsorship nomination tickets are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for any goods or services at any time during the event.

Nomination Fee

Upon team/angler registration being received from the nomination website, a payment notice must be emailed to fishing@cardwellsportfishingclub.com.au within 24hrs to confirm the team/angler's nomination. If this is not supplied your nomination is not guaranteed.

Cancellations

A full refund will be given to an entrant who cancels up to 6 weeks before the event ie, 23rd October 2025.

A 10% cancellation fee will be held if an entrant cancels between 4 – 6 weeks prior to the event.

No refund will be given to an entrant who cancels 4 weeks before the tournament begins. However, the entrant is still eligible for a chance at the entrant prizes and must be present with their angler ID tag at the presentation night.

Consumption of Alcohol

Event organisers have a duty of care to competitors and guests and request that consumption of alcohol is kept within the confines of the law.

Event organisers reserve the right to refuse the sale of alcohol to any competitors or guests.

Alcohol must be consumed within the boundaries of the Cardwell Sportfishing Club venue.

Anyone consuming alcohol can be asked to provide photo identification at any time.

Tickets bought for consumption of alcohol are non-refundable.

No BYO alcohol is permitted to any event site within the Cardwell Sportfishing Club venue. Alcohol can be purchased on-site. The Cardwell Sportfishing Club promotes the responsible consumption of alcohol.

Designated Outdoor Smoking Area (DOSA)

Patrons can order their drinks then take them into the DOSA, and smoke and drink there. A DOSA is an outdoor area where patrons who wish to smoke may take their drink while they have a cigarette break, before returning to their group or companion.

Food cannot be taken into or consumed in the DOSA. "Food" means anything you can eat, and includes all food items, such as meals and snacks (ie, chips and nuts).



Liability

The Cardwell Sportfishing 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 Bonanza 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/s.

Coast Guard

There are three functioning Coast Guards within the Cardwell area which can be contacted by radio on weekends and public holidays and/or by telephone outside normal operational hours as follows :

- Cardwell Coast Guard VMR423 Ph: 0427 668 556 or 4066 5052
- Ingham Coast Guard VMR407 Ph: 07 4777 8110
- Tully Coast Guard VMR412 Ph: 07 4066 9300 or 0427 669 300.

All skippers are encouraged to log their trip using the Coast Guard's QR Code located at Port Hinchinbrook boat ramp. This app allows Coast Guards to monitor who is on the water and approximate location should a mishap occur. This app does not track your boat's position.

BE CROC WISE

Cardwell is in the middle of Croc Country. You must **always remain alert** to the risks of crocodiles when fishing in and about Cardwell.

Please take the time to follow this link about being croc wise in croc country

[Be Crocwise in Croc Country—communication resources | Environment, land and water | Queensland Government](#)



Boat Ramps In Cardwell & Region:

- Port Hinchinbrook Public Boat Ramp
- Sheridan Street / Marine Parade Public Boat Ramp
- Meunga Creek Boat Ramp
- Fishers Creek Boat Ramp (located about 20 minutes South of Cardwell)

Note: all boat ramps in the region have tidal access restrictions. As a general rule, tides >1.6m and some degree of local knowledge is required to safely access these boat ramps.

