

2 Bent  
RODS



Heaps of fun!  
12 target species  
All skill levels welcome!

5th - 21st April 2025

3-7 YRS

8-12 YRS

13-17 YRS



RANDOM NIGHTLY  
PRIZE DRAWS

Open to all QLD Kids  
Download the  
2 BENT RODS app to enter

SHIMANO

Wynnum  
Marine

HOOKEZE



ALVEY



# Qld Kids Fishing Classic

A fishing comp just for kids!

Sam Beckmann from 2 Bent Rods started the Qld Kids Fishing Classic with the aim to encourage more kids to put their devices down and spend time enjoying our great outdoors.

It was meant to be a yearly competition but the feedback from both parents and kids has been fantastic. As a result the QKFC is now on every school holidays.

Kids making new friends, some left their bedrooms for the first time in ages, friendly competition between friends. For some it was the planning on which species to target, how to go about it and beating their PBs. And for others, it was all about the prizes.

It's for kids of all ages and abilities to fish at their own leisure, join in, make friends, be part of the fun and maybe win a prize or 2!

Kids can live and fish anywhere in Queensland, so even if you go on holidays (in Qld) the kids can still be involved.





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# About the Competition

## Qld Kids Fishing Classic

Saturday 5th April 12.01am till  
11.59pm Monday 21st April 2025

The competition is for Queensland kids

### 3 age groups

- 3-7yrs
- 8-12yrs
- 13-17yrs

### Fish Categories

- Bream
- Whiting
- Flathead
- Bass
- Tilapia
- Freshwater Catfish/  
Eeltailed Catfish
- Grassy/Spangled  
Emporer
- Barred Javelin
- Barramundi
- Silver Perch
- Golden Perch
- Carp

The winners will be announced on the  
[2 Bent Rods Facebook page.](#)





# About the Organiser



2 Bent Rods facilitates inclusive fishing programs for people of all ages and abilities throughout SE Qld.

We work with many Councils facilitating Active & Healthy fishing programs and events.

Kids Birthday Parties  
School Sports  
+ Excursions + Incursions  
Vacation Care  
Beach Kindy  
Community groups  
Scouts + Girl Guides  
Fishing lessons  
+ Beginners + Advanced  
+ Kids + Adults

Fishing Competitions across Qld  
Qld Kids Fishing Classic  
Pest Fishing Competitions  
Youth Week Fishing Competitions  
Moreton Youth Week Fishing Comp  
Snap, Catch & Win  
Logan Pest Fish Comp  
Charltons Fishing Springfield Lakes Pest Fishing Classic  
Hughenden Festival FishingComp

Happy to travel to rural, regional and outback Qld to bring our programs to all Queensland children.

2 Bent Rods is a multi-award winning family business.  
We are passionate about passing our love of fishing and the environment to everyone no matter your age or ability.  
There's an inclusive program to suit everyone's needs.

Co-founder Sam Beckmann has self published a children's book about invasive pest fish tilapia, called "Lilly & the Tilly"

To purchase a copy: [Please visit https://www.2bentrods.com.au](https://www.2bentrods.com.au)





# Prizes



Entrants can win a maximum of 2 species categories + most species + most fish. All entrants are eligible to win in the nightly random draw & go into the draw for the kayak.

To win species categories, the 2 longest fish added together (in mm) will be the winner.

**1st place per age group will be awarded for each category below. The winner will catch the **longest 2 fish** in that species.**

**Bream**

**Whiting**

**Flathead**

**Barred Javelin**

**Barramundi**

**Grassy/Spangled Emporer**

**Bass**

**Freshwater Catfish/Eeltailed Catfish**

**Carp**

**Tilapia**

**Silver Perch**

**Golden Perch**

**Most Species**

**Most Fish**

There's even a **category** for **Rubbish** - please collect and bin any rubbish you find while fishing. **Make sure you take a photo and upload to the app** for your chance to **WIN a GREAT PRIZE.**

**All entrants are eligible to win the KAYAK and nightly draws!**





# Rules



- Entrants must purchase an entry ticket through 2 Bent Rods app
- Entry to the comp is via the 2 Bent Rods app.
- Entrants must be Queensland residents.
- Fish anywhere in Qld area from legally accessible areas.  
( NO offshore)  
land/shore/beach/river/dam  
kayak / tinnie / in shore
- You must have permission to fish from private property.
- Individuals are fishing under personal Qld Fisheries recreational fishing rules and regulations. If you catch legal size fish, it is your choice to either release or take home for dinner.
- Fish must **ONLY** be caught on a fishing line.
- Fish caught on a charter are **NOT** eligible to be entered.
- Fish caught in a Fish Farm or Park are **NOT** eligible to be entered.
- Fish caught in any type of net are **NOT** eligible to be entered.
- Fish caught on bait jigs are **NOT** eligible to be entered.
- Enter fish of any size, they all count towards most fish and most species.
- Fish **MUST** be uploaded as per instructions on the following pages.
- You must adhere to Qld Fisheries & Biosecurity Qld rules - see the last page for links.

***IMPORTANT - All info and updates will be posted here***

**Join the Facebook group Qld Kids Fishing Classic**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/qldkidsfishingclassic/>**





# Species Identification



## Target Species



Tilapia



Catfish



Eel-Tailed Catfish



Barred Javelin



Silver Perch



Australian Bass



Flathead



Bream



Whiting



Carp



Golden Perch



Barramundi



Grassy Emporer



Spangled Emporer







# Species Identification



## Other species you may catch



Butterbream



Trevally



Spangled Perch



Yellow Tail Pike



Striped Scat



Moses Perch



Garfish



Threadfin Salmon



Snapper



Saratoga



Mulloway



Jewfish







# Species Identification

## Pest Fish



Carp



Tilapia



Goldfish



Pearl Cichlid



Red Eared Slider

***The above invasive species MUST BE DISPATCHED HUMANELY. Using a brain spike is best. Fish must NOT be returned to the water dead or alive. They must not be used for bait. They must be properly disposed of.***

## Noxious fish

If caught, you must immediately & humanely dispatch and dispose of the above fish responsibly away from the water body, and you must not use them for bait.

You must not move, give away, sell, or release these fish into the environment.

You can't use noxious fish as bait. Don't return these fish to the water, dead or alive. To achieve your general biosecurity obligation, don't use any invasive fish as bait.





## Protected Fish Species



**Mary River Cod**

Cod became locally extinct in Ipswich's waterways 100 years ago due to overfishing.

Recent restocking efforts, using the closely related endangered Mary River Cod, are slowly bringing this apex predator back into Ipswich's river systems.



**Lungfish**

This vulnerable species reaches up to 1.5m in length and over 30kg. It is a unique species, known as a 'living fossil', and relies on deep permanent waterways and dense aquatic vegetation.

***These are both PROTECTED species, please DO NOT target them. If you do catch one, grab a quick photo in the water if possible. Return to the water as quickly as possible.***





# How to Handle Fish



- Use barbless hooks if possible.
- Identify your fish.
- Is it safe for YOU to handle?
- Have wet hands or use a wet towel to handle fish.
- It's ok to use a jaw grip for some species. Put your thumb in the mouth and the rest of your fingers under the jaw, support the weight of the fish by the belly. Please be mindful whether the fish has teeth or not.
- Keep the fish horizontal, don't hold it up by the mouth, especially larger species.
- If the fish has swallowed the hook and you can see it, try to remove it using a hook removal device, if the fish is gut hooked, cut the line at the mouth and release.
- Limit how long the fish is out of water. 2 mins maximum.
- DO NOT hold by putting fingers into the gills.
- DO use a rubber or knotless net.
- Try to avoid using gloves or towels made from excessively rough or abrasive material.
- If the fish needs to be dispatched (euthanised) please do so as humanely as possible. Use a brainspike, sharp screwdriver or knife to pierce into the brain.
- Please see the Iki Jime app for species brain locations.





# How to take a photo

- Code - Make sure this is visible
- Put nose of fish on "0"
- Fish should be right side up - fins towards the top
- Spread tail
- Measure to tip of tail
- Measure in mm
- Take photo

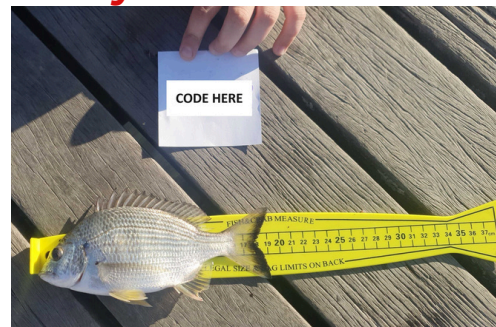
Please make sure photo is taken closer to fish so we can read the measurement

- Save photos to your phone
- Continue fishing
- Upload to the app at a later time

**DO NOT re-upload the photo if you make an error**



✓ 1 Fish per photo  
Lay fish flat



✓ Nose on 0  
Right way up



✗ Too many fish



✗ Fish upside down.  
Nose to be on "0"



✗ Fish backwards  
Nose to be on "0"





# How to Submit a Fish



Put **FISH** and **CODE** on **measuring device**.

*Take a photo of the fish on a measuring device & save to your phone.*

Brag mat, ruler etc - measurements must be clearly visible.

**We must be able to verify the length.**

**A) Put fish right way up on the brag mat**

B) Put nose of the fish on "0"

**C) Spread the tail out - DO NOT pinch tail**

D) Take photo OR upload from your camera phone

**E) SAVE PHOTO TO YOUR PHONE**

*Keep fishing and saving photos to your phone as you catch fish.*

When you're home, upload photos to the app, per the directions below.

Click: submit Catch

Select Event

Upload photo (from gallery)

Select species

**Enter size in mm**

Confirm fish is correct species

Choose User (which child or person does this fish belong to)

Click on submit fish

***Can't find the species or not sure what it is? Enter under 'Unknown Species'***

Enter length in mm (measured from 0 to end of tail)

**SPREAD TAIL - DON'T PINCH TAIL**

Please note: If you make a mistake, please let us know.

**ONLY UPLOAD THE FISH ONCE!**

**It is quicker & easier for us to fix the initial entry!**

Any problems, send us a message through the

2 Bent Rods Facebook page or email [sam@2bentrods.com.au](mailto:sam@2bentrods.com.au)





# How to Register for the App



- Download the Two Bent Rods App
- You will need to register the parent as well as each child.
- Each person will need a unique email address (free from Gmail)
- Have an email address ready for each person you are signing up to the app.
- Create an account for each person
- Link accounts.
- From the parent account – Click “Add dependent” Choose their email address.
- Sign out of your account
- Sign into the child’s account and accept
- Sign out of child’s account
- Sign into your account and check you are linked.
- Repeat for any extra children.
- Now everyone is registered, purchase (either paid or free) tickets.
- Now you are registered, you will not need to go through this process again, unless you are adding more dependents.
- PLEASE NOTE: You can have more than 1 adult linked to the children.
- If you would like to link to an extra adult, please repeat the steps above.
- Some competitions are age limited – meaning, if it is a kids comp, adults can’t purchase a ticket under their name, it has to be the child’s.
- For detailed instructions on how to sign up your children and link them to your account, please visit <https://www.2bentrods.com.au/two-bent-rods-app/> and watch the short videos.

***If you have any trouble using or downloading the app.***

- 1. Make sure your phone is updated.***
- 2. Go to the app store***
- 3. Make sure the app is updated.***
- 4. If you have trouble after that, please send through screenshots with any messaging and we can help you sort it out.***
- 5. DELETING the app is a last resort and will result in loss of all information & photos as per above. Deleting your account will mean you CANNOT use that EMAIL ADDRESS again.***







# FAQs



## Frequently Asked Questions

**There is a more concise FAQ in the Two Bent Rods App menu.**

### How do I know if my fish uploaded?

Go to home page

Select View Catches

You will see if your entry is pending, approved or denied.

If it has been **Denied**, there will be a note saying why.

**Pending:** It is in the cue to be checked

**Approved:** this means we have score-checked your fish, if you see this status and noticed we may have missed something like size wrong or fish wrong or angler wrong please email me. [sam@2bentrods.com.au](mailto:sam@2bentrods.com.au)

**Please DO NOT resubmit your fish if you realise you make a mistake as it takes longer to work through the mistake than to fix it.**

### If I've made a mistake should I re-upload the photo?

**No.** Please DO NOT resubmit your fish. Please contact us via

2 Bent Rods Facebook messenger or email at [bookings@2bentrods.com.au](mailto:bookings@2bentrods.com.au) with the issue and we will fix it on our end.

### Should I upload all fish I catch?

**Yes please.** All fish and species no matter the size count towards the Most Fish and Most Species categories.

### When is the scoreboard updated?

We aim to update every few days. We ask for your patience on this. Each fish has to be checked by us and approved. With 1000s of fish entered, as you can imagine, it takes quite a lot of time.

### How do you check the scoreboard?

Go to home page

Select Leaderboard

Select appropriate category or age group

**Please note:** The scoreboard is not automatically updated when your fish is uploaded. It has to be manually checked by us and accepted. This takes time, so please allow a few days for all submissions to be counted.

### Where do I find the most up to date information?

The Qld Kids Fishing Classic Facebook group has the most up to date information.

Join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/qldkidsfishingclassic>

[2 Bent Rods Facebook page for the nightly random draws.](#)







# Where you can fish!

Queensland - Landbased, kayak or tinnie





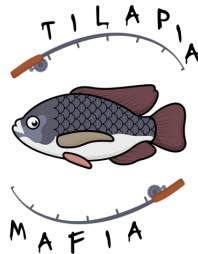
# Our Partners

# SHIMANO

# Wynnum Marine



A BETTER WAY TO FISH.™



# HOOKEZE

# FRESH PROMOTIONS





# Useful Links

2 Bent Rods T&C's <https://www.2bentrods.com.au/terms>

Recreational Fishing Rules

Closed seasons

**Pest Fish info** Biosecurity - Restricted Invasive Species

Includes Tilapia, Carp & Red Eared Slider Turtles

SIPS Permits - Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/dams>

Green Zone Maps

Green Zone & Fishing Information

## Useful Apps

Iki Jime - by Dr Ben Diggles - Species brain locator.

Qld Fishing 2.0 - Fisheries Queensland app.

### Photo permission:

I hereby grant permission to 2 Bent Rods representatives, to take and use photographs and/or digital images/video of me for use in: 1. Media releases, media articles – including newspapers, radio, television – printed publications and/or educational materials 2. Electronic publications and communications such as the 2 Bent Rods Facebook site and website 3. I agree that my name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). 4. I authorise the use of these images without compensation to me.

## Who we support



We support Enviro Fish Inc.  
Our chosen Not-For-Profit

Enviro Fish Inc's mission is to bring everyone together to achieve better environmental health and sustainability. We proudly support the sport of fishing and hope to help make it inclusive for all.

