



North Queensland Bluewater Invitational 27-28 November 2021



Nomination Form

Name: _____ AUF number: _____
 Address: _____ Mobile number: _____
 Team name: _____ Boat name: _____

Nomination Process for AUF Members:

Nomination Fee - \$60.00

Nomination form, release & indemnity form, and the nomination fees are due **before** 6pm Friday 26th November. Competitors may nominate either at sign-on (cash only) or prior via email and bank transfer.

Townsville Skindiving BSB: 633-000 ACC: 128420239 – Your name + “NQBI” as reference

Sign-On Process:

- In person at Victoria Park Hotel, 264 Boundary St, South Townsville 4 – 6pm Friday 26 November, 2021
- **OR** via phone - Jesse Servo (0488 086 983) 4 – 6pm Friday 26 November, 2021

(Phone sign-on will require completed forms emailed to tvlskindiving@gmail.com and nomination fee received in club account prior to 6pm Friday 26th November, 2021)

Start Time: Saturday 27 November 2021 (any time)

Sign-Out/Finish Time: All competitors must sign out in person with the tournament director by 3pm Sunday 28 November, Victoria Park Hotel, 264 Boundary st, South Townsville.

Location: Spearfishing is restricted to the area within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, between Mission Beach in the north (latitude 17^o 55' S) and Cape Upstart in the south (latitude 19^o 43' S).

Rules:

1. This is primarily an AUF event for AUF members, however, competitors from CMAS, o/seas and other known organisations are very welcome provided their organisation sanctions the event in writing & also provides evidence of suitable liability insurance cover for their members to compete in this event.
2. \$60 to enter per diver
3. All divers must sign-on and sign-off as per above methods
4. All divers must complete a Nomination and Release Agreement form, submitted prior to sign-on closure.
5. Maximum of 3 fish per competitor, one per species
6. Maximum of one (1) Category 2 fish per diver
7. Fish must be in an edible condition to be weighed
8. The AUF Code of Conduct applies
9. All normal boating and spearfishing regulations apply as rules of this competition.

Breach of Rules: Disqualification at the discretion of the tournament director.

CATEGORY 1 – 200pts per fish, plus 10pts per kg (maximum 700pts/fish)	CATEGORY 2 – 100pts per fish, plus 10pts per kg (maximum 200pts/fish)
All Mackerel (except Shark and Scad)	Shark Mackerel
All Tunas	All Trevally (except Giant Trevally)
All Billfish	All Queenfish
Dolphin Fish	Rainbow Runner
Wahoo	All other pelagics (except barracuda) not otherwise detailed
All Jobfish	
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Release and Indemnity Form

NAME: (Parent/Guardian if competitor is a junior) _____

I agree that it is my own responsibility that I am physically fit and sufficiently experienced to engage in the diving and spearfishing activities involved with the 2021 North Queensland Bluewater Invitational.

I agree that I will comply with the Australian Underwater Federation Queensland Inc. Rules and By-Laws insofar as they relate to safety. I also agree to dive in pairs or as part of a team and remain within visual and communication distance of my dive mates for safety purposes.

I agree that it is my own responsibility to ensure that the boat upon which I travel is equipped with the requisite safety gear prescribed by law, and in particular, I will ensure that it is equipped with Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) for each occupant, an EPIRB, marine transceiver, distress flares and fire extinguisher. I understand that it is also highly recommended that each participant and/or boat possess a satellite phone for the competition. I have been informed there will be no designated safety boats involved. Each master of a vessel competing in the tournament must log-on with a local Coast Guard organisation prior to departure and again upon return. During the log-on process Coast Guard must be advised of a Designated Person Ashore who will raise the alarm (Coast Guard x `000' call) if vessel and crew are late to return.

I realise that such diving and spearfishing activities inherently have dangers to my person from or caused by currents, sea conditions, sharks and other marine creatures, the activity of other people in boats and in the water and their equipment. I realise that the activity of breath hold diving involves the danger of "shallow water black out" if not conducted with caution and due care on my part. I have at least a general understanding of the term "**shallow water black out**".

I understand that advice and information provided on the competition area and conditions are given in good faith but this advice and information should be treated with caution with final decisions being the responsibility of each competitor.

For the consideration of the facilities, equipment, and services and advice provided by you, I, for myself, my executors, administrators and assigns, and for the child (if applicable) hereby absolutely release and discharge the Australian Underwater Federation Queensland Branch, its club members, including the host club (Townsville Skindiving Club), and its individual members, their agents, appointees and assigns, from and against all claims whatsoever arising out of the death, personal injury loss of or damage to personal property, that I or the child (if applicable), may suffer or sustain in any way connected with the above mentioned spearfishing competition, and I hereby indemnify and agree to keep indemnified The Australian Underwater Federation Queensland branch, its member clubs, and its individual members, their agents, all appointees and assigns against all claims whatsoever by me or the child or by any person claiming through me, or through the child on my behalf, in any way arising, and this discharge may be pleaded in bar to any such claim.

The fish I spear remain in my possession. I am responsible for adhering to the size limits, bag limits and other restrictions placed on my catch under government legislation.

I have read the above and understand its meaning and effect and declare that I am over 18 years of age.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian in case of a junior)

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