

# **Cudgen Tilapia Buster Rules**



1. **All entrants are required to abide by current NSW fishing rules and regulations, including holding a current fishing licence if aged 18 years or over**
2. **All entrants must be registered to take part in the Buster**
3. Juniors must be 16 years or under
4. Weigh-in is up until 3pm 12/05/18 at weigh-in station (Frogley's Offshore trailer), **you must show your wristband**
5. Fishing is confined to Cudgen Lake and its tributaries
6. **All Tilapia must be kept and not released, regardless of what size they are and must be brought back to the weigh-in station**
7. Any native fish caught which are not kept for personal consumption must be released back into the water in a healthy state
8. All Tilapia are to be killed prior to weigh-in and be killed humanely as quickly as possible after capture. Suggested methods include immersing in an ice slurry or rapid severing of the spinal column
9. **Tilapia presented at the weigh-in station can be iced but not frozen and must have red gills - not pink. Must have been caught between 12 am on Saturday May 12 and the time of weigh-in**
10. Conservation Volunteers Australia accepts no liability for injury, loss or damage to any person or property during the course of the event and reserves the right to reject any Tilapia not presented in a satisfactory state
11. Winner of all draws must be present to collect their prize
12. **Competitors can only win one prize**

## **Prizes**

**Adults**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Juniors**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Heaviest Tilapia caught**  
**Most Tilapia caught**  
**Mystery Raffle**  
**Registration Raffle**

### **Fish Handling Tips:**

- Minimise the length of time the fish is out of water.
- Use barbless hooks whenever possible.
- Use circle hooks when using bait to reduce the risk of deeply hooking fish.
- Handle fish with wet hands/ gloves or a wet cloth.
- Use a hook-out tool or long nose pliers to remove hooks.
- Never hang fish vertically from the mouth whether by hand or with the use of a fish grip. If taking photographs provide extra underside support or cradle the fish like a baby.
- Do not hold fish through the gills or by the eyes.