



New Rule Book for ANSA

At a special meeting held by the ANSA Board and State Branch Delegates held on Saturday 21 June 2008 in Sydney, unanimous agreement was given to a major reform of the ANSA Rule Book to take effect from 1 July 2008. These proposed and somewhat radical changes to the way ANSA conducts its sportfishing activities were canvassed at the 2007 AGM in October 2007 and culminated in a number of Branch sub Committees being established to review and fine tune the changes proposed. After an enormous amount of discussion, debate and goodwill by all involved with the rule book review a consensus was reached and the amendments agreed to and ratified by all in attendance at the meeting.

The new rule book is currently being printed and will be distributed to Branches for circulation to Clubs sometime next week. In the meantime if you want to have a look at the new rule book then go the ANSA website www.ansa.com.au and look up "Rule Book". New forms for claiming National Records and Master Awards are also available on the website.

Some of the major changes incorporated into the Rule Book include –

- Expansion of the line class (up to 60kg) for all Line Class and Tackle Divisions.
- New and expanded definition of lines eligible for ANSA events and competitions etc including the use of breakaway line combinations and under certain circumstances, elimination of the need for line samples to be submitted in support of Line Class National Records.
- Clarification for the use of braided line.
- New and expanded definition of Lure casting which will now be referred to as Lure Fishing.
- The introduction of a new All tackle "Length Only" National Record Chart which will complement the current Line Class National Record Chart.
- The introduction of a new All Tackle "Length Only" Master Angler award which will complement the current Line Class Master Anglers Awards.
- Expanded definition of what lines can be used for Line Class Master Angler Awards.
- A new protocol for Tagging Awards.
- A general tidy up of the rules to eliminate ambiguities.

These new rule changes will bring ANSA into line with current fishing techniques and trends and cater for the for the changing needs of members and will clarify and facilitate the use of braid for ANSA activities.

The introduction of breakaway line combinations will enable members who favour line class fishing to continue their sport with the knowledge that line loss will be minimised with consequential positive impact on the environment and the fishery. This is in keeping with ANSA's strong and longstanding conservation ethos.

The introduction of "Length Only" National Records and Master Awards will not only broaden the challenge for existing ANSA members but hopefully serve as an inducement for those anglers who may have thought ANSA was not for them to reconsider the benefits of ANSA membership.

A special note of thanks is extended to all of those ANSA Committee members who have worked so hard over the past 8 months to bring these major reforms to reality.

These new rules which are effective from 1 Jul 2008 will remain in force until 2012 when the next review of the Rule Book is scheduled.

Good fishing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Burgess', written in a cursive style.

John Burgess
Executive Officer / Director
4 July 2008