



Ardrossan Crabbing Competition Guidelines 2025

Entrants are responsible for their own safety and that of any minors in their care. We encourage all young people wear PFDs when in, on and around the water.

Entrants are to comply with all SA boating and fishing regulations at all times.

All crabs caught must be of legal size.

Blue Swimmer Crabs must be 11cm or greater at the base of the largest spine. A crab which fits within the measure is too small and must be returned to the water.



Female crabs with eggs must be returned to the water.



Male



Female



Female with eggs

You are responsible for ensuring you don't exceed your bag limit (20 per person, capped at 60 per boat). Only fish based products can be used to bait nets.

Registration forms can be found online at Ardrossan.sa.au. Completed forms can be emailed to admin@ardrossan.sa.au and payment made online, before Friday, 17th January 2025. Payment details are available on the Entry Form. Registration forms can also be completed in person at the Ardrossan Visitor Information Centre during opening hours or on Sunday, 26th January 8-10am at the Ardrossan Jetty.

Entry fees: Individual entry \$5, Family entry (2 adults, up to 4 children under 18) \$15.

Competitors should be aware that refunds will only be given if the event is cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Organisers will advise registered competitors via email/text and on the Facebook page Ardrossan Fishing Competition.

Measuring of crabs needs to be completed between 3-5pm at the Ardrossan Jetty. If you catch a big one, make sure to bring it up early.

Prizes can be collected from the Ardrossan Town Square during presentations from 5.30pm on Sunday, 26th January. Please ensure we have your correct details on the entry form.

There are prizes for crabs caught on the jetty, local beaches and from boats off Ardrossan. We will measure crab weight, carapace size and claw span to determine largest crabs.

The organisers reserve the right to reject any crab presented at their discretion. Judges decisions are final.

Please be respectful of others who are using the jetty, beaches and gulf. Finally, have fun!

Ardrossan Crabbing Competition is organised by Ardrossan Progress Association. Please be respectful to our volunteers.