

# QUEENSLAND STATE SPEARFISHING TITLES

## An overview



### What has changed?

As of 2017 the Queensland Spearfishing Titles will be contested as a true pairs event. This is somewhat of a historical shift as the event has been contested individually in Queensland since 1955. In the interests of safety the new format will see two divers working together in a one-up one-down system, with one diver on the surface at any given time and both divers remaining within close proximity at all times.

### What are the main rules?

- All pairs start at and return to the same point (usually 4 or 5 hours later)
- Pairs must tow a float with dive flag and two floatlines attached (one no longer than 30m and the other no longer than 4m)
- Pairs must remain tethered to the float with one diver on the surface at all times
- In addition to your usual gear, you need to carry a whistle and V-sheet (any orange sheet) PLUS either a mirror, flare or EPIRP
- Only one of each species can be weighed by each pair (refer scoresheet)
- Divers can compete alone but only if they have an observer accompany them
- All competitors must join an AUFQ club (it's easy) and divers from different clubs can pair up

### What is prohibited?

- Separating from your dive partner or float
- Using torches
- Using GPS devices
- Carrying a loaded speargun on your float

### Why participate?

Because diving for different species not only improves your skills, but it's a tough physical challenge and a great way to dive with and meet new people.

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