



# **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lake Dunstan Fishing Classic**

(A serious fishing competition with a family flavour)

*In association with Central Otago Hunting & Fishing, Okuma and the Rotary Club of Cromwell*

Date / Venue: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2026 - Lake Dunstan

Weigh-in: Starts 2:00 pm at the Lowburn Hall, Lowburn Inlet, Lake Dunstan.

All fish must be presented for weigh-in by no later than 4:00 pm

## **RULES**

1. All contestants must be holders of a current sports fishing license and must comply with the Sports Fishing Regulations for the Otago Region.
2. The tournament will commence at 6:00 am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2026 and will close at 4:00 pm on the same day. Prize giving will commence at the Lowburn Hall after the weigh-in is completed.
3. All contestants must enter online before 5:00 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026 or in person between 6:00 am and 8.00 am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2026 at the Lowburn Hall, Lake Dunstan.
4. Fishing is restricted to Lake Dunstan.
5. The contest applies only to trout (brown and rainbow), salmon and perch caught in Lake Dunstan.
6. Contestants must produce the organiser's acknowledgement of their entry and their fishing license when weighing-in all catches.
7. Only one fish per species, per contestant will be accepted at weigh-in.
8. Fish which have been deep frozen will not be accepted at weigh in. However, contestants are encouraged to keep any fish caught on ice.
9. Gutted fish will not be accepted at weigh-in.
10. Judges retain the right to hold any fish submitted for the competition at any time during the tournament.
11. Judges in the tournament are not eligible for entry in the competition.
12. No one fish may win more than one prize and a contestant cannot win more than one prize.
13. Random checks and tests may be carried out throughout to establish the authenticity of fishermen's claims.
14. Any competitor seen depositing litter in or around the lake will be disqualified from the tournament.
15. Strict endorsement of all Rules and Conditions will be in force throughout the tournament.
16. Judges decision is final - no correspondence may be entered into.
17. Entry is at the participant's own risk.

**NET PROCEEDS FROM THIS TOURNAMENT WILL BE USED FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

## **Excellent Prizes, including Spot Prizes**

**Entries** are available online at: <https://CromwellRotary.Club> or at the Lowburn Hall from 6:00 am until 8:00 am on the day.

(Please see the reverse of this for Emergency/Safety procedures and Prize Categories).

# In an Emergency

**Contacts:** Police / Fire / Ambulance / Coastguard  
111 (Emergency phone number)

**Harbour Master:** Steve Rushbrook – 027 201 0592

## Safety:

- All entrants must wear life jackets.
- Sufficient life jackets to be carried for all boat passengers.
- All boats to carry workable safety equipment.

Note: Any boats/persons not observing the above will be disqualified from the competition. Please do not take risks.

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## Hazards to Keep a Lookout for:

- Weather/Wind changes can occur very quickly on Lake Dunstan.
- Rocks and submerged trees if operating close to shore at speed  
(please refer to separately available Boating Guidelines brochure for further details)
- Fences that continue from land out into the lake.

**Indemnity:** The organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, accident or damage occasioned to any competitor, official or member of the public.

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## Competition Prize Categories:

| Heaviest & Best Condition (Open Class) | Child Grade (under 12)       | Junior Grade (12 to 17 inclusive) | Adult Category (18 or over)  |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Heaviest Fish Overall                  | Heaviest Rainbow Trout       | Heaviest Rainbow Trout            | Heaviest Rainbow Trout       |
| Heaviest Perch                         | Heaviest Brown Trout         | Heaviest Brown Trout              | Heaviest Brown Trout         |
|                                        | Heaviest Salmon              | Heaviest Salmon                   | Heaviest Salmon              |
|                                        | Best Condition Rainbow Trout | Best Condition Rainbow Trout      | Best Condition Rainbow Trout |
|                                        | Best Condition Brown Trout   | Best Condition Brown Trout        | Best Condition Brown Trout   |
|                                        | Best Condition Salmon        | Best Condition Salmon             | Best Condition Salmon        |
|                                        | Next Best Brown Trout        | Next Best Brown Trout             | Next Best Brown Trout        |

**Note:** The organisers reserve the right to adjust this prize list – depending on the numbers of species caught on the day.

There will be prizes for any **Tagged Fish** caught.

**Spot Prizes** in all Grades.