Family Entry

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Lake Hawea Family Fishing Classic

7th February 2026

COMPETITION SECTIONS

1 Best Family Catch
2 Heaviest Fish Overall
3 Heaviest Rainbow Trout
4 Heaviest Brown Trout
5 Heaviest Salmon
6 Heaviest Fish by Adult Female
7 Heaviest Fish by a Junior (12-17)
8 Heaviest Fish by a Child (11 and under)
9 Biggest Tangle at Weigh-in
10 Best Genuine Hard Luck story
11 Lucky Entry Form

HOW TO ENTER

Before competition day: At The Lake Hawea Community Centre until 9pm on Friday night 6 February 2026.
On competition day: At The Lake Hawea Community Centre between 7am and 9am.

Weigh-in closes SHARP at 4:00pm on competition day, at The Lake Hawea Community Centre.
Fish MUST be presented chilled/on ice.
Prize-giving is from 6:30pm at The Lake Hawea Community Centre

Please prevent the spread of Didymo by ensuring all equipment is clean and dry.

☐ **Tick this box to enter the draw for an axillary outboard supplied by Wanaka Powersports**

2026 LAKE HAWEA FAMILY FISHING CLASSIC – FAMILY ENTRY $50 (incl Fish & Game levy)

Please refer to rule 2.3 on reverse of this form, for rules applying to Family entries

Family Name:..... ***Phone***:..... ***Email***:.....

Family Address:.....

Family Members				***Fishing License Info***			*Entrant*
First Name	*Last Name*	*M/F*	*Adult/Junior/ Child*	*License Number*	*Season/Day/ Winter*	*Family/Adult/ Junior/Child*	*Nbr*

Rules

Lake Hawea
Family Fishing Classic

1. **Eligibility**
   1. For a fish to be eligible it must:
      a. be either a salmon or a trout that has been caught by a contestant in Lake Hawea;
      b. have been caught after 7.00 am on the competition day;
      c. have been presented for weighing before 4.00 pm on the competition day (at The Lake Hawea Community Centre)
      d. not have been cleaned or frozen
      e. be presented in a chilled condition
   2. Only one fish per species per contestant may be entered.
   3. The judges may hold any fish submitted and may carry out any enquiries tests or checks to establish the authenticity of the entry.
   4. **Prize-giving commences from 6:30pm at The Lake Hawea Community Centre.**

2. **Contestants**
   1. Contestants must enter by 9am on competition day.
   2. Contestants must hold a current fishing license.
   3. **Family entries must comprise 1 – 2 related adults and 1 - 4 related juniors/children.**
   4. Competition judges are ineligible to enter.
   5. The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry.
   6. The organisers may use photographs taken during the competition and details of prize winners for publicity and promotion purposes.

3. **Rules and Regulation**
   1. Contestants must comply with the current Freshwater Fisheries Regulations, Fish & Game New Zealand's national and Otago regulations.
   2. Contestants must comply with the current Lakes District Waterways Authority Control Bylaws.
   3. Rules 3.1 and 3.2 apply to the skipper of any boat occupied by a contestant, whether that person is a competitor or not.
   4. A breach of these rules by the skipper may, at the discretion of the judges, render competitors in that boat liable for disqualification.
   5. Any person seen depositing litter in or around the lake will be disqualified.
   6. QLDC Boat Ramp fees will apply and are not covered in the entry fee.
   7. **Any competitor caught bringing alcohol into the prize-giving venue will be disqualified.**

4. **Prizes**
   1. No single fish may win more than one prize except as part of Section 1 – Best Family Catch
   2. The winners in the Best Family Catch section will have the highest overall condition factor total, calculated for each Family entry as follows:
      For each of the 3 fish species, the condition factors of all fish weighed in will be averaged.
      Each species average will then be totaled giving an overall condition factor total.
   3. The Judge's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

4. **Liability and Safety**
   1. Competitors enter at their own risk.
   2. Boating hazards to look out for on Lake Hawea include:
      a. Weather/wind changes which can occur very quickly.
      b. Rocks and submerged trees if operating close to shore.
      c. Floating drift wood in various sizes
      d. Fences that continue from land out into the lake.
   3. All competitors should familiarise themselves with the contents of the Queenstown Lakes District Council Waterways leaflet outlining local boating bylaws and hazards. The organisers accept no responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of that leaflet.
   4. Where competitors are using a boat, it is a condition of entry that the skipper ensures that:
      a. Basic safety equipment is carried on board.
      b. Sufficient lifejackets are carried on board for all boat passengers.
      c. Lifejackets are worn by everybody on board.
      Any boats not observing the above procedures may be disqualified.
   5. The organisers may cancel the competition in the event of bad weather. Non cancellation is not to be taken as a representation by the organisers that conditions are or will be suitable for fishing or boating on the lake and all competitors will fish at their own discretion and at their own risk.
   6. All health and safety incidents are to be reported to competition organisers.
   7. The organisers shall not be held responsible for any loss, accident or damage occasioned to any competitor, official or member of the public.

Emergency Contacts:

In an emergency:

1. Seek help on **VHF channel 4** (which will be monitored during the Classic).
2. Phone 111 - Note that cell phone reception varies considerably on Lake Hawea
3. Activate an EPIRB or PLB
4. If you still haven't had a response, you can try Channel 66 or 67

NOTE: Please do not use channel 4 or 66 for general boat to boat chats, use a simplex channel like 8 or 67

FOR COMPETITION USE ONLY

V2	***Rainbow***			***Brown***			***Salmon***		
Entrant Nbr	*M/F*	*Length*	*Weight*	*M/F*	*Length*	*Weight*	*M/F*	*Length*	*Weight*