

ABRIDGED RULES-ANGLING – FRESHWATER 2022-Page 1 GUIDING BODIES

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The first day of competition is the individual event; The second day of competition is the team event.

Strict adherence of all rules is expected by all competitors.

Competitors **MUST** supply their own fishing equipment suitable for the type of angling being held. Landing nets are allowed for landing the fish.

It is recommended by the WPFGE the use of non-puncturing clips to mark fish, and live-well additives are recommended to ensure the fish remains alive when released.

In case of emergency, please report it to the sport coordinator in charge.

EVENTS

All events are Unisex (18+).

Individual Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the following event:

- Individual Weight (heaviest bag)
- Team Weight (heaviest bag)

The Individual and Team competitions are separate events. It is not required that a person enter the individual event to participate in the team competition without register for this specific event.

FACILITY

The tournament will be conducted out of Voornse Kanaal. The competition course will be divided into 5 sectors. Fishing is only allowed from the designated jetties/position numbers. Taking up position next to the jetties is strictly forbidden.

On the competition days, the competition card with the allotted position number can be collected at the central location on the course from 7.30 a.m.

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A briefing will be held the day/evening before the event to explain, demonstrate and assist competitors with rule interpretation, the species of fish to be caught and to define the fishing area.

Competition to be held over a maximum 6 hour period.

The tournament hours will be 10:00 am (Blast off) until 4:00 pm (Check-in). All fishing activity will be conducted between these hours.

All competitors should arrive no later than 7:30 am to provide for ample time to park vehicles, prepare and meet with partners. This will also provide ample time for pretournament information to be given to competitors.

Competition schedule:

8 a.m.: course opens and material can be set up.

8.45 - 9.30 a.m. - feed and bait inspection.

9.50 a.m. - signal for heavy feeding, allowed until 10 a.m.

10 a.m. - signal for start competition.

3.55 p.m. - signal for 5 minutes until end of competition.

4 p.m. - signal for end of competition. Inspectors come to weigh the fish.

COMPETITORS' EQUIPMENT & TACKLE

Competitors must supply their own fishing equipment suitable for the type of angling being held. Landing nets are allowed for landing the fish.

Only non-metallic keepnets with a minimum diameter of 40 cm and a minimum length of 250 cm may be used.

Several keepnets may be used.

Only free-running systems may be used with the spinning rod, which allow the fish to be released easily in the event of a line breaking.

TOURNAMENT RULES

From the time of the feed and bait inspection until the signal for end of competition, it is forbidden to leave the position. In addition, nothing may be taken from the car or put in the car.

In case of urgent necessity, the inspectors must be consulted.

Free choice of fishing rod.

Fishing should be done with one rod, with or without a float, and with only one single hook.

The total rod length must not exceed 13 meters. When using this rod, the competitor may not in any way cross the imaginary line perpendicular to the bank that forms the boundary of their course.

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Only one rod may be above the water at any time. Cupping feed is considered the equivalent of a rod above the water.

It is permitted to keep several rods or feeder rods in reserve – provided they are not baited – but only one rod at a time can be used for fishing. When caught, the fish must first be unhooked and put into the keepnet before another rod can be /cast. Only free-running systems may be used with the spinning rod, which allow the fish to be released easily in the event of a line breaking.

Free-running system with spinning rod

When fishing with the method feeder, feeder baskets, lead or similar, the so-called free-running system should be used. The feeder, feeder baskets or lead must be able to slide freely over the main line so that the fish can easily get away from the basket or lead if the line breaks. It is forbidden to place a stopper of any kind above the basket, lead or similar, on the main line towards the reel.

The transfer of fish from one keepnet to another is prohibited.

The competitors must unhook and handle the fish caught in such a way that no mutilation occurs and the fish can be returned undamaged.

After weighing by the inspectors, all fish caught must be returned to the water immediately, after signing the competition card for approval of the weight.

If a competitor is found with undersized fish during the weigh-in, the competitor will be put back 5 places in the competition ranking.

Undersized fish will not be eligible for weighing. See addendum 1: **Table of legal minimum sizes and periods**

Permitted Bait

Permitted types of bait are maggots (white only), pinkies (white only), casters, corn, hemp, pellets and boilies. A total of 4 liters of this bait may be used on competition days and as a maximum present in the position from the time of the inspection. Worms are also permitted and 1 kilogram of these may be used on competition days and as a maximum present in the position from the time of the inspection. Imitations of the above-mentioned baits are allowed.

Prohibited bait

Red (and otherwise colored) maggots or pinkies, bloodworms and jokers are prohibited. All other types of artificial bait, other than imitations of the above-mentioned permitted types of bait, are also prohibited.

Feed

On competition days, 10 liters of prepared feed may be used. This includes loam, earth, gravel etc. but excludes bait. These 10 liters are the maximum that may be present in the position from the time of inspection.

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During the competition, heavy feeding is no longer allowed. Light supplementary feeding is allowed during the competition. The maximum permitted per cast is what the angler can take with one hand from loose feed in a single movement. In addition, supplementary feeding by means of so-called ‘cupping’ is permitted.

The competitors are not allowed to feed before the competition. Competitors are also not allowed to bring, have or keep any lines in the water, other than for sounding or adjusting. The line must not be baited when sounding or adjusting. An angler who stops competing early may not throw excess feed or bait into the water. Also, no excess feed or bait may be thrown into the water after the signal for the end of competition.

The use of the feed/bait catapult is prohibited.

The use of a fish-finder is prohibited.

The use of a landing net is allowed, without the assistance of a third party.

All third-party assistance to competitors is forbidden, except for assistance given to disabled or temporarily disabled competitors with prior permission from the organizers.

Interpretation and Enforcement

Interpretation and enforcement of all rules will be at the discretion of the tournament director. Each contestant agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations may be cause for disqualification. The violation of a tournament rule may result in, but is not limited to, weight loss (late penalty, dead- fish penalty and short-fish penalty), the loss of weight up to a particular time in the tournament day, the loss of weight for the entire day, the loss of the heaviest fish for the day, disqualification from the entire tournament. Protests and/or appeals are to be made in writing within 30 minutes of the check-in time of the final flight. The WPFGE directors will convene and make a determination of the appeal if it can not be done so at the tournament level.

Participation

All contestants must have a valid of official qualification of the tournament for the waters they fish.

Team entry

This tournament will be limited to 65 teams. The team must consist of two anglers fishing from different locations . Teams will be comprised by partners who wish to fish as a team and register as a team. Teams must be placed according to the WPFGE General rules.

Individual angler entry:

This tournament will be limited to 130 anglers.

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from another contestant during the tournament hours is strictly prohibited and will be cause for both contestants to be disqualified from the entire tournament.

Registration and pretournament meeting

Pretournament meeting is not mandatory. Each contestant can check-in, in person at the designated pre-tournament meeting site. Every contestant can attend the pre-tournament meeting to record, takeoff time, check-in time, off-limits areas, size and creel limits, and any other relevant tournament rule information.

There will be separate meetings for the Team and Individual competitions. All participants in the Individual competition who also attend the Team event can attend the Team pairing immediately following the pre-tournament meeting.

Pairings for Team Event

Any person entering the Team event that does not enter with selected teammates will be paired by the WCFG tournament committee through a random draw and will receive notice with flight (kayak number) time and teammates name at the pre-tournament pairings meeting. All contestants must contact their assigned teammate at the pre-tournament meeting. Teammates should advise each other of their respective lodging and phone numbers and establish a meeting time and place for the following morning's takeoff.

Safety

Safety must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to comply with relevant regulations of the Dutch Fish Federation (Sportvisserij Nederland) or relevant regulation of Hellevoetsluis. At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament day may be shortened, postponed or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Competitors may seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is eminent. They must, however, stay within sight of each other.

Thunderstorms can always be a reason to stop the competition (temporarily).

In the event of calamities during the competition, the following signals will be given, meaning: 1: Two short signals in quick succession - 'stop fishing' (the rod must be lifted immediately, and only catches that are above the water surface during signal 1 may be placed in the keepnet).

2: One signal - 'in 5 minutes' time the competition will be resumed' and

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3: One signal - 'start fishing, the competition is resumed'.

If during the competition 3 signals are given directly after each other, this means 'the competition has been cancelled completely'.

If the competition is cancelled, but fishing has taken place for 50% or more of the competition duration, the competition is valid and the catch is weighed. In the event of cancellation with less than 50% of the competition time fished, the competition will be cancelled completely.

Sportsmanship

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, and to the WPFG. Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the rules for the WPFG tournament.
- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during registration or tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure.
- Abuse of, or addiction to, mind-altering substances.
- Use of any words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules.
- Smoking is not allowed in the weigh-in line during the competition.

In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, the WPFG shall have the right to disqualify a contestant after consulting with a WPFGF director.

The use of mobile communication devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., during tournament hours is strictly prohibited except in an emergency (severe weather, breakdowns, etc.) or to communicate with the tournament director.

In the event of equipment failure or an emergency, the tournament director must be notified as soon as it is safe to do so.

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Live fish

Fish presented for weighing should be in a live condition.

Violation of this article may result in disqualification. 200 grams will be deducted from the total weight for each dead fish presented for weigh-in.

Every effort must be made to keep fish alive through the use of a properly aerated livewell.

Limits

A maximum of 20 kg is allowed per keepnet.

When there is a weight of between 20 kg and 25 kg in the net, only 20 kg count towards the total weight.

More than 25 kg in a keepnet means a 0 for that net. The daily limit will be eight (8) fish for each team.

Scoring

Only fish that meet the legal size and unprotected fish are weighed, with the exception of pike, zander, catfish and eel.

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It is forbidden to have pike, zander, catfish or eel in the keepnet. If these fish are caught, they must be returned to the fishing water immediately after being caught.

For the correct legal sizes and closed periods, see the tables below at the end of these regulations. See ADDENDUM 1: **Table of legal minimum sizes and periods**

Fish that have been hooked must be in the landing net (scoop net) at the final signal to be counted.

If a competitor is found with undersized fish during the weigh-in, the competitor will be put back 5 places in the competition ranking.

Undersized fish will not be eligible for weighing.

Scoring is determined by the pounds and ounces of each contestant's catch. Only culter ablumus, mogolian refin and snakehead fish are accepted species. No regurgitate.

Each contestant's catch must be presented in an official weigh-in bag and verified by the signature of themselves.

Ties

In the event of equal weight, the competitor who fished closest to the middle of their sector will be given a higher ranking.

After determination of the points obtained in the sector, the competitors with the same number of sector points are ranked on the weights achieved. In the event of equal sector points, the competitor who fished closest to the middle of the course will be given a higher ranking. In the event that this is also equal, it will be decided by drawing lots.

ADDENDUM 1: **Table of legal minimum sizes and periods**

| Fish species | Size | Closed period |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Eel | 28 cm | Obligation to return |
| Perch | 22 cm | Yes |
| Barbel | 30 cm | Yes |
| Flounder | 20 cm | |
| Trout (Brown, Rainbow and Brook) | 25 cm | Yes (only for brown trout) |
| Chub | 30 cm | Yes |
| River lamprey | 20 cm | Yes |
| Tench | 25 cm | |

| Closed period | Fish species |
|--|---|
| 1 March through the last Saturday in May | Pike |
| 1 April through the last Saturday in May | Zander and Perch |
| 1 April through 31 May | Barbel, Chub and Ide/Orfe |
| 1 November through 31 January and 1 March through 30 April | River lamprey |
| 1 October through 31 March | Brown trout |
| All year | Sea trout, Salmon, Shad, Smelt, Burbot, Dace, Nase, Grayling, Sea lamprey and Catfish |