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**CGFFU – ANGLING RULES**

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**COMPETITION RULES  
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## **GENERAL**

- Competitions may be organised for competitors of either sex, competing together or separately.
- Competitions may take place on running or still water.
- Competitions may be organised for different age groups as follows:
  - (a) Seniors - Over 18 at any point during the year of the competition
  - (b) Juniors - Aged 14-18 at any point during the year of the competition – Youth
  - (c) Ladies – Over 18 at any point during the year of the competition

## **COMPETITION RULES**

- In all championships authorised by CGFFU, these Competition Rules apply, except when otherwise specified within these rules or changed in Rule Modifications to take account of the laws, regulations.

## **BANK FISHING COMPETITIONS.**

- Competition waters must be divided into five sectors, identified by name, if possible, and by Roman numerals I, II, III, IV and V and colour coded.
- The beats within sectors must be numbered consecutively starting from the upstream boundary in running waters. On still waters, the beats must be numbered clockwise. There must be the same number of beats within each sector as the number of participating teams.
- It shall be the prime objective of the host country to provide all competitors with equal fishing opportunities. They shall insure that no competitor is either advantaged or disadvantaged by the quality of the beat allocated. In any case beats shall be a minimum length of two hundred metres on running water and one hundred metres on still waters. Ideally, each beat will have a minimum buffer zone of twenty metres on each side.
- A competitor may only cast or fish his flies within the marked boundaries of his beat and he must remain within the boundaries of the beat during the whole competition session. A competitor may not fish from, nor use, any form of bridge during a Competition Session.
- If a hooked fish swims into a buffer zone, the competitor may play the fish from inside his own beat and it must also be landed within his beat. If a hooked fish swims into the adjacent beat, and the angler in that beat does not object, then the competitor may play the fish from inside his own beat and it must also be landed within his beat. If the angler in the adjacent beat does object, the competitor has a maximum of five minutes to bring the fish out of the adjacent beat, and into either the buffer zone or his own beat.

## **BOAT FISHING COMPETITIONS**

- There must be the same number of competitors in each boat.
- Each competitor has the right to be in command of the boat for an equal amount of time. The decision as to which competitor is initially in command of the boat will be decided by the toss of a coin.
- The competitor in command of the boat may take all tactical decisions, including: on which seat in the boat each competitor sits; where the boat should be positioned; whether a drogue is used or not. The Controller may at his discretion override any such decision for reasons of safety or of fairness to the competitor(s) in his or in other boats.
- Boats must be launched at least ten minutes before the start of the session to give competitors time to arrive by the start time of the session at a position from which they will commence fishing.
- No boat may approach within fifty metres of another boat from which a competitor is at the time fishing, except for reasons of safety or necessity.
- Competitors while fishing must be seated on the fitted seats but may use a cushion of a maximum depth of ten centimetres.
- Netting of fish must be done by the competitor or the Controller if requested by the competitor.
- A competitor may stand only while netting a fish, but if he has asked the Controller to net the fish, the competitor must remain seated.
- Rule Modifications must give more detail on how boat fishing will be conducted e.g. drifting or anchored boats; whether or not a drogue may be used; the area in which each competitor may cast his flies; the number of competitors per boat; whether or not fishing may take place while the controller is rowing; whether or not the competition area may wholly or partly be used for Official Practice; whether competition waters should be divided into five sectors or whether they may be fished by more than one group of competitors at the same time; whether boats should be required to drift with the bows to the left or right.
- Only the controller may man the oars and motor.

### **DURATION OF EVENTS, AND SCORING AND PRACTICE SESSIONS.**

- Each Senior Competition must provide at least two different scoring sessions in a one day. In all competitions, competitors will have the right to fish an equal number of scoring sessions on each type of fishing.
- Each scoring session must comprise at least three hours of fishing. If, for reasons beyond the control of the competitor, the scoring session must amount to no less than a two hour period.
- The hours for competition will be set by the host organisation.

### **WHO MAY PARTICIPATE.**

- Any CGFFU paid-up member and any national organisation which has applied for membership of SAFFA, and has paid the membership fee, may participate.
- Teams are drawn from the membership of their national organisation, and each team member must be a citizen of his team's country.
- Participants may be:
  - (a) A team comprising a minimum of five competitors plus optionally one reserve and/or one captain and/or one manager.
  - (b) An individual

### **TEAM REQUIREMENTS.**

- The names of the members of each team must be communicated to the Organiser, at least thirty days prior to the event, accompanied by a certificate from the Member Federation stating that all team members comply with the conditions specified, Any subsequent changes to a team must be notified to the Organiser, with an appropriately amended certificate of eligibility, at registration.
- The team member designated as the reserve at registration may be substituted for a competitor, who may be reinstated for a subsequent session in the same group. The team captain must notify the Organiser, or his representative, of any substitution in writing at latest thirty minutes prior to the start of a competition session.
- The reserve may only be substituted to fish if one of the participating team members has to retire hurt or injured and cannot continue any further.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS.**

- Participants in competitions authorised by CGFFU must respect the Competition Rules and Rule Modifications.
- Out of courtesy to the host organisation, and any event sponsors, all team registrants are required to attend all official functions listed in the final official programme.
- It is the responsibility of each competitor to take all appropriate safety measures, including the wearing of eye protection and life preserving equipment.
- Each competitor is responsible for checking the accuracy of his score card and for confirming this by signing it at the end of each session.
- Any competitor who, during a competition session, requests advice (except from his captain) relating to the fishing or accepts any material help relating to the fishing will be disciplined. If anyone involved with a team, other than its captain, communicates with a competitor during a competition session, this will be considered as a case of the competitor requesting advice relating to the fishing.
- Each competitor must observe the principles of the World Anti-Doping Code and all anti-doping regulations set up for the Championships.

## **TEAM CAPTAINS.**

- The team captain is responsible and accountable for the conduct of team members throughout the championship.
- An acting captain may be appointed by the original captain informing the Organiser or his representative a minimum of thirty minutes prior to the start of a competition session.
- During a competition session, a team captain may move freely in the beats of his team members but he must not enter the water.
- A team captain may enter the beat of a competitor of another team only to gain access to the beat of his own team member and only on condition that his presence does not disturb the waters or the activities of a competitor from another team.
- During a boat fishing session, the team captain will not have access to team members.
- During a championship session, the team captain is the only person (other than competition officials) allowed communicating in any way with a competitor. It is the responsibility of team captains and competition officials to identify themselves to controllers before communicating with competitors during a competition session.
- During a competition session, the team captain may not give material help to any competitor.

## **SECTOR JUDGES.**

- In all competitions, there must be a sector judge for each of the sectors or groups of competitors unless specified differently.
- The arrangements for ensuring that sector judges are knowledgeable, competent and conversant with these Competition Rules

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECTOR JUDGES.**

- Sector judges are responsible for the proper conduct of the competition within their sector or group of competitors.
- Sector judges are responsible for supervising the training of all controllers in their sector and accepting only those who are properly qualified.
- Sector judges are responsible for the supervision of the controllers to ensure that they are keeping accurate records and are enforcing the observance of the Competition Rules and their Modifications.
- Sector judges are responsible for assisting controllers in rule interpretation if there is any doubt about a possible infraction of the Rules or the Rule Modifications.
- Sector judges are responsible for supervising the recording of suspected infractions of the Rules or Rule Modifications and reporting them to the Organiser.
- In the event of a formal protest, the sector judge involved is required to assist the Jury by gathering information to resolve the protest.
- Sector judges are responsible for ensuring that no person, other than the team captain, has access to competitors during competition sessions. All observers should be kept well away so that they do not interfere or communicate with competitors.
- Sector judges may have other duties assigned to them by the Organiser.

## **CONTROLLERS.**

- Controllers will be responsible for no more than two competitors at any one time.
- Controllers will be responsible for accurately recording on the competitor's score card details of each eligible fish, including the length to the nearest millimetre and the time of capture. All unused portions of the scoring section of the card must be crossed out by the controller at the end of the session. If it is feasible to have self-copying paper, the original of the scoring card will be given to the sector judge, the duplicate will be given to the competitor.

- Controllers will be responsible for warning competitors if any breach of the Competition Rules and their Modifications appears probable.
- Controllers must record any infraction of the Competition Rules or their Modifications and report this information to the sector judge or to the Organiser.
- Controllers may have other duties assigned to them by the Organiser or by the sector judge.
- The host organisation is responsible for recruiting.

#### **CARE OF FISH CAUGHT.**

- If a competitor wishes a fish to score, he must land it in a net and pass the fish in the net to the controller for measurement and recording
- If a competitor decides that a fish is ineligible or is undersized, he is not required to net it but must release it in the water, taking care not to cause it any damage, and ideally without touching it.
- If a controller or any other competition official determines that a competitor has negligently injured a fish, that fish will not be scored and the competitor will be penalised the number of points attributable to a fish of minimum valid length. The incident must be reported to the Jury for consideration of further action.

#### **COMPETITION BOATS.**

- Competition boats must be of equal size, design, structure and power.
- The number of occupants in each boat must not exceed the rated boat capacity.
- Boats must carry life preservers for each occupant and a means of attracting attention in case of emergency.
- When the use of drogues is allowed in the Rule Modifications, the host organisation must provide identical drogues for each boat. Should a drogue be lost or become unserviceable, a competitor's drogue may be substituted.

#### **ELIGIBLE FISH.**

- Eligible fish species and size limits must be specified in the Rule Modifications. For measuring purposes, the length will be from the tip of the nose to whichever part of the tail is specified in the Rule Modifications.
- Only fish hooked in the mouth area, i.e. in front of the rear edge of the gill cover, will be eligible.
- A fish hooked inside a competition session is eligible if it is landed not more than ten minutes after the end of the session.

#### **COMPETITION FLY RODS.**

- One conventional fly rod, not more than twelve feet/three hundred and sixty-six centimetres in length, may be used at one time.
- Competitors may have spare fly rods with them but when boat fishing, these must not be assembled nor the reel attached.
- Competitors are responsible for carrying and protecting their own equipment.

#### **COMPETITION FLY LINES.**

- Any factory made floating, sinking or sink tip lines may be used, except for lead core lines.
- Competition fly lines must be a minimum length of twenty-two metres.
- Shooting heads are not allowed.
- Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to fly lines.

#### **COMPETITION LEADERS.**

- A single monofilament leader may be used, of any length.
- Leaders may be knotted or knotless, and continuously tapered down or level. A single loop may only be used to connect a leader to a fly line.
- Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to the leader.

## **COMPETITION FLIES.**

- Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies.
- Each fly must be dressed on a single hook, without limit as to size.
- The length of the dressed fly will be at the discretion of the competitor.
- Weighted flies are permitted, provided the weight is hidden within the dressing. A single visible bead, not more than 4 mm in its maximum dimension, is also permitted. Painting alone does not constitute dressing.
- A maximum of three flies is permitted which must not be closer to each other than fifty cm, measured eye to eye, hanging freely.
- All flies must be attached to the leader in such a way that neither they nor their droppers move or slide along the leader material.
- All flies must be dressed on hooks which are barbless or de-barbed.

## **LANDING NETS.**

- The material of the landing net must be soft cotton or other non-abrasive material and preferably of knotless construction.
- Landing nets must not exceed forty-eight inches/one hundred and twenty-two cms in overall length, when fully extended.

## **PROHIBITIONS.**

The following are prohibited:

- The fishing of competition sectors by competitors or their agents during a period of 10 DAYS prior to the official start of the event.
- Lack of sportsmanship towards other competitors, organisers or officials.
- Any action by competitors, organisers or officials which would produce fraudulent or biased results.
- The use of still or video cameras to film beats and/or the competitors.
- The use by a team member of radio or other electronic communication methods during a competition session
- A competitor, during a competition session, requesting advice relating to the fishing from anyone (other than his captain) or accepting material help relating to the fishing from anyone.
- The use by a team member of a fish/depth finder during a championship.
- Use of any prohibited substance(s) constituting doping, according to the anti-doping regulations set.

### **LOST FISH.**

- In the event of the loss of a fish by a controller before measurement, the competitor will be awarded the average of the points for all valid fish taken in that sector in that session.
- A fish lost in boat fishing while the controller is netting the fish, at the competitor's request, will not be awarded any points

### **AWARDING OF POINTS.**

- For each eligible fish caught, a competitor will score one hundred points.
- Competitors will also receive twenty points per centimetre length of each eligible fish; the recorded length will be rounded up to the next complete centimetre for scoring purposes.
- The length of a fish which is under the eligible size will not be rounded up, so such a fish will not be scored.

### **SESSION PLACING'S.**

- All competitors will receive a placing in their group according to the points they obtain on each sector and for each session of a championship
- Any competitor who fails to make a valid catch in any session will be awarded a placing equal to the number of competitors in the sector for that session. The same placing will be awarded to any competitor who fails to participate for any reason.
- Any competitor who is forced to retire for any reason from a session of a championship shall have his catch up to that time included in the results.
- Sector for each session for which a team member is absent.
- If there is a tie between competitors in the same sector and session in the number of points received, the tie breaker will be the largest number of valid fish caught. If the tie persists, the competitors will receive equal placing's and the immediately following placing(s) will be blank.

## **TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS.**

- The positions of teams and individuals will be determined as follows:
  - (a) Teams: The first position will be awarded to the team with the lowest cumulative number of placing's of all its team members, and similarly for all other positions.
  - (b) Individuals: The first position will be awarded to the individual with the lowest cumulative number of placing's, and similarly for all other positions
- A reserve who fishes any sector more than once will not be eligible to be awarded any individual position within a championship, although his placing's will be included in the calculation of team results.
- If there is a tie for positions between teams or individuals, the first tie breaker will be the largest number of points received, the second will be the largest number of valid fish caught, and the third will be the largest fish.
- If the tie persists, the tied teams or individuals will be awarded equal positions and the immediately following position(s) will be blank.

## **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

- Under no circumstances will any form of drugs be acceptable at any time during a competition
- Drunk and disorderly conduct will bring disciplinary charges to the members in concern facing a life ban from the province.
- A disciplinary panel will be available to serve the appropriate action when needed