



CYPRUS FISHING CLUB FISH FLOAT

Official Rules and Status

of Championship League at Cyprus

(Based on International Club Rules)

Organization:

1. Official Cyprus championship league competitions with the technique coarse fishing in fresh waters organized by Cyprus Fish Float Club. The organizing club will be officially responsible for the competition in question.
2. Only those who are members of a Fish Float Club with their full annual fee paid for or those who are not members of the club, allowed taking part in competition ones separate with extra fees for each competition round and his results will be not count for championship league table season. Also each participant of competition must to register before and show his ID, Passport and fishing licence number.
3. The competitions must be organised at watercourses, such as rivers or channels or in suitable water basins, such as lakes etc.; it must be possible to fish along the entire width of the venue; the depth must be as even as possible in the entire area and it must be at least 1.5 meters; the minimum width allowed for a venue is 25 meters.
4. The venue must be as straight as possible, and present equal fishing conditions for all competitors; furthermore, the venue must allow anglers to stand in a continuous line, avoiding interruptions such as power lines, bridges etc. as much as possible. The venue must not present any dangers for the competitors or the spectators.

One or more members of the technical commission (referee) shall perform an inspection of the venue, which may be selected for a championship, and this inspection must take place at the time of year corresponding to that proposed for the organization of the competition in question

5. During the competitions, the competitors must have an angling position (ring) within a minimum range of 8-10 meters and a maximum range of 15 meters. The width of these rings shall be established together with the technical commission. The angling position of each competitor will be separated by a neutral zone of maximum 1 meter on the left and right sides (the space may be reduced or even left out). The angling position must be well defined so it is isolated from the spectators; for this object, it is possible to erect a fence or set up ropes at an adequate distance from the shore (we recommend a distance of at least 10 meters); furthermore a corridor must be created so that officials may use it and this corridor shall be inserted between the anglers and the spectators. This official corridor shall under no circumstances be occupied by fishing tackle.
6. The drawing lots for each leg must be carried out at least 30 minutes before the beginning of the competition, under the scrutiny of the organisers and in the presence of participants.
7. In streams, rivers and watercourses, angling position number 1 must always be situated downstream; in water basins (lakes, ponds, etc.) position number 1 will always be situated to the left looking at the lake and the marking will run from the left to the right.
8. **Each competitor will have 120 minutes to prepare himself. As soon as the anglers arrive to the venue, they must wear their club kit and deposit all their equipment at the allotted sector, without entering the sector (these rules also regard those who help the anglers transport their equipment). It is not allowed to prepare the material until the official starting signal is given, indicating that the competitors are allowed to enter their sectors. During the subsequent preparative operations, the competitors may not receive any help. All materials may be handed over to the anglers until the baiting signal is emitted, but only through each individual steward. After this signal, it is forbidden to supply any kind of material (baits, ground baits and equipment) to the competitors, except for pieces of broken rods, which may be substituted through the individual steward. He may intervene also to help an angler to unfasten the elements of the rod, which are stuck.** Baits and ground baits may be handed over to the anglers during the preparation period, but their quantity must be checked by the commissioners before the control of baits and ground baits. After the control, anglers are not allowed to receive further quantities of baits and ground baits. Until the signal to enter the box is given, the baits and the ground baits may be prepared by the angler or a third party outside the box. After the signal to enter the box and until the check is performed, this

preparation may be performed either by a third person outside the box or by the competitor inside the box.

9. **The anglers are not allowed to form his heavy ground baits balls and ground bait before the control of the baits and the ground baits have been made. If this control has not been carried out, the competitors are not authorized to angle.**

- In case an angler uses a shorter fish net (less than 2.5 meters), he will receive a notice from inspector. In case the same athlete will be found with a shorter net in occasion of another championship, he will be disqualified.
- The competitors may reach the venue by their personal means of transport.

10. The quantity of ground bait must be measured when ready to use (wet and sieved) including earth, gravel, corn maize, wheat, hempseed, etc. and other additives that are not obnoxious for the fauna and the water environment. **Ground bait is limited as follows: 17 litres the quantity of baits (all included baits will be measured and not pressed) for all championships is limited to 2.5 litres of which aquatic larvae (jokers) may constitute a maximum of 1 litre.**

The sieving of ground baits (through a sieve, hamper, landing nets' tip and others) as well as the mixing (with electric mixer) is forbidden once the check has been carried out.

The use of sprays is allowed to stick the baits during all competition time period. It is strictly forbidden to wet again ground baits after the control and until the "heavy" ground baiting (3rd signal) with water or any other liquid (kind of additive) .

11. The individual steward must:

- I. Control the keepnet;
- II. Control the angling behaviour of the competitor he is responsible for;
- III. Verify and make note of every fish caught;
- IV. At the end of the competition, he shall keep the angler's fish caught under observation and forbid the access to any unauthorised person into the angling position until the arrival of the weighing team. Together with his angler, he will sign the weighing protocol indicating the weight of the fish.

12. The competitors must observe all legal fish size limits, if they are in force for the competition.

13. The composition of ground baits and baits must be of natural origin. It is forbidden to use products of metal origin. Artificial baits such as imitation of maggots, silkworms, moths, bloodworms, earthworms, etc. are prohibited.

All surpluses of ground baits and baits must not be thrown into the water after the training period and the competition.

14. The competition shall take place by sectors or under-sectors of 5 hours each for each participant.

In case of competitions will not cover in one line with their sectors from 1-16 or more participant, board of the club can take decision to separate in 2-4 zones, for example in 16 competitors, 2 zones by 8 or 4 by 4. Also it can be in different location on dam, near or opposite.

In case a weather condition does not allow the good course of the event, Jury can decide to cancel one leg. The cancelled one will not be considered. The ranking list will be drawn up according to the disputed leg. The cancelled one will not be rescued.

15. The fishing-line must obligatorily be equipped with a float; only single hooks are allowed. Overshooting of the float is forbidden (the weight of the sinker of the line must not exceed the capacity of the float used). It is strictly forbidden to fish at the bottom of the watercourse, with or without float, and it is not allowed to mount the terminal or the sinker in derivation, nor to fish with spoons, artificial flies, baits using living or dead fish or fish roe.

The main mass of the sinker must absolutely not lie at the bottom. However, 10% of the total weight of the sinker may lie at the bottom. In the case of angling in a strong current (at whatever speed), the sinker must be presented so that it does not interrupt the natural progression of the line. In the case of a "throwing and dragging" angling procedure, the line must continue its progression without interruptions, if released.

Baits used on the hook must not be mixed on the point, but must be put onto the hook (bread, paste, mixture of substances or baits such as the pellet, boiles, balls of ground bait or pasted baits, etc. are forbidden).

The catching of a fish is valid even if it is accidentally hooked outside the mouth.

The deliberate foul hooking of fish is prohibited.

The possession or use of echo sounders is prohibited, including during training.

Every fish caught but not hanging from the angler's line shall not be considered valid and shall be put back in water.

During the competition, anglers are not allowed to use auriculars or walkie-talkies.

16. Competitors may keep and assemble as many rods as they wish, but they are allowed to fish only with one rod at the time.

17. The usage of the net is allowed only for the competitors.

18. Competitors are not allowed to receive outside help; only the team manager is authorized to access the angling ring of the competitors of his team and this only to give verbal advice; a team manager is not allowed into the ring of an angler who is not part of his team.

19. The usage of platforms with a maximum dimension of 1 x 1 metre is allowed so that the competitors may stand on them; they must be installed properly, clear of the water or, if necessary, partially inside the water (this decision will be taken by the organisation with the approval of the technical commission)..

In case it is necessary to trace a line to line up all competitors along the venue (string, line traced on the ground, etc.) in order to avoid that some of the competitors are closer to the water than others, this must be carried out before the training period starts.

20. Competitors may use the space allotted to them in any way they want; but they are not allowed into the neutral zone.

Inside the space allotted to them, the anglers must move discretely and noiselessly.

It is forbidden to angle and throw bait or ground bait in the neutral spaces, both upstream and downstream (left and right), or in the rings upstream or downstream (left and right) if the neutral areas have been eliminated.

21. Anglers must wait for the first signal to enter their angling position; after this signal, the competitors may start preparing their equipment, plumbing the depth, trying their lines, preparing their ground bait and putting their keep-nets into the water. They have 120 minutes at their disposal to perform these preparatory phases.

After a second signal, anglers will have 5 minutes left before the start of baits and ground baits control. The check of baits and ground baits shall always start from the N° 1 of each sector, 1h 10 min. before the heavy baiting.

At the third signal, competitors will be allowed to start the heavy baiting (10 minutes are allowed for this operation). Balls for heavy baiting may be formed only after having entered the angling ring and only after the control of the quantities of baits and ground baits has been performed by the checking commissioner. Balls for heavy baiting shall be made exclusively by hands.

Only manual baiting or baiting using a catapult manipulated with both hands or baiting with a “cup” applied to a “roubaisienne” are allowed. The ground bait must be prepared and thrown into the water without any object used to contain it (socks, feeder socks, anti-pollution containers, etc.). It is important to observe the maximum allowed length of the rods to use the “cup” and also to probe the depth. When ground bait is thrown using the “cup”, only one rod shall be permitted above the water surface (the contemporary use of a second rod for this type of baiting is prohibited). The “cup”, permanently fixed on the tip of the fishing rod or rod-holder is allowed always in compliance with precedent §.

When the “cup” is used, the rod cannot be placed beyond the rear limit of the ring. The rod can overreach the ring back limit only in case the Jury gave his agreement on it and if the Jury has communicated that during the first captains’ meeting.

On the occasion of inspections of competition venues, the Technical Commission shall ensure that rings have sufficient space to uncouple rod in one time only.

The fourth signal marks the beginning of the competition during which anglers can only use light bait (by light bait, we intend the manipulation using one hand only, without leaning against anything (thigh, bucket, etc.). Only if light baiting is performed using sticky maggots, the latter can only be handled with one hand, but may subsequently be manipulated with both hands to prepare the ball. Balls for light baiting must not be formed before the beginning of the competition (fourth signal).

The fifth signal warns the competitors that there are only 5 minutes before the end of the competition.

The sixth signal marks the end of the competition; after this signal, no fish will count unless it is totally clear of the water.

The acoustic signals for the different phases of the championships should be short; in all cases, the beginning of the signal is taken into consideration.

22. The weighing operations shall be performed by teams composed of 5 members each.

One person is responsible for the weighing.

Another person transcribes the weight on the official document.

The other three people are in charge of all other operations.

Each sector will have a set of scales at its disposal. The recipients used for weighing the fish must be perforated to allow the water drainage.

The weighing shall be performed in grams.

When very small fish such as alevin or fry are caught, which do not register on the scales (scales scores 0 grams), the fishermen will be classified in order of how many fish were caught and then placed in order after those fishermen who qualified according to the weight of the fish. Until the arrival of the weighing team, the competitors must leave their keep-nets containing the fish in the water.

23. **The competitor must be present during the above described operations to control the weight and sign the weighing protocol which indicates the weight of the fish caught. After the end of the weighing operations in the sector, when the fish has been put back into the water and the weighing protocol has been signed, no complaint about the weight will be accepted.**

24. **If an angler is disqualified, a number of points equal to the number of participating nations + 1 will be assigned to him. If an angler is disqualified, the anglers which follow him in the classification will keep their original placing (for example: X that was qualified 8th is disqualified, the subsequent anglers will keep their places and will mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).**

25. **In the case of a tied weight in a under-sector or sector, the competitors in question will totalise a number of penalties equalling the average placing they should have had (example No. 1: two competitors tying for the 5th place totalise $(5+6):2 = 5.5$ penalties each; example No. 2: three competitors tying in the 8th placing, totalise $(8+9+10):3 = 9$ penalties each).**

Anglers who have not caught any fish will receive a number of points equal to the average value of non-attributed places in their under-sector or sector (example 1: twenty-four anglers, twelve of whom are classified at the first 12 places with a penalty from 1 to 12, the following anglers will mark $(13+24):2 = 18.5$ penalties each; example No. 2: twenty-nine anglers, five of whom have caught fish and mark points 1 - 5 and the

twenty-four anglers who have not caught any fish mark $(6+29):2 = 17.5$ penalties; example No. 3: twenty-nine anglers, twenty-six of whom have caught fish, whereas the three competitors who have not caught any fish will mark $(27+29):2 = 28$ penalties). If there is only 1 angler, who has not caught any fish or a missing angler in a sector, he will mark a number of penalties equalling the last position in the under-sector or sector (example: twenty-nine competitors, twenty-eight of whom have caught fish, whereas one has not, the latter will mark 29 penalties).

26. First 3 individual competitors will officially receive GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE medals respectively.

Preparing based on International Club Rules from Internationale de la Pesca Sportive federation.

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