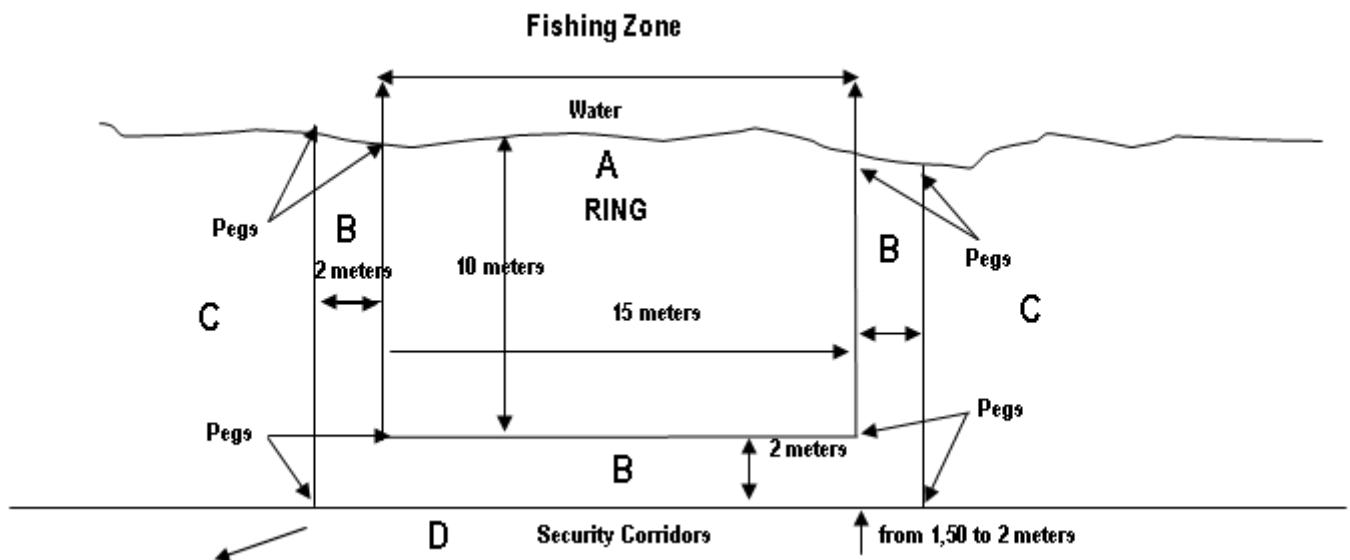




RIG CARP CUP XX RULES QUALITY

1. Each team will be composed of 2, maxim 4 competitors with full rights. No competitor will be allowed to participate as an individual.

2. The angling position of each team must be composed of a ring which may be entirely used to set up the fishing equipment. Access to the angling position and adjacent zones is permitted as follows:



Zone A: Access authorized for competitors and referees; spectators and press are allowed only with the consent of the competitors;

Spectators' access in the competition sectors is allowed without vehicles and only during day time, between **07:00 – 20:00**;

At night, on sectors, the access is allowed only for referees, organizers and press.

During competition, on sectors, the traffic of vehicles that does not belong to the organizers is allowed only with referee's consent and running speed should be very low.

At night, the traffic on vehicles is forbidden, except organizers or emergency situations, with referee's consent.

- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

3. To participate in the competition, each team is required to show referees for verification a minimum of 10 big size eco mesh carp keep-nets (for fish over 5 kg), one monster carp cradle, an eco-mesh landing net with an opening of 1 m for handling fish over 5 kg, disinfectant spray, the type of assembling used should allow the fish to easily free itself from the lead in case of rupture. If one or more of these items are found missing, the team stops fishing to remedy the situation.

4. The organizers must install in each ring a panel where referees write names and club/nationality of the teams and also the weight of the largest 10 fish captured.

TEAMS MEETING

5. The aim of this meeting is to give information and it must take place before the start of the competition. During the meeting, the chief referee will participate too. Subsequently, the following operations shall be carried out:

- Call of participating teams;
- Drawing to determine the order of drawing the ring. In case a team is late but confirms immediately arrival by phone, the chief referee may draw for that team.

6. Rules cannot be modified during competition.

DRAWING OF RINGS

7. The drawing of rings must be carried out at least **120 minutes** (2 hrs.) but not more than **180 minutes** (3 hrs.) before the start of the competition, under the scrutiny of the organizers and in the presence of the participating teams. Each team will have maximum 1 minute to select the ring. In case a team is late at this stage too, will elect from the remained rings at the end of drawing.



GENERAL RULES

8. As soon as the anglers arrive to the venue, they are **allowed only to prepare the equipment but not baiting or feeding fish until the start signal is given.**

The competitors may reach the ring by their personal vehicles. After unloading, the vehicles shall be parked in the places designated by the organizer.

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9. There must be **referees** assigned for rings and a chief referee of the competition. The referees must have full knowledge of the rules of the competition. In order to assure permanence, referees may be alternated in shifts.

The referee must:

- Control the ground bait entered into the ring, the monster carp cradle, the landing nets and the carp keep-nets.
- Survey the angling manner of the teams he is responsible for and their compliance with the competition rules and sportsmanship.
- Verify and write every fish caught and its weight.
- Keep the team's catch under observation and forbid access into the angling position of unauthorized persons, until the weighing team has arrived; lastly, the referee will undersign the weighing sheet, together with the competitors assigned to him.

10. Only carps (mirror, common, leather) and amours (white or silver colored) that weigh at least **5 kilos** will be validated. This rule must be included in the program and repeated at the teams meeting. The fish must be kept alive only in carp keepnets (only 1 fish per keepnet). During the competition, the keepnets must be submerged, along their full length, without any lead or ballast or other objects inside them. No other system for preserving the caught fish is allowed. Any team, who, due to an evident carelessness, presents dead or injured fish for weighing, will be penalized. In this case, the fish in question will not be considered as valid.

It is forbidden to preserve evident small fish (under 5 kilos) or, after the team already registered 10 fish over 5 kilos, preserving a fish evident under the smallest weight of the registered captures at that moment.

- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

11. The usage of baits and animal ground baits, both living and dead, fish roe, products of metal origin and tiger nuts is strictly **forbidden.**

Only the following will be authorized: meals, covering mixes, seeds, boilies and pellets, natural or artificial. **Dry corn** can be used only if boiled in advance.

All of the mixes prepared using the above products must not exceed the size of a **70 mm** ball.

Argyle, bentonite and baiting-leads on which covering meal has been placed are forbidden.

For baiting, it is allowed to attach small bags or soluble lines on assembling.

At the end of the competition, any rests of ground baits must not be thrown into the water.

- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

12. The competition will run in a single session of 96 hours. In case of a forced interruption (e.g. a storm), the competition will be considered valid providing it has lasted for at least 48 hours. In the event of an interruption due to a storm prior to the end of 48 hours of competition, the competition may resume, but the period of interruption shall not be added to the initial 96 hours. If the interruption occurs after 48 hours of competition have passed, the competition shall not be resumed, and the results thus far obtained shall be deemed valid.

Each competitor is expected to follow the rules of the competition integrally.

13. The length of the rods must be **less than 4 meters.** Reels must obligatorily be equipped with a fixed drag

- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

14. The fishing must be performed inside the competition ring. Baiting outside this competition area is **forbidden.** If a misunderstanding between neighbors occurs, the chief referee shall place a marker and establish the limits. In addition, if one or both lateral rings are vacant, the anglers are not allowed to exceed the limits of their ring.

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15. During the angling operation, all mounted lines must be thrown from the fishing ring, only using the fishing rod and not by any other means.

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16. Only a single hook will be allowed for each fishing-line; the usage of the hair rig is **compulsory.**

- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

17. Only traditional angling methods with a lead of a minimum of 50 g will be **allowed.** If it breaks, the type of assembling used will allow the fish to easily free itself from the lead. At the same time, the assembling of the fishing line should also have an "anti-shock" system in order to avoid breaks when throwing.

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- 18.** Fishing using floats is **forbidden**.
- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 19.** Fishing using ground baiting and rods of the subsequent types: swing feeder, swing tip, quiver tip and resorts baits is **forbidden**.
- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 20.** Back leads will be **allowed**, but at any time, the referee may require their withdrawal to verify the angling axes
- 21.** During the throwing, the lead must not have any lateral movements in the ring. Lead movements must follow obligatorily the direction of the ring/water and water/ring.
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 22.** The usage of remote controlled and echo scanner devices are **forbidden**.
- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 23.** The usage of electronic, acoustic and visual bite signaling units is **allowed**
- 24.** The following items are **mandatory**: eco carp keep-net - large size for fish over 5 kg minimum 10 pcs (minimum 140x120 cm), one monster carp cradle, eco mesh landing net, one eco mesh landing net with an opening of 1 m for handling fish over 5 kg. Keep-nets and landing nets should be eco mesh type provide fish protection.
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 25.** The keep-nets and the carp cradle must **obligatory** be dampened before placing the fish.
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 26.** Competitors must handle fish carefully. After weighing, the fish (alive and in good condition) must be put back into the water with due precaution.
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 27.** It is **forbidden** to lighten the water by means of torches or lamps; however, it is allowed to use illumination aids inside the bungalow/tent (discrete lighting with a frontal torch will be allowed to net fish).
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 28.** One competitor, or two in case of a simultaneous double catch, may enter the water but only to net a fish or keep it in the net.
- 29.** At the end of the competition, the rings must to be left in perfect conditions of cleanliness.
- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 30.** All devices with a propulsion power using compressed air, gas or electricity are **forbidden**.
- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 31.** The catching of a fish is judged valid, even if it is incidentally hooked outside the mouth. Every fish caught but not hanging from the angler's statutory line ("tramway") shall not be considered valid and shall be put back in water.
- 32.** A deliberate foul hooking of fish is strictly **forbidden**.
- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 33.** Flames of any nature are forbidden inside the bungalows or tents.
- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 34.** During the competition, anglers are allowed to use walkie-talkies.
- 35.** Competitors may keep and assemble as many rods as they wish, but they are allowed to fish only with a maximum of 4 rods per team at a time. Extra rods must be placed outside the angling rod pods, vertically or oriented toward the land, whereas the poles used for placing of signals must be identified and signaled and they must not be set up on the rod pod maintaining poles in action.
- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 36.** Competitors are not allowed to receive outside help. Only competitors may handle the landing nets.
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 37.** Competitors may use the ring allotted to them as they prefer. Inside the ring, the competitors must move discreetly and noiselessly. Any angling action must only be performed inside the ring (throw-in, recuperating, ground baiting and netting). It is allowed to net a fish from the neighbor ring but only with the agreement of the anglers. In case this ring is not occupied, the catching will be done after announcing the referee.
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 38.** To perform preparative operations after access their ring, anglers have minimum 90 minutes at their disposal. Competitors may start the operations of ground baiting and fishing when **the start signal is given, according to starting time established at the drawing meeting.**



Only manual baiting or baiting using a catapult manipulated with both hands (of the type used for throwing baits), tubes for throwing boilies handled with one or two hands, big spoons with handle or grip held by one or two hands, catapults placed on the ground and handled with two hands, the propulsion power of which must be elastic bands or, possibly, springs, soluble bags, soluble wires, baits rockets with a dimension that does not exceed **70 millimeters inner diameter and 200 millimeters length**, thrown by means of a fishing-rod are **allowed**.

From **18.30 until 09:00** it is **forbidden** to use the catapults and bait rockets placed on the ground. Only throwing sticks for boilies using one or both hands and the catapult handled with two hands are authorized. Except for this time band, baiting is allowed with all baits and systems according to these rules.

The end of the competition will be marked by an acoustic and lighting signal.

Another 15 minutes are allowed to take out a fish from the water (if it was caught before this signal) after this end signal. The acoustic signals should be short; in all cases, the beginning of the signal is taken into consideration.

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39. During the competition, referees shall stand behind the angler, on his right or left side, in such a way that they do not disturb the angler, but can still control the fish caught. Carp keep-nets must be placed so that the referees can see them; fish shall be deposited and kept alive in the carp keep-net until the weighing team arrives.

- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

40. Climbing the bungalow roof or bower is strictly forbidden.

- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

WEIGHING OPERATIONS

41. The weighing operations will be carried out by teams of 2 referees each. All weighing procedures (except the supplementary weighing) must take place according to the weighing schedule, prepared and announced by organizer before the start of the competition. The weighing must be carried out with a scales certified with conformity certificate; the scales shall be hanged on a tripod placed on the ground in the official corridor. In the three sectors, the scales must be identical, both as regards the model and the brand and with a graduated scale with indications every 50 grams. Minimum two scales will be provided for each sector. The carp keep-net provided by the organization will be compulsory for the weighing of each fish; it will be dampened and leak before every weighing. Carp keep-nets must be of a special type suitable for the weighing of carps, made of a soft, synthetic material, which is permeable and fret worked. The keep-nets must be identical for all three sectors. The weighing must be performed in grams. The indication of the weight must be visible at once both by the referees and by the competitors of the team. One referee will be responsible for the weighing and the other referee will be responsible for registering the weight on the official document (weighing sheet).

42. Apart from the referees, the competitors assigned to them and the witness of the weighing (a competitor from a neighboring team) no other person has the authorization to intervene neither verbally nor in other ways for claims regarding the weighing. During the competition, reporting any problems will be made only to the referees, in a polite manner.

- *Violation of this article is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

43. All fish caught shall be emerged for the weighing operations and release, except the additional weighing that can be demanded by teams in the following situation:

- for safety reasons (injured or lethargic fish - the decision belongs to the chief referee);

- for a fish **over 10 kg**; in this case **only this fish will be weighed and released**. If that fish weight not exceeding 10 kg, it will be placed back in the keep-net and will wait the planned weighing operation.

Until the arrival of weighing team at ring, competitors will leave the keep-nets into the water. Fish will be recovered, placed on a cradle and place in the weigh bag by a member of that team; after weighing, all fish will be released into the water by a referee (after weighing, the fish cannot be put back into the keep-net). These operations must be performed with maximum care.

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44. The team must be present at the above described operations to control the weight and sign the weighing sheet on which the weight of the catch is recorded. Once the weighing procedure is finished, the fish has been put back into the water and the weighing sheet has been signed, no complaint about the weight will be accepted.

45. The chief referee of the competition will examine any complaint and determine the application of the sanctions stipulated in these Rules. Complaints shall be addressed within 1 hour after the event, initially may be made verbally, but must be confirmed in writing immediately. Complaints concerning the final ranking must be made within 30 minutes after the official results have been published. Each written complaint addressed to the chief referee will necessarily be accompanied by a guarantee of 100 lei; if the complaint is unfounded, the warranty will be charged by the organizer; if the complaint is justified, it shall be returned to the complainant team.



The chief referee is the only authority able to pronounce or enforce a disqualification. A team that is subject to a sanction/penalty shall be immediately informed thereof.

In the event of problems or disputes unanticipated in these Rules, the decision belongs to the chief referee.

LIST OF SANCTIONS

46. The sanctions are as follows:

- a) Warning (**yellow card**) for the infringement of articles 2, 8, 14, 15, 17, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 36, 37, 38, 39, 43;
- b) Disqualification (**red card**) for the infringement of articles 10, 11, 13, 16, 18, 19, 22, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 40, 42 and after a second warning for the infringement of articles 2, 8, 14, 15, 17, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 36, 37, 38, 39, 43.
- c) If a team is disqualified, the team is immediately eliminated from the contest and the entire quantity of fish caught by it will not be taken into account in drawing up the classification.
- f) The chief referee will have the authority, both during a competition and subsequently, to impose sanctions on fishermen or managers if they commit infringements or act in a bad way.

CLASSIFICATION/RANKING

47. There will be a single ranking based on **quality – the sum of the biggest 10 fish caught by one team, having a minimum weight of 5 kilos each.** The final ranking will be **general** and the 1st, 2nd and the 3rd places will be awarded for the best results independent of the sectors.

If there is a tie between teams in terms of weight, shall win the team registering the heaviest fish. If equality still preserves, shall win the team with the heaviest second fish, and so on.

The prizes for the biggest capture will be award for each sector (A, B and C) and may not be cumulated with another prize (the same team cannot receive two awards).

Teams that fail to capture 10 fish with a minimum weight of 5 Kilos will not count in the standings and can not claim any prize.

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