



*National Coarse Fishing  
Federation of Ireland*

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**COMPETITION RULES**

1. Competitors shall fish with a single rod or pole, line and one hook only at any time. They may however have any number of assembled tackle ready for alternative use.
2. Competitors must normally fish from a point not greater than 1 meter from his peg. The fishing area (swim) shall normally be defined by point's mid-way between the competitors peg and those of his left and right neighbours. In moving water the boundaries shall be from the competitors peg to that of his downstream neighbour. An angler may wade to fish provided he remains within 1 metre of the bank.
3. A competitor may break the water the surface of the water prior to the start of the competition to perform the following task;
  - a. To clear his swim of weeds and obstructions.
  - b. To position his keepnet and tackle.
  - c. To wet and mix groundbaits.
  - d. To plumb the dept of his swim. In plumbing the dept before the start the angler must not in any way introduce bait or groundbait to his swim. Any fish accidentally hooked while plumbing it must be returned to the water and not placed in the keepnet.
4. Competitors may normally use all hook-baits with the exception of live and dead fish and artificial lures.
5. Fish caught must be retained in a suitable keepnet at least 3 metres in length. All fish should be carefully unhooked and gently handled. All fish should, after weighing in, be gently returned alive to the water. Dead fish will not be weighed in.
6. All species of coarse fish except pike may count for weigh in.
7. A competitor may not leave his peg except to answer the call of nature or by prior arrangement with the organisers. Within these provisions the angler shall not disturb other competitors. If an angler is away from his peg he must reel in and remove his hook etc from the water.
8. At the end of the competition an angler shall have 5 minutes to land any fish hooked before the end of the event.
9. An angler must be present to weigh in his catch except by prior arrangement with the organisers.
10. Anglers should check their weights on the scales and may be required to sign the weigh sheet as an acceptance of the weight/score. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that his weight is correct.
11. Objections must be lodged in writing with the organisers within 2 hours of the end of the competition.
12. Competitors found in contravention of these rules, may on written objection be disqualified or penalised by the organisers.
13. The decision of the organisers or official referee shall be binding in all disputes.
14. The organisers shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to or by any of the competitors.
15. LITTERED PEGS SHALL NOT BE WEIGHED IN, WHETHER OR NOT THE LITTER BELONGS TO THE ANGLER FISHING THE PEG.