

RULES FOR THE FK SPECIMEN SUPER CUP

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Important Rules

FK SPECIMEN SUPER CUP

All fishing must be carried out in a respectful manner in line with the spirit and tradition of an international event. Any activities deemed to be in violation of competition rules or carried out in a disruptive/disrespectful manner may lead to disqualification and banning from the competition at the discretion of the organisers. *

- The competition is open to competitors from the age of 10, if accompanied by a guardian – No one under the age of 16 is allowed to use boats at any time during the competition.
- Entry can be either as a pair (2 anglers), trio (3 anglers) or a Quatro (4 anglers) with a total number of 4 rods
- The use of boats is strongly recommended.
- The organisers (FK SPECIMEN) will have absolute control and discretion over the competition, rules and T&Cs.
- The organisers reserve the right to modify all or any part of the rules and T&Cs at any time.
- FK Specimen rules abide by and include all relevant local rules, and have been reviewed and authorised by appropriate local authorities.
- All competitors and runner must provide the organisers with all and required documents: - 1x copy of all party members Identity documents, 1x Indemnity forms and 2x copies of the North West Province fishing licence as part of a condition to their entry in the event. (This must be hand in as team at the registration table.
- North west Province Fishing License can be obtained from the following contact details: - Alta Edwards WhatsApp number 082-498-1183
 - WhatsApp the following to Alta Photo of your ID., your Physical Address, one number and e-mail address.
 - Alta will send you the banking details and the cost for the Licence.
 - You then pay the amount in to the bank account.
 - And sent Alta the proof of payment.
 - Alta will send you a Licence proof of request.
 - It can take up to 6-8 days to receive your fishing licence.
- All competitors and runners will be required to sign a registration form to include an event disclaimer to confirm acceptance of the full and final event rules, terms & conditions.
- Competition rules also include the T&Cs.
- All offences will be reported to the organisers and dealt with in accordance with their seriousness and may lead to disqualification.
- Organisers have the right to use images of competitors and helpers at their discretion on any support material they deem appropriate at the time of the event and in the future.
- The official itinerary is published on the FK Specimen Facebook Page.
<https://www.facebook.com/SpecimenFKfastBait/>

- Afrikaans/English is the Official Language of the FK SPECIMEN CLASSIC Cup.
- Official currency of the FK SPECIMEN CLASSIC CUP is the SOUTH AFRICAN RAND (SA RAND).

SECTION A - REGISTRATION

A01- All members of a pair/trio/quarto (including helper and non-angler in your party) must register together at one of the designated times (see official event itinerary on the FK Specimen Facebook Page.) and provide the organisers with all required documents (1x copy of Identity document; 1x copy signed indemnity form and 2x copies of each anglers fishing License) (Incomplete documentation will mean you will not be able to fish until all documents are complete and hand in).

A02- Once all documents are in order including any outstanding payment balance paid, party members will be provided with a colour coded identity bracelet which must be worn throughout the competition, including the prize giving.

A03- Anyone not registering within the official registration times could be excluded from the competition and their entry fee will be forfeited, unless prior notice is given in advance or the competitors have a valid reason for being late and organisers are made aware by WhatsApp 078-144-9823 or email at freddie@fkspecimen.co.za. The organisers reserve the right to make a decision on this matter and this will be final.

A04- If a pair/trio/ quarto cannot arrive before the end of the official draw, their entry is at the peg draw and entire discretion of the organisers.

SECTION B - OFFICIAL PICTURE & PEG DRAW

B01- The official/marshal group picture will take place on the Friday morning at 6am in the hall at the Irrigation Angling Club.

B02-The peg draw will take place on Thursday evening at 17:00 pm in the hall at the Irrigation Angling Club. Only then will competitors know where their peg is to fish. Competitors will be forbidden from accessing their peg before the 18:15 Thursday evening.

B03- FK SPECIMEN CLASSIC Cup peg draw format is a sequence draw in order to establish what team will draw their peg first in this order the peg draw will take place. In ping pong ball draw will state the relevant peg number and Zone.

SECTION C – BOAT CHECK – USE OF BOAT PRIOR TO START OF COMPETITION

C01- **ALL BOATS** must pass boat inspection.

C02- After being checked (and only if all has been approved) competitors will receive a boat pass (A pink sticker with the Marshal signature and date) which will be securely attached by the marshal to the boat.

C03- **NO feeding, feature finding or any other boating activities or lines in the water may take place until 6 am Friday morning when its allowed to start the feeding and feature finding (During this time only prodding rods/sticks and fish finders are allowed, no fishing rods with hooks and**

hook baits on the boat. This also includes use of bait boats.

During camp setup time (6am Friday morning, when competitors are moving to their swims and camp setting up) the use of boats are not allowed on/in the water).

SECTION D – ALLOCATION OF THE PRIZES

The prize table will be allocated based on:

D01- At the organisers' discretion, pro-rata could be applied if the maximum of 48 entries is not reached.

D02- Participants can only win one prize per fish in the competition – In the event of a pair/trio/quarto winning more than one category, they can only claim the prize with the greatest value. This stipulation does not include the zone prizes or smaller sponsored prizes only the bigger cash prizes

D03- The competition placing will be determined by the weight of the biggest carp caught per Angler and with the pair/trio/quarto having the combined greatest 3 fish weight being declared the winners of the bag prize.

D04- If the total weight for the 3 bag fish is tied, the biggest fish on the time of the first officially recorded of the three fish that count will be declared the winner. This will apply to the heaviest bag and the biggest fish prizes

D05- Prizes will only be given to competitors present at prize-giving – If competitors are not present to receive their prizes, then the prize will go to a lucky draw. Cash prizes will not be awarded.

D06- In the event of a blank zone there will be a draw for prizes, though cash prizes will not be awarded.

D07- In the unlikely event that no fish are caught during the competition only zone prizes will be drawn for. Any cash prizes will not be awarded.

SECTION E – FISHING RULES

E01- Competitors, marshals, registered helpers and non-anglers in your party are allowed to set up camp on the banks.

E02- Each pair/trio/quarto must set up their rods and accommodation no further than 10 meters from the peg marker (if not possible then to the nearest possible) – Competitors must not drop or cast outside the borders of their swim. The pegs borders are marked with steel droppers with red and white tape attached on the top of the dropper on the bank, the peg number board will be in-between these border droppers and the borders will also be marked in the water with a bright round ball marker at a distance in the dam on the borders of the peg, all water markers are marked with reflective tape and the peg number on it, please fish on the right of your water marker number. Any disputes as to the competitors fishing outside this area must be reported immediately to the marshals. Marshals have the discretion to request that competitors reposition their rods as and where to directed to. In some areas, due to marginal grass, sludge and reeds, competitors may be limited where to placing their fishing rods and bank sticks.

E03- Competitors must play, land and unhook their own fish. No assistance from any outside person (excluding fishing partner(s)) whatsoever is allowed). Immediate disqualification could result if assistance is obtained. (Team members are allowed to do boating and help with the landing net)

E04- It is the responsibility of the competitors to ensure that all fish caught are reported as soon as possible to the marshals in their zone with a WhatsApp during the day (6am to 10pm) and a phone call during night time (10pm to 6am) .

E05- Competitors are required to possess their own carp sacks as, in the event of a multiple capture, sacks will be required to hold fish until weighing. Sacks will not be provided by the organisers.

E06- The organisers retain the right to search all competitors' tackle or vehicles to combat any form of cheating or rule breaking. **Anglers found cheating will be reported to the organisers and banned for life from the competition. Refusal of searching may also warrant similar punishment.**

E07- Any pair/trio/quarto with more than four baited rods in the water at any one time will be immediately disqualified from the competition.

E08- Entering the water is only permitted to thigh depth to allow casting and the landing of fish. Penalties will be issued for anyone who wades deeper than lower waist.

E09- Competitors must comply with requests from official FK SPECIMEN SUPER CUP film crews & photographers at all times regarding media coverage, except if they are in the process of landing a fish. Members of the media who are competing will not be awarded media access to other competitors.

E10- If both competitors in a pair wish to leave their swim for any reason whatsoever their rods must be reeled in and their baited hooks removed from the water.

A 3rd Angler in a trio may remain to look after the rods but is forbidden to go on the boat at this time.

A 4th Angler and 3rd angler in a quarto may remain to look after the rods but only one angler is allowed go on the boat in this time.

E11- Permanent markers can be dropped by boat and left in the fishing zone during the competition but must be removed at the end of the competition. A permanent boundary marker will have a distance of 50 meters apart from each other competing teams cannot boat in other swims. the boundary will be the limit of the allocated water within the competitors swim.

E12- No more than FOUR(4) permanent markers can be used at any one time within the swim.

E13- Low light-emitting light sources can be used on any permanent marker, but where discretion falls over lake illumination from a permanent marker, the head marshals' decision will be final.

E14- we recommend feeding spots and dropping of lines not to exceed the distance of 550 meters from the participants peg identified by the official peg board. If this distance is acceded, please take in consideration your neighbouring pegs and the opposite banks and resorts. (No one will be penalized for exceed this distance)

E15- Anyone found to be encroaching upon other waters could be penalised. Any boundary differences must be finalised before the competition begins. The Head Marshal's decision will be final on all boundary disputes. Where a suitable outcome has not been found the head marshal will divide the pegs equally with an imaginary line and may ask the competitors to place a marker between the competitors swims.

E16- ONLY ONE SINGLE HOOK ARE ALLOWED PER ROD SETUP.

SECTION F – MATCH RULES

F01- The official start of the competition will be signalled on the WhatsApp group & by sounding of a siren on Friday at 10am (see itinerary on Facebook)

F02- Only Common, Mirror Carp, Linear (CYPRINUS CARPIO) will count in the competition fish of **8 kg and over**.

F03- Each line may only have one single hook attached.

F04- Any baiting/feeding methods are allowed.

F05- No live baiting is permitted.

F06- For conservation purposes only micro-barb hooks are to be used. At all times an un-hooking mat must be used (not provided by FK SPECIMEN CLASSIC CUP).

F07- Each pair/trio/quarto is allowed to use **four** rods with baited hooks in the water at any one time and two further rods in reserve may be set up ready for use, as long as it is at least 5m from the water/dam.

F08- Prodding and spodding rods are allowed in addition to the baited rods but only for prodding & spodding.

F09- Hooked fish should be landed without interfering with other competitor's lines. If lines become tangled a formal complaint should be made immediately. The judges will make a decision as to whether to allow that fish to count in the final results.

F10- If possible, fish must be landed within the defined area of the competitor's swim. Any transgression of this rule will be considered on its merits.

F11- Fish not hooked by the mouth will be disqualified.

F12- Any fish hooked before the sounding of a siren must be landed within 20 minutes of the end of the competition or it will be excluded from the final results.

F13- The WhatsApp group & sounding of a siren on Sunday at 10am

SECTION G – RECORDING A CATCH

Important rule notice: After having their first three fish being recorded by an event marshal, competitors are now allowed to weigh new catches on their own equipment. If they feel the fish is of a greater weight than the three recorded fish, they then need to make contact with event marshals and proceed with normal catch record procedure to ensure the fish is officially recorded.

G01- Fish are to be weighed by officials and returned immediately at all times unless otherwise instructed by competition HQ.

G02- Each fish must be witnessed by at least two marshals or by one marshal and one competitor other than the captor or a member of his party.

G03- If a marshal is not immediately available to record a fish, carp **MUST** be retained in a carp sack until such a time as a marshal becomes available. Only once the marshal has been notified that a fish is awaiting to be recorded can the angler replace the rod to the water. Only one carp should be placed in each sack.

G04- Recorded fish are to be weighed exclusively with official equipment held by the marshals or it will be excluded from the results.

G05- Competitors are to ensure officials are notified immediately. Carp are to be kept individually in carp sacks until weighed by officials. Carp sacks are not supplied by organisers. It is recommended that each pair/trio/quarto has a minimum of 4 carp sacks.

G06- **The marshal's official log sheet is the official document** by which the competition is being run. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that all details are correctly entered and that the 2 official pictures have been correctly taken

before signing the official record sheet.

Details to be filled include:

- . Name of the participant who caught the fish.
- . Peg number & Zone. Time of the catch being weighed.
- . Weight of the catch in kg. (3 decimal digits)
- . Type of Carp
- . Team name

G07- Competitors are to check for the following in the **official pictures being taken** by marshals – we strongly advise competitors to do the same for their own record:

* Picture of the official catch board on its own.

* Picture of competitor holding the fish **showing its right flank along with Official Catch Board with Peg Board in sight** (fish head in competitor Left hand).

G08- As part of the procedure, several other photographs may have to be taken for marketing purposes. Please allow official FK SPECIMEN CLASSIC CUP media crew to carry out their requirements without hindrance. Competitors, helpers and others are only then welcome to take their own photos.

G09- Fish welfare is paramount therefore fish must be returned safely to water at marshal's decision despite any media requirements. Fish are to be released and swim off in presence of marshals.

G10- Only once the official marshal's record sheet has been duly signed by all parties can the marshal SMS the official picture and key in the catch details in the official FK SPECIMEN CLASSIC CUP Live Leader board App. (HookitandBookit)

G11- Fish will only be fully validated upon return of the marshal's official record log sheet to event result desk.

G12- All Fish equal or heavier than 15kg must be obtain in a retaining sling and must be verified by Mr Freddie Koch with a video before the fish will be add to the scoreboard. **DO NOT RELEASE FISH 15KG AND ABOVE UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

SECTION H – SECURITY – NON-ANGLERS

H01- One security/non-anglers is allowed per pair/trio/quarto identifiable by their colour coded bracelets.

H02- Any security/non-anglers must register with his/her pair/trio/quarto within the designated registration times

H03- A pair/trio/quarto will face disqualification if their security/non-anglers is found helping with the fishing in any way, including landing a fish, baiting (including the cooking of particles), setting up rods, using boats, looking after rods in absence of competitors, etc.

H04- A security/non-anglers cannot officially witness a catch for any pair.

H05- A security/non-anglers is usually identified as a media person, a translator, a spouse or an under-age person.

H06- The security/non-anglers is solely allowed to bivvy with and run errands for the pair/trio. security/non-anglers are not allowed to help in any way with the fishing (See: H03) or with the steering of the boat.

H08- **The security/non-anglers are NEVER allowed on a boat** other than ones

managed by FK SPECIMEN CLASSIC CUP officials during the hours of the competition. H09- Once identified by a coloured bracelet at registration, a security/non-anglers can at no stage be promoted to competitor status.

SECTION I – BOAT RULES & SPECIFICATION

I01- All boats used during the competition must conform to local waters and FK SPECIMEN CLASSIC CUP requirements, which in the broad outline are as follows:
Boat type: to accommodate a maximum of 4 persons and no more than 4 meters including inflatables –no single chamber allowed.

Propulsion: Petrol motors not bigger than **9.8hp** and electric motors.

BOAT & SAFETY MEASURES

Failure to comply with the following will result in the use of the boat being denied.

I02- Each boat is to be fitted with:

- . 2 oars recommended with rowlocks.
- . A minimum of two life-jackets fully equipped with whistle.
- Luminous stick headlamp or torch.
- . A bailer bucket
- . An appropriate anchor/weight properly secured to the boat secured to a minimum 16 meters of rope (this takes in account the 1/3 rule).
- . A towing rope (can be the same one as the anchor) and a fixed towing ring.

I03- Each life-jacket is to be CE certified and conform to SABS standards and to be fitted with a whistle secured to the life-jacket.

I04- No swimming at any time is allowed by competitors and/or security/non-anglers .

I05- Life-jackets must be worn and securely fastened at all time while on-board of the boat.

SECURITY CHECK

Failure to comply with the following will result with an immediate penalty which could lead to disqualification at the head marshal's discretion.

I06- Each boat, the life-jackets and equipment will be checked prior to the start of the competition by marshals/local authorities. If the boat, life-jackets and equipment does not comply with above requirements, competitors will be able to fish the competition, but will not be able to use their boat until it complies with all required safety measures.

I07- During registration, competitors will have to produce sign a disclaimer including their acceptance to the rules and T&Cs and to abide by them. Failure to comply will result in refusal to use a boat on venue. Boat insurance is not compulsory but strongly advisable.

I08- No one under the age of 16 will be allowed to use boats at any time during the time of the competition.

I09- Spot checks of boats and life jackets will be conducted by marshals throughout the competition. Local authorities may also conduct their own checks. If a boat is found to be non-compliant by local authorities, it is at their sole discretion to impose local laws, which could include a fine or confiscation of unsuitable boats. Pairs/trios/quarto not

following boat safety measures will face instant penalty. Repeat offences may lead to disqualification.

I10- The head marshal may disqualify a boat from use if the boat or anglers are deemed unfit to go afloat.

I11- During rough weather, the head marshal may issue an order to forbid boats from leaving the shore and the order will be valid for the whole dam.

I12- Competitors are welcome to contact officials via the HQ phone 078-144-9823.

The use of boats in all circumstances throughout the entire duration of the competition is entirely at the competitors' own risk and responsibility.

FK SPECIMEN CLASSIC CUP are not liable for any accidents/damage resulting from use of boats by competitors.

SECTION J – USE OF BOATS DURING COMPETITION

Non compliance with the following will result in an immediate penalty but could also lead to disqualification and a possible ban from ever entering the event again depending on the seriousness of the offence.

GENERAL RULES

J01- No one under the age of 16 is allowed at any time to use boats.

J02- Only one angler alone in a pair, or two anglers in a trio/quarto is/are allowed to be on the boat at any time. A security/non-anglers can **NEVER** be on a boat at any time during the hours of the competition.

J03- Trio/quarto entry is now authorised to have two boats on the water at any time but only while one angler always stays on the bank and at the same time.

J04- Use of boat is entirely at the competitor's discretion and competitor/s will bear sole responsibility and local authorities to be called in case of emergencies

Flying Squad - 10111

Assen Police – (012) 252 8520

Fire Brigade – 10177

Ambulance – 082911

Poison Centre – 08000 333 444

Resort Manager ((Eddie) – 083 234 4135

Event Organizer (Freddie) – 078 144 9823

Hospital District (Brits) – 012 381 7000

J05- No angler can go on a boat without first ensuring that their fishing partner(s) is awake and present at the swim ready to raise alarm – and wearing a properly fastened life-jacket.

J06- When not in use, all boats must be removed from the water or securely moored. Any boat found to be adrift without occupancy will result in the pair/trio/quarto facing a penalty.

J07- It is strictly forbidden to sleep in the boat, be it afloat or moored at the peg.

J08 – A pair/trio/quarto can register up to two boats into the competition. Each boat must pass boat check at the same time.

In pairs entry. During the hours of the competition, only one boat is allowed and

identified by its pink boat tag. Only a marshal is allowed to swap tags during the competition and only after re conducting a full boat check. HQ to be notified immediately.

In trios/quarto: two boats can be marked with a pink boat tag. See rule J03 for use.

J09- All kinds of waders are strictly forbidden on all boats – only boots are allowed. Fastened life-jackets are to be worn if wading to land a fish and before getting on-board.

J10- Suitable sized unhooking mat must be within the boat when landing fish from a boat.

SUNRISE & SUNSET

J11- For the duration of the event, the night-time period will be between Sunset and Sunrise (06:33 -17:49).

SECTION K – PROCEDURE IN CASE OF A PROBLEM WHILE ON A BOAT

K01- Anyone on a boat/in water is to blow on the life jackets whistle and flash the torch or headlamp in the direction of their partner on the bank, to alert partner(s) on-shore in the case of a problem.

K02- Partner(s) on-shore must immediately advise, in this order:

- Local authorities (emergency phone numbers provided in J04).
- Neighbouring swims.
- HQ if marshal(s) not already on-site (dedicated distress phone 078-144-9823)

SECTION L – YELLOW/RED CARDS, PENALTIES, DISQUALIFICATION & BAN

L01- Any offence committed during the competition (including during registration day Thursday) regarding the state of the swim at the end of event will carry a penalty sanction accompanied or not by a yellow card.

L02- Marshals are allowed to issue yellow cards, however: penalties, confirmation of red card, disqualification and bans can only be issued by the jury and at his unanimous decision. The jury has the right to issue a penalty in lieu of confirming the second yellow card.

L03- Penalties can be: a strict fishing bans up to 6 hours or ban from use of boat up to 6 hours.

L04- A second yellow card confirmed by the head marshal automatically confirms red card status and immediate disqualification from the event. Competitors are then asked to leave the competition site immediately.

L05- Depending on the seriousness of offences that have led to a red card & disqualification, the jury can add a ban ranging from only this competition to 3 years but if necessary, can be extended to a life-ban.

L06- All penalties and cards to be published online and explained.

SECTION M – LOCAL RULES

M01- FK SPECIMEN SUPER CUP has been granted for the duration of the event on the extended bank space normally not open to the public for carp fishing. Should you fish the venue before or after the event, ensure that you are doing so within the authorised

zones.

N02- Camping on all pegs has been granted access for the event on the basis that competitors do not litter or damage the environment. All litter must be picked up by the competitors and returned to the agreed pick-up points at the end of the competition.

M03- Organisers have endeavoured their best to ensure parking as near as possible to the pegs. Competitors should respect official competition parking signs and park where assigned.

N04- During on-site registration, competitors are to present 2x copies of their North West Fishing Licences, 1x copy of their ID document & 1x copy of their indemnity form filled in and signed for its been used by the competition. In the event, a competitor does not have the required documents he will be invited to make the necessary arrangements.

N05- The venue emphasises that it has a catch and release policy at all times. In addition to a life ban, organisers will notify local authorities who will be free to prosecute the offender.

M06- Friends of Roodekoppies dam – Keep the dam clean.

. Limit glass bottles by the banks and dispose of them appropriately.

. At the end of the event, it is the competitors' responsibility to bring ALL of their rubbish to the collection point.

. Each swim will be photographed by marshals at the end of the event. Please ensure that it is left in pristine condition or you will be held accountable if not.

. If competitors leave rubbish behind in their swim **local authorities will issue a fine** – SPECIMEN CLASSIC CUP sanction will also apply as follow: anglers to be named and shamed on event website and social media pages, in addition, they will be banned from competing for a minimum 3-years.

M07- The road around the dam must be kept clear at all times. Strictly no parking or bivvy on road. Assigned parking MUST be used.

M9- Speed on-site is 10 kms – priority to be given to pedestrian's – It is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN for cars to drive over the dam wall.

M10- The use of drones is strictly forbidden at all times during the event (from registration weekend until the end of the prize-giving ceremony).

Only SPECIMEN CLASSIC CUP official media accredited drone operators are authorised.

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