



**CARP ANGLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
ST LAWRENCE RIVER NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2011**

PRELIMINARY RULES AND INFORMATION

Pegs will be drawn the previous night. Please review pre/post itinerary for details.

The organizing body Catch and Release Professional Tournament Series (referred to as CARPTS) has absolute control and discretion over the competition, the rules, any amendments and the right to refuse entry.

This is an approved International Carp Fishing Association (ICFA) ratified event and has been approved by the ICFA committee.

Competitors must pre-register for the peg draw and both pair members must be present during the draw. (See itinerary for details)

The draw order will be determined during team registration periods.

The allocation of swims will be way of random draw. Each pair member will draw a peg number. The pair will then have 20 seconds to decide which peg they choose to fish for the event, and the other peg number will be returned to the undrawn pegs. If pairs are not present for the draw a non-affiliated 3rd party will draw 1 peg and that peg will be the assigned peg. If only one team member is present for the draw one peg will be drawn and that will be the assigned peg. There will be no re-draws. Assigned pegs will be final.

Definitions:

Head Marshals serve as oversight of the weighing process and also assist in weighing fish. If you have a question about the rules or neighboring peg separation please contact your section's Head Marshal or Tournament HQ..

Marshals/Stewards: Serve as the weigh master.

Officials: Determine rulings and are in charge of event oversight.

Team: 2 anglers competing including a designated runner

Nation's Teams: Three teams registered together and entered into the Nation's tournament

Competition Schedule (115 hours)

- Sunday, September 25, 2011:
 1. All teams may begin arriving at their designated pegs after first light.
 2. Teams are allowed to use depth finders, plumbing, etc. to explore and map swims. Placing markers are **allowed at 11:00am**.
 3. **Noon-2:00pm - pre-baiting will be allowed to start.** This will be announced over the provided radio.
 4. 3:00pm the competition will begin. This will be announced over the teams provided radio.

- Friday, September 30th
 1. 10:00am Competition ends all rods/baits must be in when announced over the radio.
 2. A fish hooked prior to 10:00am will be given a 20 minute extension.
 3. Teams shall leave their swims free of trash and as clean as possible.

All New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) rules must be followed and will be enforced. During the competition if a team member leaves the pegged area 2 rods/baits must be pulled in. If both team members leave all 4 rods must be pulled in. Competitors can leave the swim if they so choose to take showers and get supplies, rest, etc.

A. Tackle

1. Only 1 single hook per rod, no double or treble hooks
2. 2 rods per angler (4 per team) may be used.
3. Spod rods and Marker float will not count towards the 4 but need be designated for their intended use.
4. Each team is allowed to have 2 reserve rods at one time. All rods will be marked to discourage the use of additional rods. Any rods not disclosed by teams to the marshals could result in a penalty and/or disqualification.

Note: Any team found to be exceeding this number will be disqualified. This would include anyone caught by the NYSDEC may be fined. The 2 rod limit is a state law. Please also abide by all other state and park rules during the tournament.

Because the course is located on an international border with Canada, all Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Border Patrol jurisdictional law will apply. Know where the Canada/U.S. land and water border is located.

B. Areas allowed to fish & boats

1. Anglers must be set up and fish from designated peg area. 10 meters/yards each side.
2. No fishing or tasks related to fishing from boats in or outside the pegged area. **Boats are for transportation or media purposes only.**
3. Ask a Marshall if you need a ruling or a dividing marker or have a question about the area you are allowed to fish from.

C. Carp care is of utmost importance.

1. Anglers not observing the stated rules or using good carp care may be penalized by the Marshals/Judges Panel.
2. 2 well padded unhooking mats are recommended 1 is required.
3. Soft mesh carp friendly nets are to be used.
5. Carp sacks will be used to contain fish while waiting on the Marshals.
6. Teams are responsible for their own carp sacks.
7. Once a fish is caught a team will use a designated signal to notify marshals of captured fish. Do to safety reasons Marshals may not be able to weigh fish after dark. Phone numbers of both marshals in your area and HQ will be on call for texting in weigh requests. 2 way radios may be utilized also.

D. Weighing of fish

1. A fish must weigh over 10 lbs at the time the Marshals weigh it to count on the total score.
2. Participants will assist in weighing to make stewards weighing time minimal.
3. The weight is determined and recorded by the marshal and agreed upon by a member of the pair. Any official photographs would like to include the team peg marker.
4. Only cyprinus carpio (Common, mirror, leather, koi)
5. Weights are U.S. – 16 ounces (oz) = 1 pound (lb)

E. Baits

1. Any type bait that is considered a healthy food and/or attractant source for carp may be used. Maize, worms, corn, boilies, pop-ups, etc.

F. Pairs and Teams

1. Pairs will consist of 2 Anglers. 1 optional Runner is allowed.
2. The runner is **not** allowed to assist with playing the fish or any part of the angling (i.e. baiting up, plumbing, casting, etc.) but is allowed to assist with the netting.
3. Teams shall try to avoid areas being fished by other teams. Please use sportsmanship and fair play.
4. Teams will be made of 3 pairs (6 Anglers) and will represent their Country and/or Sponsor.

Miscellaneous:

- New York license are required. A 1 year license may be purchased prior to the event for \$70.
- Participants fishing the competition may NOT pre-fish between Ogdensburg and the Moses-Saunders power dam the week prior. Pre-fish areas the week before below the dam will be recommended and allowed.
- Each pair is allowed to have 1 pre-designated "Runner"
- Marshals shall be permitted to search a team's swim, vehicles, boats, etc. if necessary.
- Any Team found to fraud the event or its outcome will be banned for life from all CARPTS and ICFA events. All participants – competitors and runners – are subject to lie detector testing if the money positions are disputed because of foul.

Media:

- Only authorized media is allowed to visit competitors. Authorized media will carry CARPTS issued credentials.
- Competitors will comply with media requests from authorized media and CARPTS staff.
- Organizers will make a best effort to allow media interviews at convenient times for the competitors.

Results:

The winning team shall be determined by over all weight, in the event of a tie for the overall winner and/or section winners. Ties will be broken by the total number of fish caught. If a tie still exists the largest fish will determine the winner, with 2nd, 3rd etc. largest until the tie is broken.

Nations and/or Sponsor Team Champions:

Teams will consist of 3 pairs from their country and/or the represent a sponsor.

Winners are determined by total placement points of each team determined the following way. If 150 teams participate team coming in first shall receive 150 points and 2nd place receiving 149 all the way down to last place. Any teams not catching or placing shall receive 0 points for the Team. Teams may also decline voluntarily to participate in this competition. This event in no way effects overall winner.

Prizes will be \$10,000 for the Team Champions.

Other prize confirmations will be announced periodically.