



## Competition rules 2021 (date 31.7.2021)

### TIME AND PLACE OF COMPETITION

The competition period is 27–29 August 2021.

The competition is the waters of Vanajavesi uniform permit area, the map of which is attached (the competition organisation can specify the area closer to the competition).

Petäys Resort will serve as the Competition Centre. The competition takes place on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### THE FISH OF THE COMPETITION

The fish which are fished in the competition are pike, zander and perch.

The lowest dimensions of the competitive fish are pike 60 cm, zander 45 cm and perch 30 cm.

All fish will be released in competition. Dead or unfit fish (which are not expected to survive) shall be reported immediately to the **results service center**. The release rule also applies to fish which are not eligible for competition.

### FORM OF COMPETITION

Each day, the teams aim to catch one (1) pike (60 cm minimum), two (2) zanders (45 cm minimum) and three (3) perches (30 cm minimum) that are as long as possible.

The total score (position points) for the first two days of the competition will determine entry to the Sunday final, which will be reached by the top 10 teams according to the result of the first two days.

In the case of even scores, the longest fish are compared in the following order: longest perch, longest pike, longest zander.

All forms of active fishing with rod shall be permitted as forms of fishing.

One rod per fisherman may be used. When trolling the rod in the rod holder with the lure in the water is counted as the rod in use.

When fishing, only one lure must be used, to which hooks must be attached. In trolling an unhooked lure or similar unhooked diver may be used in a tandem rig. There may be an unlimited number of rods and lures on board.

The use of natural baits is prohibited, all lures must be artificial, except feathers and hair.



## TEAMS

The boat used by the team must have 2 competitors, one of whom is the captain. The captain must be over 18 years of age and the competitor must be at least 16 years of age (with parental permission to participate).

Every competitor must have paid a fisheries management fee to Metsähallitus Eräluvat.

50 boats are allowed in the competition. However, the organiser has the right to increase the number of competitors in order to enable international and domestic partners to participate.

## BOAT LANDING

On boat landing sites, the competitors shall take into account other users. Trailers and vehicles must be parked in places designated to them. When boats are landed and lifted, some members of staff of the competition organisation may be present.

## STATUTORY SAFETY ITEMS AND INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE ORGANISER

Each captain shall verify the seaworthiness of the boat before going out to water.

All boats shall carry at least:

- Oar, paddle or anchor with ropes
- emptying tool or a bail
- approved life jackets for everyone on the boat.
- approved extinguisher for all inboard and outboard motor boats with an engine power greater than 25 kW or on boats fitted with a flame-generating combustion appliance
- first aid kit
- For navigation, a nautical chart shall be onboard. A plotter map is accepted as a nautical chart.

The amount of fuel must always be checked before departure and must also remain in reserve.



The competition organisation has the right to inspect the boat and the boxes of the boat etc. before the competition.

The competition respects the statutory limit of 0.5 per mil of alcohol for professional use in water transport. The boat driver may be tested with an intoximeter when the boats are in the water, before the start and for 10 minutes after crossing the finish line. The maximum penalty for exceeding the per mil limit is exclusion from competition and a ban on entering the event. In addition, the police are aware of the race and may be patrolling the area.

Furthermore, each competitor shall wear a life jacket or self-inflating life jacket when the boat is being driven by the main engine.

## REGISTRATION

On Thursday 26 August, every boat must be on the competition site and must register to the competition office after the boat has been landed. The registration begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m., by which time each boat must be on the competition site.

## CAPTAINS' BRIEFINGS

The captains' briefing will take place at 8.30 p.m in the location indicated at the time of registration.

In addition, short captains' briefings will be held on each competition day between 7.30 a.m. and 8.00 a.m., unless otherwise indicated in the captains' WhatsApp group.

Every day, the captain must attend the captains' briefing. Otherwise, the team is not entitled to participate in the competition.

The measuring board and the competition pass for each day required for the competition will be distributed at the captains' briefing.

## START AND END OF COMPETITION DAY

The engine of the boats shall bear on both sides the competitor number assigned by the organiser in a clearly visible place or, in the case of a non-outboard boat, in another clear place.

The livewells and boxes of each boat shall be inspected before proceeding to the place of departure (boat check). Deficiencies and/or fraudulent practices will be punished. Boat check time will be notified to the captains in advance, and at that time one of the competitors has to be onboard.



The competition takes place on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The boats move to the start area on the Vanajanselkä side behind the marshalls' boats. The competition begins as a collective start from an acoustic signal.

The boats must reach the finish line no later than 5.30 p.m. The finish line must be crossed so that the team's competition number can be identified either from the marshall's boat or from the land.

Every day after entering the finish line, each team must report to the competition office and return the measuring board.

## MEASUREMENT AND HANDLING OF FISH

Fish shall be measured and photographed immediately after capture, and the fish described shall be reported to the **results service center** without delay.

The landing net shall contain no more than two fish at a time. Fishing must be suspended until one, or both, is released.

Fish are measured on the Northern Fishing Games official fish measure board related to each competition day.

Fish shall be measured and taken pictures on the right flank of the fish (viewed from behind the fish) against the measuring board when the head hits the zero end of the board.

The tail of the fish can be squeezed and the mouth of the fish must hit the front end of the measuring board.

The fish may be held during the measurement, but the fish must clearly show the individual pattern of the fish. The measure must be straight (not folded or wrinkled) under the fish and, in addition, the competition pass must be shown in the image.

The length of the fish shall be measured in even centimetres, i.e. the decimals shall be rounded down to the nearest even number. (E.g. 35.4 cm is 35 cm.)

The whole fish shall be displayed on both the measure board and on the landscape image. The length of the fish shall be clearly visible in the measuring board image.

A second picture of the fish is also taken showing the fish, the catcher's face and landscape, as well as the daily competition pass. The fish should show the left flank in the landscape, i.e. the same side of the fish as on the measuring board.

It is recommended to use rubber landing nets. Handle fish with care and avoid unnecessary contact with the fish's mucous surface. Don't hang fish in vain.



The use of a livewell is forbidden, the fish is waiting to be measured in the net outside the boat, and likewise any resuscitation of the fish takes place in the landing net outside the boat.

## REPORTING OF FISH

Photographs taken with a mobile camera (2) are sent to the **results service center** immediately after the measurement as indicated at the captains' briefing.

If the image sent is later changed, the **results service center** shall be informed separately by a WhatsApp message indicating the species of fish, the length of the fish and the team number.

Competitors must ensure that the cell phone battery is adequately charged and must include a backup cell phone for reporting purposes.

All caught fish shall be released unharmed after taking relevant pictures.

Bloody fish or fish with bulged eyes are not accepted in the competition.

Dead or unfit fish which are not expected to survive shall be reported immediately to the **results service center**. The organisers will tell you how to deal with the fish.

## GROUND FOR DISQUALIFICATION: COMPETITION/FISH

Failure to pay the fisheries management fee on behalf of any member of the boat, in which case the entire boat's competition performance will be disqualified.

Fishing in an area where fishing is prohibited, in which case the entire boat's competition performance will be disqualified.

If the image indicates that the fish is undersized, the fish shall be rejected.

If in the measure board picture the whole fish does not show, i.e. the size of the fish, the fish is rejected.

If the measure board image is not clear, the fish is rejected.

Missing tag i.e. competition pass in the landscape or the measure board image, the fish is rejected.

If the team uses a measure other than the official competition measure, the fish in question will be rejected.

Bloody fish or fish with eyes that bulge from the head are rejected. Detailed instructions shall be given separately.

If anyone other than the members of the boat indicated in the competition participates in the competition, the entire boat's performance will be disqualified (any changes in the



composition of the boat must be notified to [info@northernfishinggames.com](mailto:info@northernfishinggames.com) by 13.8.2021).

## PROTEST AND JUDGEMENT

The competition results service center and the jury have the right to change the stated lengths of the fish based on the images sent by the teams.

If the team has questions about their own fish or reporting problems, the team can contact the **result service center directly**.

If a team has any comments regarding their results or fish sizes, the comment must be made immediately and not only after the competition, by contacting the **results service center**.

The **results service center** and jury has the right to request additional photos from competitors.

In the event of a tie, the longest fish are compared in the following order: longest perch, longest pike, longest zander. If the fish are evenly tall, the next longest fish will decide, etc.

Protests to violations of the rules must be submitted to the **results service center** immediately at the end of the competition day. The protest will be charged a deposit of €100, which will be refunded in case the protest is accepted.

The decision of the jury shall not be subject to appeal.

## PHOTO AND VIDEO PERMIT

By taking part in the competition, the competitor accepts Northern Fishing Games' permission to photograph and video shoot and also broadcast happenings from the competition to channels decided by the organisers. Livefeed cameras can be mounted to any competition boats during the competition. The live feed is shown on Elisa Viihde and Kalastajan Kanava live shows during the competition days.

The competition organisers have the right to change the rules before 31 July 2021.