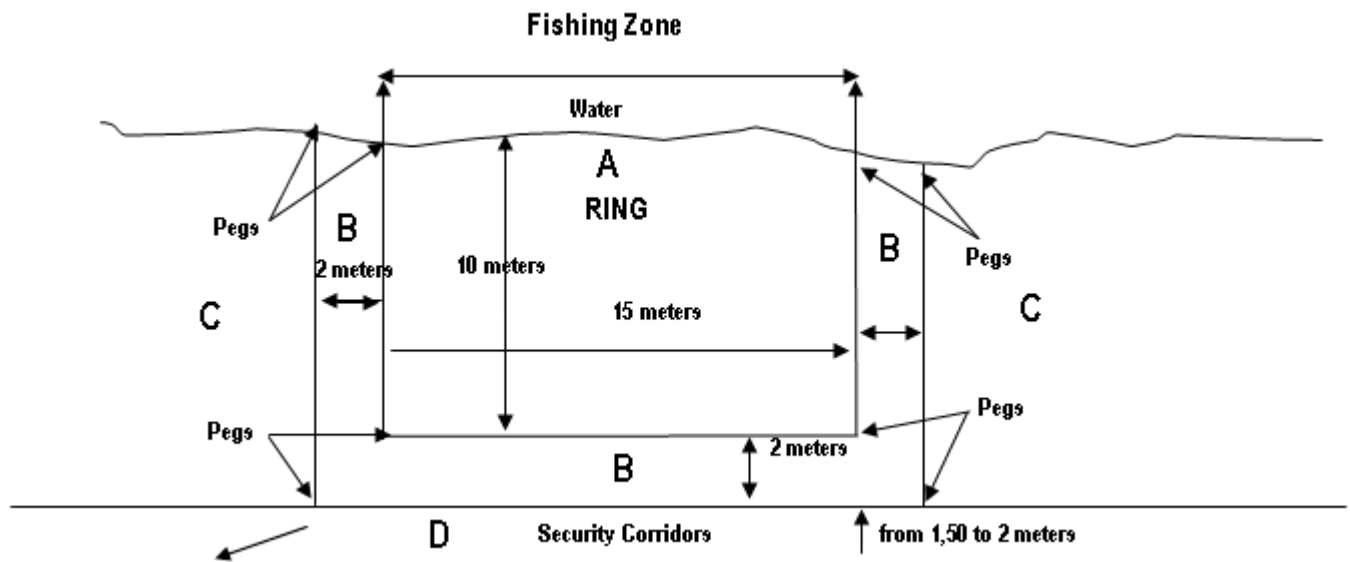




FLOWER CUP RULES

1. Each team will be composed of 2, maxim 3 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 authorised for competitors and referees; spectators and press are allowed only with the consent of the competitors;

Zone B: Access authorised for referees; spectators and press are allowed only with the consent of the competitors, in the area next to zone D;

Zone C & D: Access authorised for organisers, press, visitors and spectators.

Spectators' access in the competition sectors is allowed only during day time, between **06:30 – 20:30**;

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.

- *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 25 eco mesh carp keep-nets (20 pcs. standard size and 5 pcs. big size, 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 order so established is valid for ring drawing. 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.

GENERAL RULES

8 Each team will have minimum **90 minutes** to prepare its materials (**preparation period**). As soon as the anglers arrive to the venue, they may inspect the ring but they must deposit all their equipment near the allotted ring without entering it inside the ring (these rules also regard those who help the anglers to transport their equipment).

It is not allowed to prepare the material until the signal for ring entering is given.

After **signal 1** - indicating that the competitors are allowed to enter their ring - during the subsequent preparative operations until the **signal for fish feeding permission (signal 2)** and the entire competition period, the competitors may not receive any help.

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

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

9. There must be **referees** assigned for rings, a referee responsible for each sector 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 coloured) that weigh at least **1500 grams** 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.

- *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 authorised: 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.

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 72 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 72 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 delimited by means of two half-lines originating from each of the two pegs that demarcate the competition area. Baiting outside this competition area is **forbidden**



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- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 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.
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 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.
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*
- 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 signalling units is **allowed**
- 24.** The following items are **mandatory**: eco carp keep-net - standard size minimum 20 pcs., large size minimum 5 pcs, for fish over 5 kg), 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 the 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 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 up to the boots (below the knees) but only to net a fish or keep it in the net.



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

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 line 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 vertically outside the angling rod pods, whereas the poles used for placing of signals must be identified and signalled 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).
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

38. Anglers must wait for the **first signal** to access their ring; after the first signal, they may start preparing their equipment, testing their tackle, preparing their ground bait. To perform these preparative operations, they have minimum 90 minutes at their disposal.

At the **second signal**, the competitors may start the operations of ground baiting and fishing.

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 millimetres inner diameter and 200 millimetres 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 authorised. Except for this time band, baiting is allowed with all baits and systems according to these rules.

The **third signal** warns the competitors that only 15 minutes remain until the end of the competition.

The **fourth signal** marks the end of the competition.

Another 15 minutes are allowed to take out a fish from the water before the 4th signal.

In this case, a **fifth signal** will be issued 15 minutes after the 4th signal; after the 5th signal, no fish will count unless it is totally clear of the water.

The acoustic signals for the different phases of the championships should be short; in all cases, the beginning of the signal is taken into consideration.

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



- 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).*

WEIGHING OPERATIONS

40. 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 a conformity certificate; the scales shall be suspended 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 organisation 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).

- 41.** Apart from the referees, the competitors assigned to them and the witness of the weighing (a competitor from a neighbouring 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).*

- 42.** 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. If competitors catch more than **15 fish** before planned weighing operation, they must solicit an additional weighing.
- *The first violation of this article is sanctioned by warning (yellow card) the second violation is sanctioned by team disqualification (red card).*

43. 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.

44. The chief referee of the competition will examine any complaint and determine the application of the sanctions stipulated in the Official Rules. Complaints shall be addressed within 1 hour of the accident, initially may be made verbally, but must be confirmed in writing immediately. Complaints concerning the classification 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 found 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.

LIST OF SANCTIONS

45. The sanctions are as follows:
- a) Warning (**yellow card**) for the infringement of articles , 8, 14, 15, 17, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42;
 - b) Disqualification (**red card**) for the infringement of articles 10, 11, 13, 16, 18, 19, 22, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 41 and after a second warning for the infringement of articles , 8, 14, 15, 17, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42.
 - c) If a team is disqualified, 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 violations or act in a bad way.

CLASSIFICATION

46. There will be two rankings, based on the following criteria:

- **Quantity** (based on the total weight of fish caught);
- **Quality** (based on the average weight of the 10 largest fish caught).

In each of these rankings, the teams will receive points according the classifying order: 1 point for first place, 2 points for second place, etc.

Final classification will be calculated summarizing the points obtained by each team in the two rankings; the team with the lowest score will be the first.

In drawing up ranking on **quantity**, if there is a tie between two (or more) teams, the difference will be made based on the weight of the largest fish caught.

In drawing up ranking on **quality**, if there is a tie between two (or more) teams, the difference will be based on the weight of the largest fish caught.

Teams that have less than 10 fish will be disqualified.

In preparing the final ranking, if there is a tie between two (or more) teams, the difference will be made based on the weight of the largest fish caught.

If the competition will take place on 3 sectors, the first, second and third places on the final ranking will be awarded to the teams that places on first places on each sectors (A, B and C). The teams tie will be made based on total number of points accrued in the final ranking on sectors (sum of point accrued in quantity and quality ranking). If there is a tie between two (or more) teams, the difference will be made based on the weight of the largest fish caught.

If the competition will take place on two sectors, these two sectors will be considered as one and will result a single final ranking.

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