**2018 WORLD CARP CLASSIC QUALIFIER RULES:**

The rules for this competition have been created to ensure the safety of each angler, members of the public, the fish, and to give an equal chance for any angler to win. All competing anglers must read, understand and comply with the rules, etiquette and penalties described herein.

1. Fishing must be carried out respecting the spirit and traditions of an international Carp Angling event.
2. The competition is open to competitors from the age of 10 if accompanied by a guardian.
3. Please note that only **competitors from the age of 14 if accompanied by a guardian will be allowed to participate in the World Carp Classic final in France.**
4. The organisers will have absolute control and discretion over the competition, rules and terms and conditions.
5. The organisers reserve the right to modify all or part of the rules and T&C at any time.
6. The organisers reserve the right to change the venue if for some reason the planned venue can’t be used.
7. All anglers must be in possession of a valid NSW angling licence and present it prior to the peg draw and or at any other time during the competition. Anglers who do not have a valid fishing licence will not be allowed to take part until they can provide proof of their NSW freshwater fishing licence.
8. Competition rules also include the terms, conditions and disclaimers.
9. Competitors who are unruly, intoxicated, under the influence of any substance or act in any way that is a nuisance, distraction or irritation to any other angler must be reported to the organisers who will take further action which may include disqualification and or removal by the police or other means. This is necessary for security and safety reasons as well as to ensure an enjoyable event for all participants.
10. Care must be taken when using a vehicle and speed must be no more than 20km/h to ensure the safety of all.
11. All offences will be reported to the organisers and dealt with in accordance with their seriousness and may lead to disqualification.
12. No refund or compensation or payout of any kind will be made in case of disqualification.
13. No refund will be made if competitors withdraw within 30days of the competition starting date.
14. No competitor may fish Yass dam within 36 hours prior to the start of the competition.
15. Organisers may use competitors image at their sole discretion on any support material they deem appropriate at the time of the event and in the future.
16. Wherever reference to significant proceedings is made, the following dates apply:

*Unofficial practice days – Mornings and afternoons Sunday 18 March – 20 March*

*Admin day / Flag Parade at Parliament – 14:00 – Wednesday 21st March*
*Welcome and Peg draw – 9:00 – Thursday 22 March*
*Setting up in swims – 10:30 – Thursday 22 March
Start of competition – 12:00 – Thursday 22 March
End of competition – 12:00 – Saturday 24th9 March*
*Prize giving and Social – 15:00 – Saturday 24 March*

**HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE WORLD CARP CLASSIC FINAL:**

The World Carp Classic organisers allocated us 3 team positions at the final competition. This competition serves as a qualifying round for Australian and New Zealand teams.

The teams attending the Finals will be one team from Australia, one from New Zealand and another one from either country.

Team’s eligibility to compete at the finals will be determined by the position they achieve at the qualifying competition as well as whether they indicated their intention to take part in the World Carp Classic Finals. It is important to note that anglers who indicate they intend to fish in the finals must be in a financial position to afford all the costs and do all the arrangements necessary to go. Qualifiers will need to pay their registration fees within 5 days of the Qualifier results or will risk losing their spot.

**COST OF ENTRY**

* Entry Fee: **£1295 per Pair** & **£1695 per Trio**
* Team Entry to represent country or group: **£300** (£150 per pair x 2) – [**Click here for full Team Event information**](http://www.worldcarpclassic.com/world-carp-classic-team-event-information/)
* Team Entry to represent a sponsor: **£500** (£250 per pair x 2)
* Helper: **£100** – Only allowed to bivvy up on the bank with their party. Please see full rules.
* Sponsor Link package: **£200** – [**Click here to see list of benefits**](http://www.worldcarpclassic.com/sponsor-link-package/)

Please also familiarize yourself with the terms, Conditions, refunds (if any) and basic information of the final event in France. – [Click here for more information](http://www.worldcarpclassic.com/event-details/)

At least one of the original team members must be in the team going to France. If for some reason both members of the original team can’t go then the next best team of the Qualifier who indicated their intention to attend will become eligible to go. Teams where neither member indicated their intention to attend the Finals will not be able to proceed even if they finish in a qualifying position. The individual anglers however will remain eligible to attend if they are selected by a qualifying team See “Section D – Allocation of Prizes”

Teams for the qualifying competition consist of only two anglers. The WCC finals however make provision for a third person (recommended) and this position will be filled by a person chosen by the team member(s). Team members can be Australian or New Zealand residents.

Because of their attendance at the WCC 2017 competition the following two anglers where granted positions in the New Zealand team (if they choose to make use of the opportunity). Marius Koekemoer and Gareth Edwards.

\*\*\*It is important to note that teams / team members are responsible for all costs and arrangements to do with the World Carp Classic finals. We as the organizers of the Australasia Qualifying round will attempt to reduce the cost burden by trying to get sponsors on board and help with other arrangements where we can\*\*\*.

**SECTION A – APPLICATION / REGISTRATION**
A01- All interested anglers must first complete the Application form which will become your registration document if you are approved to take part in the competition.

A02- Availability is limited and certain guidelines will be used to select anglers. The following are not requirements but will play a role in the selection process:

* Anglers who’s intention it is to go to the World Carp Classic final in France knowing they will most likely have to pay most if not all expenses associated with competing in the finals including but not limited to registration fees, travel costs and other fishing related expenses.
* Existing member of an AFCAA / NZ Coarse Angling club.
* Has a written endorsement from a member of an AFCAA / NZ coarse angling club.
* Has a proven track record as carp angler who respect the sport’s rules and ethics.
* Date on Application / Registration form.
* Description of your history and current activities as carp angler.

A03- The Application / Registration form can be downloaded from the following link: \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

A04- Completed forms must be sent to: carpclassicaustralasia@gmail.com before the close off date - 31/01/2018 or the date all the pegs / fishing spots are allocated, which ever comes first. It is therefor important that those who intend to take part in the competition get their applications in early to avoid disappointment.

A05- Applicants will be informed of the outcome and those who were successful will be provided with the bank details. Please use your full name (as indicated on the registration document) as reference and forward us the proof of payment.

A06- Full payment from both team members must be made within 10 working days of notification to secure your position.

A07- Competitors must present proof of registration and NSW fishing license prior to the peg draw. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the competition and venue.

A08- A signed Application / Registration form confirm acceptance of the event rules, terms & conditions and disclaimer.

**SECTION B – OFFICIAL PICTURE & PEG DRAW**
B01- The official group photo will take place just before the peg draw

B02- All competitors are required to be present and where possible exhibit a national flag.

B03- The peg draw will take place after the photo session and only then will competitor know where they’ll fish.

B04- As part of the peg draw process, a member of the team will be invited to draw a number. This number will indicate in which order the team will be invited to proceed with the actual peg draw.
B05- In the event that a team “misses their call” to come forward, the draw will proceed in order, without them. It is the team’s responsibility to follow the draw and come forward according to their “Draw Order Number”. The “miss call” team will then be recalled to come forward after the draw has been completed and prior to any possible late arrivals/registrations.
B06- The peg draw format is a straight draw. Ticket drawn will state Peg Number.

B07- Competitors will only be allowed to go to their pegs once the organisers give the instruction to do so.

**SECTION C – BOATS, DRONES AND SONAR DEVICES**
No boats, kayaks, canoes, remote control boats, any other floating device, drones or any other fish finder / sonar device will be allowed for the duration of the competition. This may change for future competitions.

**SECTION D – ALLOCATION OF PRIZES**
D01- The competition placing’s will be determined by the cumulative weight of the 3 biggest carp caught per team, with the Team having the combined greatest weight being declared the winners. The same format will be used to determine further team positions.
D02- If the result is tied, the Team who caught the biggest fish will be declared the winner – If there is still a tie, the biggest fish (weight) on a count back will be declared the winner. Ultimately if there is still a tie, time of the fish in weight order (weight) and on a count back basis.

D03- There will also be other prizes and for this the heaviest fish for each angler must also be recorded. These prizes will be announced when finalized.

03- The organiser’s decision regarding positions and prizes is final.

**SECTION E – FISHING RULES**
E01- Only competitors, orginisers, marshals and registered Helpers are allowed to bivvy up on the banks.
E02- Each Team must set up their rods and accommodation within close proximity to the peg marker.

E03 – Competitors must not cast outside the limits of their swim, such limits to be marked by an imaginary line marking the middle distance between two peg markers. Any disputes as to the competitors fishing outside this area must be reported immediately to the marshals / event organisers. Marshals / event organisers have the discretion to request that competitors reposition their rods and rigs as and when directed.
E04- Competitors must cast/place and bait their own rods, and play, land and unhook their own fish. No assistance from any other person (excluding partner) whatsoever is allowed. Immediate disqualification could result if assistance is obtained.
E05- Competitors are required to possess their own carp sacks and or knotless, fish friendly carp keepnets to hold fish until weighing. Sacks and keepnets will not be provided by the organisers.
E06- The organisers retain the right to search all competitors’ tackle, accommodation or vehicles to combat any form of cheating or rule breaking. **Anglers found cheating will be reported to the organisers and banned from the competition without any refund or compensation.**
E07- Any team with more than four baited rigs 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.
E09- Competitors must comply with requests from WCC Qualifier Australasia film crews, photographers and or Journalists 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 team wish to leave their swim for any reason whatsoever their rods must be reeled in and their baited hooks removed from the water.
E11- Anyone found to be encroaching upon others water could be penalised. Any boundary differences must be finalised before the match begins. The organiser’s decision will be final on all boundary disputes. Where a suitable outcome has not been found the Head Marshal / organisers will divide the pegs equally with an imaginary line marked between the competitor’s swims.

E12- Competitors must refrain from shining light on the water or opposite bankside especially if it is in the direction of a neighboring swim. Netting of fish may require the use of light on the water and will not attract any penalties as long as focus remain in the vicinity of the fish, landing net, Carp sack or keepnet.
E13 – Any attempt to corrupt Weighers, officials or organisers will lead to immediate actions, which may result in disqualification.
E13 – Any queries regarding the rules have to be put forward before the start of the event and no later than before the draw.

**SECTION F – MATCH RULES**
F01- The official start of the competition will be signaled by the sounding of horns.

F02- NO baiting up, feature finding or casting into the water may take place before the start of the competition.

F03- Only variants of CYPRINUS CARPIO will count in the competition.
F04- Each line may only have one single hook attached.
F05- At all times an un-hooking mat must be used (not provided by WCC).
F06- No Live Baiting.
F07- For conservation purposes only barbless or micro-barb hooks are to be used.
F08- Each team 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.
F09- Plumbing and spodding rods are allowed in addition to the baited rods but only for plumbing & spodding.
F10- Hooked fish should be landed without interfering with other competitor’s lines. If lines become tangled a formal complaint should be made immediately. The orginisers will make a decision as to whether to allow that fish to count in the final results.
F11- 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.
F12- Fish not hooked inside or within 3cm of the mouth will be disqualified.

F13 – Anglers playing a fish at the time the final siren sounds must inform neighboring anglers by shouting loud and clear “Fish on”
F14- Any fish hooked before the final siren sounds must be landed within 20 minutes of the end of the competition or it will be excluded from the final results.
F15- A horn sound at 12pm on Saturday will signify the end of the competition.

F16- No swimming at any time is allowed.

**SECTION G – RECORDING A CATCH**Important rule notice: Weighing of fish will occur at specific times during the competition. These times will be communicated at a later stage. The bank will be divided in two or three zones. One angler per peg will be responsible to weigh the fish from the neighboring peg and will be known as the “Weigher”. The Weigher does not always have to be the same person. Weighing of the fish must be conducted by the Weigher and witnessed by at least one member from the team who’s fish is been weighed. The Weigher is responsible for recording the catch and issuing the angler with a “Proof of catch” slip which will serve as backup in case the official recording material get lost or become unusable. Anglers are not allowed to weigh their own catch but may witness / confirm it when recorded. At the beginning of the competition the far right peg of each zone will be issued with an official scale, weigh sling, recording documents and necessary stationary.

Practical Example: One member from Peg 2 will walk over to Peg 1 to do the weighing and recording of the catch with one angler from Peg 1 witnessing / confirming that the correct weight is recorded. One member from Peg 1 will then accompany the Weigher from Peg 2 back to his peg to repeat the process with the angler from Peg 1 then performing the role of Weigher. Peg 2 will then weigh Peg 3 after which Peg 3 will weigh Peg 4 until the end of the zone is reached. The process will reverse itself at the next weigh in with the scales and other items working their way back to Peg 1. The number of fish that needs to be weighed will become less as the competition progress. We also request that fish smaller than those already recorded are returned to the water and not kept in a carp sack or keepnet. Anglers are allowed to use their own scales to determine whether or not a fish is bigger than any of the three recorded by your team. If in doubt, keep your fish until the next weigh in as only fish weighed with official competition scales will be recorded. This process may change depending on the number of volunteers / officials.

G01- Weighed and recorded fish must be returned immediately at all times unless otherwise instructed.
G02- Each weighed fish must be witnessed by at least the Weigher and one member from the team who caught the fish.
G04- Recorded fish to be weighed exclusively with official equipment or it will be excluded from the results.
G05- Carp to be kept individually in carp sacks and or fish friendly, knotless carp keepnets until weighed. Carp sacks and Keepnets are not supplied by Organisers. It is recommended that each team has sufficient carp sacks and or keepnets.
G06- The Organiser’s Official Log Sheet is the official document by which the competition is being run. It is the Competitor’s responsibility to ensure that all details are correctly entered before signing the official record sheet.
Details to be filled include:
\* name of the participant who caught the fish
\* peg number
\* time of the catch being weighed
\* weight of the catch in kg
G08- As part of the procedure, several other photographs may have to be taken for marketing purposes. Please allow authorized people to carry out their requirements without hindrance. Competitors, 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 Weigher’s decision. Fish to be release and swim off in presence of Weigher.

**SECTION M – YELLOW/RED CARDS, PENALTIES, DISQUALIFICATION & BAN**
M01- Any offence committed during the competition AND state of swim at the end of event will carry a penalty sanction accompanied or not by Yellow Card.
M02- Yellow Cards, penalties, confirmation of Red Card, disqualification and ban can only be issued by the Orginisers

M03- Penalties can be: a strict fishing ban up to 12 hours.
M04- A second Yellow Card automatically confirms Red Card status and immediate disqualification from the event. Competitors are then asked to leave the competition site immediately.
M05- Depending on seriousness of offences which have lead to a Red Card & Disqualification, orginisers can add a ban ranging from 1 to 3 years but if necessary can be extended it to a life-ban.
M06 – Competitors who receive a penalty, suspension, revocation and/or ban, can not request payment or hold liable the 2018 World Carp Classic Qualifier Australasia organizers, any of its associates, or any other business, entity or individual directly or indirectly involved or associated with the competition.

**SECTION N – LOCAL RULES**
N01- Permission to use the venue has been granted for the duration of the event subject to us treating the property with respect and leaving it in the same condition we got it.

N02- Camping on all pegs has been granted on the basis that competitors do not litter or damage the environment. This include but are not limited to digging holes or damaging / removing plants.
N03- Making of a fire will not be allowed at all. Breaking this rule will result in immediate disqualification and potentially other actions from the orginisers. Any other restrictions or fire bans will be communicated to competitors as soon as the organisers become aware of it.
N04- Please keep the venue clean at all times.
\* Limit glass bottles by the bank and dispose of them appropriately.
\* At the end of the event it is the competitors’ responsibility to remove ALL of their rubbish.

\* Each swim will be inspected and if necessary photographed by the organisers at the end of the event. Please ensure that it is left in pristine condition or you will be held accountable.
\* Competitors who break the rules are at risk of being named and shamed on event website and social media pages and in addition may be banned from competing for a period determined by the orginisers.

**SECTION O – FIRE RESTRICTIONS AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN:**

Details will be provided before the competition commence.