



## 2013 Wild Carp Week Triathlon Registration Form

Print, complete, sign and mail pages 1-3 of this registration form to:

Wild Carp Companies  
PO Box 128  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

**Dates:** May 18 – 24, 2013

**Events:** Team Challenge (75-hour team tournament)  
Big Carp Challenge (8-hour singles event)  
Big 4 Challenge (8-hour singles event)

**Event(s) Attending** (circle all that apply)

Team Challenge  
May 19-22  
\$700/team

Big Carp Challenge  
May 23  
\$175/angler

Big 4 Challenge  
May 24  
\$175/angler

**Total Entry Fee Owed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee Balance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Type (circle):**      Cash                      Check                      Money Order                      Credit Card

Note: If paying by credit card, contact  
Tournament Director Jason Bernhardt at  
315-427-7810 to process payment.

**Full Payment Deadline:** April 30, 2013



**Angler Information**

**Angler #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Angler #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Runner**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Angler/Team Photos and Sponsors**

Please email teammate headshots and team sponsor logos to [Jason@wildcarpcompanies.com](mailto:Jason@wildcarpcompanies.com)





I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the rules and etiquette of the 2013 Wild Carp Week Triathlon. I understand and agree that I am wholly responsible for my own property, my safety and my liability for any damage or injury to others.

Angler #1 (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Angler #2 (signed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Angler #2 (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Angler #2 (signed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Runner (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Runner (signed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Tournament Rules

The rules for this competition have been created to ensure the safety of each angler, spectators and the fish, and to give an equal chance for any angler to win. Competition rules have been provided and reprinted with permission by Lee Young of the Wisconsin Carp Championship, with minor adjustments by Wild Carp Companies.

## Liability

Anglers and Runners are responsible for their own property, safety and liability for any damage or injury to others. The Organizer of this competition, the Sponsors, and the hosting Township waive any and all liability for any personal loss or injury, howsoever caused. This is an "enter-at-your-own-risk" event. Please remember that there are likely to be spectators and children present at all times.

## Fishing License

All anglers must hold a valid NY fishing license. You will be asked to present this license at the tournament peg draw. All competitors must have pre-registered and have pre-paid all entry fees before the peg draw.

## Pre-fishing

Pre-fishing is not permitted at the event body of water two weeks prior to competition. Viewing pegs via boat and/or use of fish finding devices within two weeks of the scheduled event is not permissible. Any competitor and/or direct affiliates of competing anglers found fishing and/or using fish locating devices within two weeks of the official start of the competition will be disqualified, and their entry fees forfeit.

## Peg Draw and Etiquette

There will be a peg draw for each tournament. Anglers will draw two peg locations at random and may choose one of the two, indicating the peg where they must fish.

Anglers must fish and place all of their fishing equipment within the posted boundaries of their peg. This rule is to protect anglers from inflicting any accidental injury to spectators, and to keep their equipment from being damaged by spectators during the competition. The Weighing Stewards and Attendants will attempt to prevent spectators from getting in your way. Your discretion, tact and good sense as Ambassadors for Carp fishing is appreciated. Please be prepared to answer questions and allow photographs.

Anglers may leave their pegged area to answer a call of nature, etc. If the angler intends to return to their peg, all lines must be reeled in before leaving. If the angler wishes to leave during the competition, they need to record their leaving time with the Weigh Marshal and remove all equipment from their pegged area. Anglers are encouraged to be present at the end of the Awards Ceremony after competition closes to be eligible for any door prizes and awards.



Keep pegs free of trash and debris. Tournament directors will provide trash bags as needed. Peg locations are to be left in the same condition as they were found.

## **Runners**

A Runner (Angler's guest) is allowed to be with the Angler at their designated peg to support the Angler by netting fish, assisting Weigh Marshals with the weighing and recording of fish, and by releasing fish safely back to the water. In addition, the Runner can leave the peg at any time to fetch food and drink, carry the Angler's gear, and liaise with spectators, Weigh Marshals and media representatives.

The Runner cannot bait the hook for the angler, cast out, handle a rod that has been casted or otherwise touch the fishing rod until the fish is netted. Runners may not handle rods to clear lines for a fish being played on an alternate rod.

Upon netting a fish, the Runner may move the rod and net out of the way, assist with unhooking the fish, and liaise with the Weigh Marshal.

There may be only one Runner per designated peg and each Runner must be registered prior to start of competition. Runners may not provide support to more than one team.

## **Tournament Start and Finish**

No breaking of the water is allowed before the start of the competition, except to plumb the depth, position a marker float, wet nets, unhooking mats and carp-sacks. Anglers are allowed to draw a small amount of water, in a suitable bucket or pail, to wet and prepare groundbait (chum).

The competition will start promptly at the advertised time. The start of competition will be announced over the PA Loudspeaker System and/or signaled by one long blast on a horn. The fishing period will last its designated amount of hours, with competition close announced by PA and/or signaled by one long blast on a horn.

All fishing lines must be removed promptly at the end of the competition. Any angler playing a fish when the competition end is announced must call out to a Weigh marshal and/or fellow competitor and signal "Fish On." The angler will have a maximum of 15 minutes to play the fish in and net it; timekeeping will be the responsibility of the nearest Weigh Marshal. The Weigh Marshal's decision will be final.

## **Bait**

Baits allowed include food-quality baits such as bread, corn, beans, carp-safe boiled baits, pellet and paste baits, etc. The rule here is that the angler must be prepared to eat the bait, to prove it is safe for the fish.

In addition, anglers can use natural baits; worms, nightcrawlers, maggots, mealworms, waxworms, crickets, etc. No plastic, wood or metal lures can be used (plugs, jigs, etc. cannot be used). No live or dead whole or cut fish or fish pieces can be used as bait. Weigh Marshals have the right to inspect all baits and disallow any bait they deem illegal, offensive or dangerous.

Groundbaiting (chumming) is allowed. Spods, PVA bags, nets & string, catapults (fishing slingshots), throwing spoons, and feeders of all types are acceptable. Please bait intelligently, as too much groundbait, chum and/or free offerings will definitely affect your chances of catching and may ruin your neighbor's sport, too.

### **Playing Fish**

This is a catch-and-release competition; no fish will be weighed unless it was caught fairly, has been handled safely and can be released alive.

No boats, bait-boats or wading, use of floatation devices or swimming (except in an emergency); fishing from the shoreline only. Exception—an angler may enter the water to net a fish, release a fish, place a fish in a holding sack, or to free a fish caught in a snag, weed or otherwise in distress or possible danger. In the event of low foliage impeding the angler's ability to cast, the angler may enter the water to no deeper than the angler's waist. Anglers enter the water at their own risk.

Carp are hard-fighting fish and there may be a need for an angler to leave their peg location momentarily to play a fish that is running parallel to the bank. Adjacent pegged anglers are encouraged to help an angler in difficulties with a fish by removing their lines from the water while the fish is being played. Weigh Marshals and Attendants will help, as required.

Please be considerate of other anglers and try to avoid playing your fish in their pegged areas. Tournament Directors reserve the right to disqualify fish caught in this manner if it becomes a chronic occurrence.

Should an angler require assistance landing a fish while multiple fish are hooked at the same time, a Weigh Marshal may help safely recover the fish. However, fish landed by a third party will not count towards the angler's objective.

### **Landing Mats**

Anglers are required to have a well-padded unhooking mat and a soft, knotless mesh or rubber mesh landing net of the appropriate size. Anglers will not be allowed to count fish towards their objective if they do not have a mat. In addition, it is recommended that all anglers have access to an ACS/CAG approved carp-sack, as there may be occasions when the Weigh Marshals have multiple fish to weigh, and fish need to be held in the water for some time.

In an emergency and without a carp-sack, the angler is allowed to retain a catch momentarily by placing the landing net and fish back in the water. Please make sure that you have a fellow angler or Weigh Marshal as a witness to the reason for this emergency retention, and that you don't allow the fish to escape before weighing.

### **Equipment Use**

Only two rods per angler may be casted with bait at any time, with one single hook per rod. Hooks can be no larger than a size 1/0. Recommended hook patterns are barbless and micro-barbed (e.g. a standard Carp Hook), or have the barb squeezed down with pliers. Hooks larger than a size 1/0, multiple hooks, double or treble hooks and hooks with an oversized barb are not allowed. Weigh Marshals have the right to inspect an angler's hooks, and can disallow fish caught on any other type of hook. Weigh Marshal decisions in all such cases will be final. Marshals and tournament

directors reserve the right to disallow 1/0 hooks in the event that said hooks become problematic in the damage they cause to captured fish.

Anglers can use additional rods for spodding or controlling a marker float (no fishhooks can be attached to any part of the line on this rod). The angler can have additional rods pre-rigged at the peg, but they can only have a maximum of two baits in the water at any time.

Standard, Carp-safe rigs are allowed. All rigs should include either a Safety Clip or be capable of sliding over knots in the case of an Inline, Helicopter, or Method Feeder rig. Fly Fishing, Float Fishing or Pole Fishing Rigs must include a lower breaking strain leader/hooklength/tippet, to avoid a Carp breaking off the whole rig. All rigs are liable to inspection by Weigh Marshals. Any unsafe rigs found must be changed immediately or the angler concerned will be disqualified from the competition. Weigh Marshal decisions in all such cases will be final.

Any angler found breaking these rules or fishing or attempting to fish in an unsportsmanlike way will be penalized and/or disqualified from the competition.

### **Valid Fish**

Only Common and Mirror Carp can be weighed and counted for any awards or prizes. All other fish (including Game Fish) do not count, and must be returned immediately to the water. Anyone attempting to retain a non-carp may be disqualified from the competition.

Due to the large volume of fish caught, only Carp 10 pounds, zero ounces or greater will be counted.

Any angler found attempting to weigh in fish that are dead, snagged, foul-hooked (hook is in a part of the fishes body more than 1 inch from the mouth) or caught by any other unfair means may be penalized and/or disqualified from the competition. The Weigh Marshal's decision in all such cases shall be final.

### **Weighing System**

Weigh Marshals will record exact weight, type (Common or Mirror), and time caught on official score sheets. The angler will then be asked to sign official score sheets confirming that the information has been correctly recorded.

Anglers may also record exact weight, type (Common or Mirror), and time caught on their score sheet; the Weighing Steward can check both records and sign the Angler Score Sheet if requested. It is each angler's ultimate responsibility for ensuring that his/her fish is recorded accurately.

At the end of each shift, Weigh Marshals will report each angler's catch to tournament directors.

### **Confirm Your Scores**

At the end of the competition, anglers may compare their score sheets with the Tournament Director. In the event of any discrepancies, please notify the organizers or the Weigh Marshal immediately, within 1 hour of the end of the competition. Tournament Directors and Weigh Marshals will examine the angler's score sheet, the official score sheet and final tournament results, advise the angler of the discrepancy found and update the leader board and any other

documentation as appropriate. In all cases, the Tournament Director's decision shall be final and binding.

In the event of a tie for the total weight awards & prizes, the angler with the biggest single fish shall be adjudged the winner. In the event of a tie for the weight of a single fish award or prize, the winner will be judged by the second biggest single fish, and so on.

### **Cancellation**

If the event needs to be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions (e.g. Tornado warning), all pre-registered and paid anglers will be refunded their fees, less their percentage share of the cost of any administration charges (e.g. DNR Tournament Permit fees, City park fees, etc.) that cannot be recovered by the organizers.

### **Copyrighted Materials**

All images, descriptions and associated intellectual property are solely owned by Wild Carp Companies. These items cannot be used without expressed written consent from the owners.

### **Penalties/Disqualification**

Tournament Director(s) reserve the right to penalize and/or disqualify any competitor for violating rules and guidelines expressed in writing and verbally prior to and throughout the start of competition. In the event that a competitor is found in violation, they will be reprimanded accordingly for the violation.

Anglers found to be violating tournament rules will be issued a verbal warning, and reoccurring and/or extreme violations will be immediately assessed a penalty (ie. removal of rods for a specified time, fish not being counted, expulsion from the event) commensurate with the severity of the violation committed.

Penalized and disqualified Angler(s) will be required to sign a Tournament Rules Violation Form (see attached). A witness may sign the Tournament Rules Violation Form should Angler(s) refuse to do so.

Any competitors who repeatedly violate WCC tournament rules across events may be banned from future competitions.



## Tournament Rules Violation Form

Wild Carp Companies (WCC) makes every effort to provide competitors with a fair and consistent opportunity to compete in our tournaments and Wild Carp Club sessions. WCC takes all rule and policy violations seriously. In the event that a competitor is found in violation, they will be reprimanded accordingly for the violation. Anglers found to be violating tournament rules will be issued a verbal warning, and reoccurring and/or extreme violations will be immediately assessed a penalty (ie. removal of rods for a specified time, fish not being counted, expulsion from the event) depending on the nature and severity of the violation. Any competitors who repeatedly violate WCC tournament rules across events may be banned from future competitions.

### Check all that apply to violation(s):

- Baiting or Fishing outside of designated times
- Fishing/Baiting in neighboring peg
- Unattended rods/Angler left immediate Peg area w/o notifying official
- Abusive Language/Un-sportsmanlike Behavior
- Threatening or Disruptive Behavior
- Destruction of public/private property
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of violation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Penalty assessed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Angler

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness (in lieu of Angler signature)



