



Big 4 Challenge Registration Form

May 20, 2011

Date: Friday, May 20, 2011

Venue: Wegman's Good Dog Park at Onondaga Lake (Route 370, Liverpool, NY)

Peg Drawing: 6:45 AM, May 20th at Wegman's Good Dog Park

Entry Fee: \$100 per angler

Deadline: April 30, 2011

Angler

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address (optional; for future event updates): _____

Runner

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address (optional; for future event updates): _____



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

All pre-fishing must end along the venue one week prior to competition. Any competitor found fishing after this time and before the official start of the competition (unless authorized by the Organizer) 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 a rod-length 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 or otherwise touch the fishing rod until the fish is netted; at that point the Runner may move the rod and net out of the way, assist with unhooking the fish, and liaise with the Weigh Marshal.

Tournament Start and Finish

No breaking of the water is allowed before the start of the pre-bait portion of 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 a maximum of 10 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 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. A maximum of one artificial bait, attached to each hook/hair rig system (e.g. artificial corn, boilie, crayfish fly, etc.) can be used, but 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.

Limited 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 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 by authorization from a Weigh Marshal to free a fish caught in a snag, weed or otherwise in distress or possible danger. Please ensure that you receive a verbal authorization from the Official present before you enter the water.

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. Please be considerate of other anglers; try to avoid playing your fish in their pegged areas. Adjacent pegged anglers are encouraged to help an angler in difficulties with a big fish by removing their lines from the water while the fish is being played. Weigh Marshals and Attendants will help, as required.

Should an angler require assistance landing a fish while 2 fish are hooked at the same time, a Weigh Marshal may help safely recover the second 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.

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 2 rods per angler may be used at any time, with 1 single hook per rod. Hooks can be no larger than a size 1, 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, 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.

Anglers can use an additional rod 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. Any angler found breaking these rules or fishing or attempting to fish in an unsportsmanlike way will be

disqualified from the competition. Any angler breaking the 2-rod, 2-hook competition rules will be disqualified from the competition.

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.

Valid Fish

Only Carp can be weighed in 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 Game Fish will be disqualified from the competition.

All Carp (Common, Mirror or Leather Carp, etc.) can be weighed in and will be counted towards tournament prizes. Only Carp 10 pounds 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 would be 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, Mirror or Leather Carp, etc.), and time caught will be recorded on Official Score Sheets. The angler will then be asked to sign Official Score Sheets confirming that the information has been correctly recorded.

Anglers will also record exact weight, type (Common, Mirror or Leather Carp, etc.), and time caught on their Angler Score Sheet; the Weighing Steward will check both records and sign the Angler Score Sheet. 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, compare your Angler Score Sheet with the Board at the Competition HQ. 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 Score Sheet, the Official Score Sheet and final tournament results, advise the angler of the discrepancy found and update the 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 two anglers will share any money prize and the award of trophy and/or equipment will be decided by a coin toss. The coin toss winner can elect to receive either the trophy or the equipment.

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.

Registration Payment

Entry fee:	\$100 per single entry
Registration deadline:	April 30, 2011
Maximum entry:	40 anglers

Anglers may place a 50% deposit in advance to hold their place; full payment must be made by the registration deadline. Payments may be sent via Paypal, check or money order.

Signed registration forms (pages 1 and 7) and check/money orders may be sent to:

Wild Carp Companies
PO Box 128
Baldwinsville, NY 13027





I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the rules and etiquette of the 2011 Wild Carp Big 4 Challenge. 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.

Competing Angler (print): _____

Competing Angler (signed): _____

Date: _____

Runner (print): _____

Runner (signed): _____

Date: _____



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