

Lake Fork Carp & Buffalo Challenge Registration Form

Date February 29 – March 3, 2012

Venue Lake Fork; headquartered at Oak Ridge Marina & Motel in Quitman, TX

Peg Draw Thursday, March 1 at 1:00 PM; Oak Ridge Marina

Registration Payment

Early registration is \$400 per two-person team. The early registration deadline is January 31, 2012. Registration after that date will be raised to \$450 per team.

Teams may reserve their entry with a non-refundable \$100 deposit. Full payment must be made by February 15, 2012. Failure to complete registration payment by February 15 will render participants ineligible for the Lake Fork Carp & Buffalo Challenge and any deposits will be forfeited.

Payments may be sent via Paypal, check or money order.

Please remit completed registration forms (pages 2 and 3) and non-electronic payments to:

Wild Carp Companies
PO Box 128
Baldwinsville, NY 13027



Competitor Information

Angler #1 _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Angler #2 _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Runner _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Agreement

I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the rules and etiquette of the 2012 Lake Fork Carp & Buffalo 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.

Angler #1 (print): _____

Angler #1 (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 adjustments by Wild Carp Companies.

Wild Carp Companies reserves the right to update and/or amend tournament rules prior to the commencement of the Lake Fork Carp & Buffalo Challenge.

Registration

Wild Carp Companies tournaments are open to everyone 16 years of age or older with a valid fishing license in the State of the hosting venue. Tournament Directors reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone who is a distraction to the event due to a violation of Tournament Rules, detrimental behavior and/or a previous history of such behavior at Wild Carp Companies events.

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 Texas State 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 two weeks 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 to determine angler placement prior to the start of competition. If



anglers are not present at the time of peg draw, the Tournament Director(s) will draw a peg.

Tournament Directors will draw a team name. That team will then select the peg of its choice out of the entire field of remaining peg locations.

Anglers must fish and place all of their fishing equipment within the boundary of the defined peg, as indicated by marking paint. 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 leave their peg, all lines must be reeled in before leaving. If the angler wishes to leave during the competition, the angler must record their leaving time with the Weigh Marshal and remove all equipment from their pegged area.

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 pre-bait portion of competition, except to plumb the depth, position a marker float, or to 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 ground bait (chum).

The competition will start promptly at the advertised time. The start of competition will be announced via weigh marshal, PA Loudspeaker System and/or signaled by horn. The fishing



period will last a maximum of 44 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.

Shelter Use and Noise Control

In accordance with the rules of the Sabine River Authority and the hosting marinas, the use of sheltering equipment such as pop-up tents, camping tents, bivvies, etc. are only permitted to be erected upon sundown and must be dismantled at sunlight.

As a courtesy to the hosting marinas and RV parks, Tournament Directors reserve the right to restrict the use of any excessively loud bite alarms, radios, etc. Anglers will be given sufficient warning, but repeated failure to comply with noise control requests may result in disqualification and forfeiture of tournament registration fees.

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, boillie, 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.

Ground baiting (chumming) is permitted within the area parallel to the stated boundaries of each peg. Spods, PVA bags, nets & string, catapults (fishing slingshots), throwing spoons, and feeders of all types are acceptable. Please bait intelligently, as too much ground bait, chum and/or free offerings will definitely affect your chances of catching and ruin your neighbor's sport, too.

Casting

Casting is permitted within the area parallel to the stated boundaries of each peg.

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 and Smallmouth Buffalo 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 approved holding sack, as there may be occasions when the Weigh Marshal is not immediately available to weigh fish.

In an emergency and without a holding 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

Up to 3 rods per angler may be used at any time, with 1 single hook per rod. Anglers found fishing more than the allowable number of rods will be disqualified and their registration fee forfeit.

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.

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 unapproved hook. Anglers may appeal a Weigh Marshal's decision with Tournament Directors, who have the final decision on hook validity.

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.

Valid Fish

Only Carp and Smallmouth Buffalo 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.

Only Carp (Common or Mirror) and Smallmouth Buffalo weighing 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 Tournament Director's decision in all such cases shall be final.

Weighing System

Wild Carp Companies uses State-certified scales in the scoring of its competitions.

Weigh Marshals will record exact weight, type (Common or Mirror Carp/Smallmouth Buffalo) and time caught will be recorded on Official Score Sheets. The angler will then be asked to sign the Official Score Sheet confirming that the information has been correctly recorded.

Anglers may also record exact weight, type (Common or Mirror Carp/Smallmouth Buffalo) and time caught on their Angler Score Sheet; the Weigh Marshal will check both records and sign the Angler Score Sheet.

Anglers are responsible for visually confirming the weight shown on the scale. Anglers may request a fish be re-weighed one additional time, with the second recorded weight counting as



the official score. 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 reported results. 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 any available awards & prizes, the angler with the biggest single fish shall be determined 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 and/or tackle prizes and an additional award or trophy will be issued.

Disqualification

Tournament Directors reserve the right to disqualify any angler or team deemed to be engaged in any behavior or action that is unbecoming to the event. Foul or abusive language, threats, physical attacks, or acts of sabotage directed at any competitors, weigh marshals or spectators will result in disqualification of said event in addition to all future events sponsored by Wild Carp Companies. Any team found cheating to win with irrefutable evidence will be disqualified and banned from all future Wild Carp Companies events. Wild Carp Companies maintains fair competition standards amongst its anglers at all times.

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.

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