

RULES AND SCHEDULE PLUS FISHING CUP 2024

Schedule:

- 6:30 AM: Meet up
- 7:30 AM: Formalities and launching
- 8:00 AM: Start of the competition
- 3:00 PM: End of the competition
- 5:30 PM: Award ceremony / Aperitif & dinner

****Address: **** Via Cascina Gera, 5 - 22030 Eupilio (CO).

Pass the parking bar and continue along the edge of the camping.

The launching ramp is on a dirt road.

Entry Fee : €150 per boat and €75 per belly boat. Lunch bag and evergreen/plusfishing gadgets are provided.

When registering, please indicate the names of the crew.

Permit Cost: €20.00 per person, payable on the day of the competition or the day before.

Prohibitions:

- Docking at private docks/structures.
- Docking at Isola dei Cipressi.
- Fishing in the entire channel from Comarcia to its end.
- Fishing in the entire Lambro River emissary, Lambrone, and cavo Diotti.

Recommendations:

- Park the vehicles orderly.
- Do not obstruct the ramp and launching operations.
- Have all onboard equipment as per regulations.

Fishing rights on the entire Lake Pusiano are exclusively managed by Egirent SRL. To fish or access the launching ramp, a daily permit is required, following all regulations available at www.lagopusiano.com. Additionally, to fish at Lake Pusiano is required:

- A valid government fishing license
- A valid catch logbook from the Province of Como, available at:

Tutto Spinning di Raldiri Luca, Piazza Parini, 1 - 22030 Pusiano (CO), Tel +39 031 2240553,
www.tuttospinning.com

Competition rules:

1. Fishing must be done exclusively from the boat, with a crew of 1 or 2 people or from a belly boat -seated only; only Black Bass catches count towards the ranking.
2. Semi-instantaneous weighing will be done during the event. After catching a fish, contact the judge on the support boat as soon as possible for validation. The fish must be kept in a livewell on the boat or a floating net for the belly boat. During this time, the fish must be kept in the livewell, which must be present on the boat; otherwise, the boat will not be considered valid for the event. Only the five largest fish and their weights will count towards the ranking.
3. The minimum size for valid catches is 28 cm, measured from mouth (closed) to tail. A penalty of 500 grams will be applied for each fish under the minimum size, the undersized fishes will be not weighed. Fish that are dead at the time of weighing or those that do not move their gills will not be weighed, and the competitor is required to retain them (it is prohibited to leave dead fish or waste in the lake).
4. Exiting the boat or belly boat is prohibited, except in cases of grave necessity with judge approval.
5. A landing net may only be used to land the hooked fish. It is forbidden to use or possess landing nets with large nylon meshes with a diameter greater than 10 millimeters or any nets that could harm the fish.
6. Only artificial lures are allowed; pork rind is permitted.
7. Only one fishing rod may be used; others can be kept ready. Fly fishing with a shooting headline is not allowed.
8. The start will be simultaneous upon the judge's signal.
9. Trolling is prohibited by boat or bellyboat; electric propulsion fishing is allowed. Return must be within the defined time estimated by the Judge ; a 500-gram penalty per minute will be applied for late returns, disqualification if over 5 minutes late.
10. In case of adverse weather, the competition will be interrupted and resumed when conditions improve. The Judge of the Competition/Director of the Competition may authorize the stopping of the boat at points other than the arrival point. When weather conditions permit, the competition will resume.
11. Boats and belly boats must comply with safety and navigation regulations.
12. Minimum boat requirements: at least 3.6m length, max 2 electric motors, and a livewell of at least 50 liters with an aerator. If non-compliance with safety regulations and navigation rules is found, the crew must be excluded from the event.
13. Boats must navigate near the center of the river or with full respect for others.

14. Movements must be water-based, using only approved launching points.
15. Minimum distance between boats during fishing is 50 meters, 100 meters if on the same riverbank; 10 meters for belly boats. If a vessel has placed a marker buoy in the water (no more than one) and is fishing near it, the minimum distance another vessel can approach must be no less than a 30-meter radius to allow the crew who placed it to fish comfortably.
16. Starting the combustion engine is prohibited unless authorized by the race director in case of danger.
17. Chumming is prohibited; liquid substances can only be used on lures (SCENTT).
18. The transfer of caught fish in any form is prohibited. It is also forbidden to keep live fish before the start of the competition.
19. The last valid day for trials is also indicated in the competition notice. During the competition, it is forbidden to approach or be approached by other crews and people not participating in the competition.
20. It is mandatory to keep a proper distance from other boats or shore fishermen not involved in the competition; any inappropriate behavior will result in penalties, at the discretion of the Director or Judge of the competition, in accordance with the applicable regulations.
21. The catch must be temporarily stored alive until validated by the Competition Judge: only the use of thermal tanks with oxygenators and recirculation (live-well) is allowed, which the boats must be equipped with, or equipped with a removable live-well or a floating fish basket for the belly boat.
22. It is the right of the Competition Judge and Director to ensure that boats, belly boats, and individuals comply with the rules of this regulation; it is also the duty of the competitors to submit to the inspection in an orderly manner.
23. The crew that notices irregularities by other crews has the duty to report the matter to the Competition Officials, who will evaluate and take appropriate measures.
24. In boat fishing competitions held in inland waters, boats must be equipped with life-saving equipment and safety gear as prescribed by current laws, specifically an approved lifebuoy with a floating line of at least 25 meters and a life jacket for each person on board with a CE approval mark and a minimum buoyancy of 100 Newtons, which must always be worn in the following conditions:
 - bad weather conditions
 - presence of only one member of the pair
 - boat in motion and not engaged in fishing
 - launching and hauling operations

For participants in Bellyboat, it is mandatory to:

Wear a life jacket (including self-inflating type) properly fastened before entering the water and throughout the entire competition. Specifically, for the fisherman's safety, the waist life jacket must be opened and the rubber bib inside must be worn (around the neck when deflated).

Secure the waders at the waist with a belt if worn.

For safety reasons, wearing thigh boots or rubber boots instead of waders is prohibited.

The life jacket must be CE marked and meet the safety requirements and technical characteristics of EN ISO 12402-3 EN 396 and subsequent amendments (life jackets, performance level equal to or greater than 150 Newton). It must be worn correctly already during the briefing phase to streamline the inspection procedures by the Judge/Director of the competition. The jacket must be equipped with a whistle to be used in case of any difficulties during the competition.

25. The crew experiencing a technical or other issue must report it to the Race Judge or Race Director, who will dispatch a support boat to:

- Repair the damage where possible; any caught fish must be released, and if the race time still permits, the pair may continue fishing until the end of the trial, but must return within the stipulated time.
- Tow the vessel to the rendezvous point if the request for towing occurs when conditions may pose a danger to the safety of people and property. The distressed crew must reach the nearest safe landing point. Fish caught during the towing operation will not be valid for weighing. In the event of multiple rescue requests, the organization will prioritize them chronologically based on the time of the call.

****RANKINGS: ****

The ranking will be determined based on the best actual score, obtained by summing the weights achieved during the event.

In case of a tie:

- The higher number of catches prevails.
- The heaviest single catch prevails.

****PRIZES: ****

1st Place: €1000

2nd Place: €700

3rd Place: €500

Big Bass: €300

Prizes will be in purchase vouchers valid until 15/10/2024 on the Plusfishing website.

****RESPONSIBILITIES: ****

Participants are reminded of their obligation to take all necessary measures to prevent harm to individuals and property. In particular, appropriate safety distances must be maintained both during the competition and in transit from areas where power lines pose a danger due to the use of fishing rods and nets with high electrical conductivity. Plus Fishing and its representatives and collaborators, the Race Director, Inspectors, and the Race Judge, will be exempt from any liability for damages and accidents of any kind that may occur to individuals or property associated with the event and to third parties.

****RACE OFFICIALS: ****

- Judge: Alex Biasia
- Event Manager: Domenico Magliano
- Race Director: Stefano Zambonelli