

LureMaster Competition – Rules & Regulations

Luremasters reserves the right to change the rules at any point before the competition. Check back regularly to see what's updated.

Main items

- This single day predator fishing tournament is held on a Catch & Release basis.
- A maximum of **35** teams, **each consisting of 2 bellyboat anglers**.
- No qualification is needed in order to participate
- Participation is at your own risk

Participation

In order to participate:

- Each team should subscribe to the tournament by sending an email to bellyboat@luremasters.nl and subscribe with teamname and both participant names.
- Public liability insurance is mandatory.
- Each participant needs to own a Dutch fishing license; "Vispas". These can be bought at several tackle stores in the vicinity of event HQ and online at www.sportvisserijnederland.nl
- Participants should be equipped with a mobile phone that will work in the Netherlands and holds sufficient capacity to last during competition.
- Luremasters cannot be held liable for any injuries, damages, fines and or loss or theft of equipment

Fishing rules

- Competition day starts at 08:30. It is the participants responsibility to have their boat in the water on time. There will be no waiting for boats that are not in the water when the competition starts.
- Lures only competition, no bait allowed whatsoever.
- Pre-baiting prior to the competition, within the competition area, is prohibited.
- A maximum of one rod per angler can be used at once, no more than two rods per angler can be rigged (line and hook) at any point during the competition.
- All styles of lure fishing are allowed
- Participants are not allowed to fish:
 - In main traffic lanes for commercial shipping (sport lanes are also not allowed).
 - In forbidden zones, nature reserves, according to Dutch fishing rules
 - Within 10 meters of any other participant
 - Within 25 meters of non participating boats and fishermen.
- There can be no boat to boat contact. This will be punished with a yellow card
- You cannot leave the parcours or go to the shore during the competition. If somehow this cannot be avoided report to a marshall first. If you don't report, you will be disqualified.

Competition format

- Points are earned as a team.
- The following species count for points during this competition: Pike, Perch, Zander. Each centimeter being a point. Only legally sized fish counts for points during this competition; Pike: 45cm, Zander 42cm, Perch 22cm.
- Points will be awarded for a total of **5** perch, **5** zander and **3** pike over the course of the competition. Every centimeter is one point. If a team catches more than the maximum amount for a species the smallest fish is discarded.
- Winner of the competition will be the team with the most points, regardless of catching all the necessary fish.

- In case of a tie the team with the biggest fish wins, if they both have an equally big fish the next big fish will determine the outcome. (Or the next fish until a result is available. Big fish meaning big by length)
- Dead fish, or severely injured fish do not count.
- Each angler of a team will be fishing in a different fishing zone. The team can determine who fishes which zone. You cannot be in the same zone as a team.
- It is the teams responsibility to show up at the 2 designated starting zones on time.
- Boat check: Luremasters reserves the right to check boats before the competition day and during the competition. Marshalls must be allowed unrestricted access to the boat and full cooperation is expected.

Fish Reporting

- In each fishing zone there will be several marshallboats where you have to report your fish. They will measure and register the species and length of the fish on the team scorecard with teamnumber.
- Each fish caught will also be registered on a two-sided note, one will stay with the Marshall, the other one will be given to the angler as a proof when needed afterwards.
- Fish have to be reported to one of the Marshall boats in the zone, this can be done by whistling, flagging or waving.
- Every fish has to be reported to a Marshall boat directly. It is forbidden to keep multiple fish in a net or other holding contraption and then report them. Having multiple fish in your possession will result in disqualification.
- It is in the participants responsibility to respect the health of the fish at all time!
- Fish have to be reported during the competition day. Fish cannot be reported after the competition day (15:30).
- If you have any problem with fish reporting call the head Marshall before the competition is over.

External factors

- If the weather does not allow the fishing of the event, Luremasters reserves the right to cancel a zone or even the competition.
- If for some reason Luremasters chooses to cancel the competition, when it it's already in progress, only those fish will count that have been reported up until the official time of cancellation. Official time being the time when the organisation has made the decision. This will be relayed to all Marshall boats asap.
- If bad weather conditions are predicted the organisation will decide what to do with a deadline of 24 hours prior to the competition. When it is decided that the competition will be cancelled, we will assign a new date.

Boat safety

- Participants should:
 - **Wear lifejackets at all time during the competition.**
 - **Always be aware of surroundings and shipping lanes.**

Penalties

- A deliberate act of cheating shall be punished by disqualification
- Fishing in a forbidden zone (to be determined by marshall boats) will result in the biggest fish removed from the teamscore. If a participant is caught in a forbidden zone a second time during the competition, disqualification will follow.