

# RULES FOR CROCKANGO ANGLING BONANZA 2022

## REGISTRATION

1. ALL anglers must register at the registration tent.  
Registrations will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April from 08:00 until 15:30 only.
2. All fees (incl. Bonanza Entry Fee, Camping Fees for guests or additional nights, Camp Reserve Fees and/or ordered Fishing Licenses) should be paid in full upon registration. Please have proof of payments ready.
3. Indemnity forms must be signed by all team members.
4. On approval of your registration, you will receive your compulsory armbands (to be worn at all times), boat parking boards (allocated according to your team number and not the campsite number), major boat inspection list and all other relevant documents (including fishing licenses ordered through the club). **NB – Reminder: No fishing permits will be issued at the venue.**
5. After registration you must take your major boat inspection list to the marshals, who will be available from 8:00 until 15:30 to perform the major inspection. (Please note that minor inspections will still be done every morning)

Major Boat Inspections will be done at the registration area with boat on trailer. (Please refer to Boat Requirements in Competition rules)

6. Please ensure that you camp on your booked/allocated camp site. There are NO reserved boat landings and will be handled on a first come first served basis. You may plant your boat parking board where a suitable space is available. If you need to plant your board in front of another campsite, please arrange with the occupants for your boat to be parked there.

**No team will be allowed to partake in the Crockango Angling Bonanza if they do not comply with the above-mentioned rules and regulations.**

**Right of Admission Reserved.**

## CAPTAINS MEETING

The Captains Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April at 16:00 sharp.

1. Captains must please arrive timely at a designated point at the club house to sign the attendance register BEFORE the meeting starts. If a team captain does not attend the meeting it will be the understanding that the team accepts and understands all the rules of this particular competition and will adhere to it as well as relay it to the rest of his/her team. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. It is compulsory for all team captains to attend the meeting. Unforeseen probable changes and understanding of the rules will be discussed and he/she will be responsible to relay the changes to the rest of his/her team. Feel free to ask questions.
3. Competition starting and ending times will be announced at the Captain's Meeting.
4. After completion of the Captains Meeting, the committee and marshals accept that all captains understand and accept all the rules of this particular competition and will adhere to it as well as relay it to the rest of his/her team.

**This is an official meeting and no excessive drinking and noise will be tolerated. A penalty card may be issued at any given time to any team not adhering to the rules and regulations.**

## VENUE

1. All anglers must sleep on the venue for the duration of the competition. Special permission will be needed from the Head Marshal to leave the venue during the competition.
2. Always drive responsibly and slowly on the venue. No underage driving or driving without a valid driver's license is permitted due to the number of children and guests at the venue.
3. No pets will be allowed at the venue – to avoid children being bitten, animal fights and hygiene risks. (They could be trampled by vehicles, or swallow hooks with old bait etc.)
4. Team Captains will be held liable for the behaviour of their team members and guests on their camp sites. Teams and guests are requested to show good behaviour and respect towards others as well as the property of the camp and other guests.
5. All generators should be shut off no later than 23:00. Please respect people's resting and keep noise to an absolute minimum. Generators can be started again at 5:00 in the mornings. (Exceptions will be made for the last night with the prize giving ceremony)
6. NB!!! Swimming is at own risk! Please be aware of the safety of your kids and loved ones.
7. Ablution facilities should be used in a civilized manner, no smoking, drinking or explicit sexual behaviour will be tolerated. Vandalism of any kind will be handled accordingly.
8. Workers are welcome to accompany teams, you can arrange for their accommodation at the designated area for free. Should you require them to stay at your camp site, they will be charged standard camping fees per day.
9. A fuel station will be available on the camp and fuel will be sold at Rundu pump rates. A container with no more than 20 litres of fuel is permitted to be kept at your camp site for generators. All other containers and drums with fuel must be stored at the fuel station, clearly marked with your name. Please note fuel stored at the filling station is at your own risk.

**A penalty card may be issued to any team who does not adhere to the above-mentioned rules. The type of card issued will depend on the severity of the transgression. (Accompanying guests not adhering to the rules may result in a team being issued with a penalty card – please keep your guests in check.)**

## COMPETITION

1. Entry fee for the Crockango Angling Bonanza 2022 is N\$5000.00 per team which **excludes** 5 nights' camping.
2. A team format will be used for the competition which consists of not more than 3 and not less than 2 anglers per boat.
3. Only registered team members will be permitted on the boat (except in case of an official or cameraman).
4. All anglers must have a valid fishing license for the Kavango Region.
5. All boats must be registered with the Ministry of Inland Fisheries of Namibia.
6. NO team may use their boat for recreational and/or fishing purposes for 5 (five) days preceding the competition. Meaning from the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 no fishing or recreational trips by anglers on boats participating in Bonanza. You have to apply for special permission and be accompanied by the appointed marshal to resolve technical problems, should you need to do it on the water.
7. Boat Requirements – Major Inspection
  - 7.1 Each boat must have a fully serviced and functional fire extinguisher on board for the duration of the competition.
  - 7.2 Each boat must have a "live-well" with at least an oxygen or circulation pump. An old cool box or something alike with a 12volt pump is acceptable. Do NOT use a Bucket. If you do not have a functional live-well on your boat or is not to the satisfaction to the marshals, you will not be allowed to partake until you adhere to the requirements.
  - 7.3 Life Jackets for each angler. It is advised that each angler must have a life jacket on when the boat is on plain. (Exceptions will be allowed only when trawling) The team may use their own discretion on when to wear them.
  - 7.4 Each boat must have a navigation light/s situated clearly visible to other boats, to avoid accidents during times of low visibility e.g., mist.
  - 7.5 Yellow Flag for emergency is required on your boat, Size 1mX1m
  - 7.6 Each team must have a video recording device which will be approved by the marshals at the major inspection.
8. Boat Requirements – Minor Inspection

The Marshals must inspect all boats every morning before leaving the venue via the river. The following will be checked:

- 8.1 A Tag with your team number on. A team member has to collect their 2 tags (An oval foam tag and a key ring tag) from the tag box every morning at the score station. Marshals will be available at the score station from an hour before departing time for the duration of the competition.
- 8.2 Live-well. Refer to no. 7.2 for requirements. No live bait permitted smaller than minimum lengths as stipulated in the Fisheries Act. Refer to no. 13 for lengths.
- 8.3 Measuring Mat & Video Recording device
- 8.4 Day Sticker – Will be allocated to you if you pass the inspection.

Inspections will only pass if ALL team members are present at inspection. You may then depart from the venue with your boat.

Should you require returning to shore at Camp Crockango for any reason, stop at the score station and report your arrival to a marshal.

- 9. All participating members of your team are to depart from Camp Crockango per boat via the river and return via the river per boat (with same team).
  - 9.1 In the case of launching from any alternative designated departure points, you will depart from Camp Crockango with your boat and trailer and return to the camp with boat and trailer (with same team). Should a team member stay behind at Camp Crockango for any medical or unknown reason, the Head Marshal should be informed. Your team may pick you up from Camp Crockango with boat and trailer should you wish to join them later.
- 10. All boats must return to the venue via the river or on trailer (should you launch from any designated departure points) before the agreed time given on Captains Meeting every afternoon for the scoring of the fish. You must hang your tag before the hooter blows. If a boat has not returned by the agreed time such boat and team will be disqualified for the day.
- 11. Teams may not enter the Quito River for fishing. Quito mouth is the border line in to another country and you may not drive up the Quito River.
- 12. Please avoid mooring your boat on the Angolan banks and climbing off your boat. Angolan authorities may take legal action.
- 13. Bait species minimum lengths as stipulated in the Fisheries Act
 

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Tiger Fish         | 30 cm             |
| Sharp Tooth Barbel | 41 cm             |
| Blunt Tooth Barbel | 37 cm             |
| Nembwe             | 34 cm             |
| Threespot          | 30 cm             |
| Redbreast          | 23 cm             |
| Humpback           | 30 cm             |
| Pink Bream         | 24 cm             |
| Pupleface          | 20 cm             |
| Thinface           | 33 cm             |
| Green Bream        | 24 cm             |
| Green Head         | 22 cm             |
| Squeaker           | No minimum length |

However, for the duration of the competition the minimum lengths will be as follow:

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Tiger Fish</b>         | <b>450mm</b> |
| <b>Large Mouth Bream:</b> |              |
| Nembwe                    | 250mm        |
| Humpback                  | 250mm        |
| Thinface                  | 250mm        |
| Purpleface                | 250mm        |
| <b>Small Mouth Bream:</b> |              |
| Three Spot                | 200mm        |
| Red Breast                | 200mm        |
| Green Head                | 200mm        |
| Pinkie & Other            | 200mm        |
| <b>Barbel</b>             | <b>500mm</b> |
| <b>Squeaker</b>           | <b>150mm</b> |

14. Team members must check daily which size fish to bring in to the score station for all fish species as established by the previous days' leading fish. A bulletin board will be on display at the score station every morning.
15. You are not allowed to bring in fish that are obviously too short and do not make the daily lengths required. You will be penalised with the same points.
16. Anglers are not permitted to fish from the riverbank or to leave their boats unless it is an emergency.
17. Only 2 (two) lines per angler will be permitted in the water at any time. Refer to regulation 29 of Regulation of 6 June 2003.
18. No nets, nightlines or buying of fish from locals are allowed.
19. Live Bait may only be bought after competition hours on availability.
20. There will be no tackle or line restrictions.
21. All anglers have the right to act as deputies. If he/she sees any rules being broken by another angler during the competition, such incidents have to be reported in writing to the marshals with concrete evidence in place. The marshals will deal with the situation as they see fit. The marshal's decision is final.
22. Any complaints after the competition have to be submitted to the presiding committee in writing or such complaint will not be investigated by the committee. All incidents will be treated confidentially and will have no bearing on the final result of the competition.
23. Lodges and private residential areas along the river banks have marked their no-wake zones with floating buoys, signs or red flags. Please respect these no-wake zones and do not fish on the river banks on the lodge's side.
24. Respect washing points of local people and pass on the opposite side of the river. Avoid scaring and disturbing them while collecting water or doing washing.  
Respect their dugout canoes when crossing the river, not all can swim and waves could cause the canoe to capsize. This may cause fatalities. Please be aware.
25. Safety and Emergencies
  - 25.1 No boat may come closer than casting distance (approximately 50m), from another boat during the competition except in the case of an emergency or with permission. Please respect other anglers, do not move in front of them but keep behind at a respectful distance. All emergencies must be declared to the Head Marshal before the end of the day.
  - 25.2 Emergency flags will only be used for trawling and in case of a breakdown. You are obliged to stop at a boat flagging you down on the river but may decide to what extent you want and can help to avoid coming late for the day. It remains the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that there is a yellow emergency flag with dimensions 1m x 1m on the boat. It is not necessary for the flag to have a pole.
  - 25.3 Should your boat break down due to technical problems and there are no means of returning to camp via the river:
    - 1 (one) angler may go with another boat to the camp to report the problem to the marshals.
    - A vehicle and trailer may go to collect the boat where it is stranded.
    - If another boat is available the team may continue with fishing for the day, inspection should still be done and the team must leave via the score station.
    - One team member may board another boat with all videos of fish caught for the day on his device and transfer live fish from live-well to another boat's live-well supported with video footage to the score station. If possible, report to head marshal. Situation will be investigated by the marshals before any points for the days catch will be allocated.
    - If a team does not arrive back at the venue in time, all fish for the day will be forfeited, be it live fish or video recordings. **NO POINTS WILL BE ALLOCATED.**
26. You may not call a break down for fuel shortages. You are required to take fuel for the full day. You may ask fellow competitors for fuel but under no circumstances may you pre-arrange for fuel to be collected at lodges or residents along the river.
27. Measuring Mat (All Species)
  - 27.1 In an attempt to minimize the mortality of so many fish, a measuring mat will be used on each boat to measure your fish; minimum lengths as well as colour zones should be studied closely in order to avoid penalties. Your measuring tool is your measure mat, if you feel that your mat is not up to standard this must be brought under the attention of the head marshal. Should you measure mat or tag get lost while fishing you must report it to the marshal. You are allowed to use another team's mat for your video, the anglers' name and team number must clearly be identified in the video.

To measure the fish:

Wet your mat, place the fish with the point of the closed mouth against the aluminium strip and measure up to the longest point of the tail touching the measuring mat for all species categories. You may manipulate tail to the longest point. Fish should be measured laying on mat. No "lip grips" inside the fish's mouth while measuring will be allowed except for barbel, move lip grip to the side of the fish's mouth.

## 28. Video Recordings

A video recording device that can record clearly a continuous video footage are compulsory for every boat. (Approved by marshals on major inspections)

Please bring along any data cables for video recording device, in order to download videos at the score station if necessary. No videos may be deleted from your device for the duration of the competition. Should there be any discrepancies on any video that is no longer available for the marshals when they require it, no points will be allocated for your team.

28.1 Recording requirements to qualify for points - A continuous video, showing the following:

- 1. Fish in Landing Net
- 2. Live fish on measuring mat
- 3. Day sticker and team number
- 4. Tag on your measuring Mat
- 5. Full view of fish on mat (to identify the length of the fish from the head to the longest point of the tail touching the mat)
- 6. Closed mouth of fish against the aluminium plate, no lip grip
- 7. Use culling system on mat to clearly ID your fish (number 1,2,3,4,5), especially fish with the same length.
- 6. Live release - swimming away on its own in its natural state, do not drop fish, release fish below the boats side in the water.
- 7. Live release into live-well (in case of fish that needs to go to score station)

**NB!!! ADDITIONALLY (In case of a fish that meets the required length and needs to go to score station)**

The following lengths are required for a fish to be brought in to the score station for the first day thereafter only fish with higher points accumulated than the previous day's leading fish may come in to the score station, and on every other day as the competition continues:

- Tiger Fish                    min 730mm
- Large Mouth Bream   min 480mm
- Small Mouth Bream   min 460mm
- Barbel                        min 1m

**Please check bulletin board in the mornings before you leave camp for the lengths of the leading fish.**

**The marshals will be extremely strict on video recordings. It should be a clear continuous video with no obstacles, water glare or view restrictions on the video. No video may be deleted until after prize giving.**

- **FISH VIDEOS ALL Fish must be recorded.**

Please only bring fish as stipulated by the measuring mat and from the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the competition only longer than the leading fish of the previous days' fish.

Even though a Fish qualifies to go in to the score station, you must still record the fish and release it alive into your live-well. This footage must also be scrutinized by the marshals for your fish to count after measuring it at the score station. Please try and keep these fish alive or bring them to the score station as soon as possible. The length at the score station will count for points.

- **BREAM VIDEOS**

Refer to point no. 28 for video requirements

According to the minimum size as per the measuring mat, must be recorded with a continuous video from landing net to the measuring mat, then released back into the river. On consecutive days all breams should still be video recorded and only breams longer than the previous day's leading catch will be brought to the weigh station.

Record all breams released into you live-well that needs to be brought in to the score station

- **SQUEAKER & BARBEL VIDEOS**

Refer to no. 28 for video requirements.

All squeaker and barbel must be video recorded as other fish species and same rules apply as per measuring mat. On consecutive days all barbel should still be video recorded and only barbel longer than the previous day's leading catch will be brought to the weigh station.

Record all barbel released into you live-well that needs to be brought in to the score station.

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### **MEASURING OF YOUR FISH – SCORE STATION**

1. Arriving at the score station at the end of the day.
  - The team must hang their oval foam tag (if the tag is not in by the time the hooter goes off the team will be disqualified for the day) at the designated points given on captains meeting.
  - The team's second tag must be in the tag box before 19h00 everyday and before 15h30 on the last fishing day on arrival at the venue.
  - Specify if you have any live fish to be measured or videos to show.
  - Culling of videos must be done before videos arrive at the score station.
  - All teams must report back at the score station and all captains must sign each days' score sheet whether fish was caught or not.
2. A team must give in all videos and live fish at once at the end of the day, you may however bring in live fish during the day if you feel your fish is at risk of dying. You may only bring in 3 fish per category for tiger, barbel and squeaker per day per team, and 5 fish per category for large mouth bream and small mouth bream with a maximum of 3 per bream species. You may improve the length on the next day with your catch.
3. Measurable fish qualifies as a fish that shows movements or signs of life when it reaches the score station, without any signs of negligence visible. If it dies on the measure table after the head marshal inspected and accepted it, it will be regarded as a measurable fish.
4. Should any angler bring in fish that has been mistreated or vandalized by angler negligence you could be facing a 5-year ban from participating at the Crockango Angling Bonanza and have your team disqualified.
5. The marshal will decide to accept or deny your fish before it is measured. Once the fish has been handed over the red line (in the marshal's hands) the fish will be recorded.
6. Penalties will be given to dead fish brought in to the score station. The penalty will be the score of what that specific fish would have given you and will be deducted from your total team points.
7. No fish without signs of life will be allowed at the score station, with exception to Tiger Fish that have to come to the score station as stipulated according to the previous days' leading tiger fish. Please remember all fish must be recorded and a legitimate video should accompany all fish even live fish that needs to come to the score station for measuring.
8. Captains are solely responsible to know what each leading species' length is and to relay the information to the rest of the team.
9. If a team or marshal notice any errors on the score sheet for the day and corrections need to be made, a new score sheet must be filled and signed.
10. Any discrepancy on the score sheet must be reported to the marshals before the next fishing day.

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## **POINT AND FACTOR SYSTEM**

1. Points will only be allocated for the following species caught: Tiger Fish, Large Mouth Bream, Small Mouth Bream, Barbel and Squeaker.
2. The 3 (three) most valuable fish of tiger, barbel and squeaker category will count over the duration of the competition and the 5 (five) most valuable fish of large mouth bream and small mouth bream category will count over the duration of the competition – the aim is to catch the 3 longest tiger fish and barbel and 5 longest large mouth bream and small mouth bream.
3. Only the 3 longest fish per tiger, barbel and squeaker species category and 5 longest fish per large mouth bream and small mouth bream category will count for the team's final points.
4. Fish caught will be measured separately and points will be allocated as follows:
  - Tiger Fish                    min 450mm            Factor of 3.5            According to Measuring Mat
  - Large Mouth Bream    min 250mm            Factor of 5
  - Small Mouth Bream    min 200mm            Factor of 5.1
  - Barbel                        min 500mm            Factor of 2.2
  - Squeaker                    min 150mm            Factor of 8

For the main individual prize, for the longest fish according to the point factors, points will be allocated as follow.

- Tiger Fish                    3.5 per meter
- Large Mouth Bream    5.0 per meter
- Small Mouth Bream    5.1 per meter
- Barbel                        2.2 per meter

In short: for the duration of this competition length and factor will be used to calculate the points for the team winners (for the bag) and to calculate the points for the boat winner.

5. 1 (one) Bonus point will be awarded to a team's total points if three of a species categories for tiger, barbel and squeaker have been caught and five of a species categories for large mouth bream and small mouth bream over the duration of the competition. 1 Bonus point per species filled.
6. 2 (two) Bonus Points will be awarded for filling your team's all 5 species categories.

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## **DESIGNATED LAUNCH AREAS**

1. You may depart with your boat and trailer from venue only when the siren blows in the morning at same time as the boats depart via the river from camp.
2. A minor inspection must be done by the marshal.
3. You will receive 2 tags in the morning, an oval foam tag and a key ring tag. The oval foam tag must be handed in on the agreed closing time for the competition given on captains meeting at the designated points, Kajowa Lodge (East), Camp Crockango and Kapako (West). The key ring tag must be handed in before 19h00 upon arrival back at the venue each day and before 15h30 on the last fishing day.
4. If you depart with your boat and trailer to launch at designated area you must returned to the camp with the whole team back at the venue with boat and trailer. A team is not allowed to arrange with another person to collect their vehicle and trailer at the launch area and bring it back to the venue.
5. You are allowed to hang your oval foam tag at any given point on cut-off time but must be back in time to hang your key ring tag at the score station.

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#### **PRIZE STRUCTURE**

1. The angler who obtains the highest points on the factor system for the largest Tiger Fish, Large Mouth Bream, Small Mouth Bream or Barbel will receive the main prize for that species category.
2. No squeaker can win the main prize. It only contributes to the team's overall bag points.
3. All other prizes will be awarded in a team format.
4. The marshal will declare the team with the most points after three and a half days of fishing to be the winners of the team prizes.
5. The marshals' decision is FINAL

#### **LEGEND OF CARDS THAT MAY BE USED DURING THE COMPETITION (Report to head marshal if any of the following cards have been received)**

1. PINK card - Information purposes only
2. YELLOW card - Warning
3. RED card - Disqualification

**ALL ANGLERS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPARE THEIR SCORE SHEETS WITH THE SCORE BOARD EVERY DAY, IF THERE ARE ANY DISCREPANCIES THE ANGLERS MUST REPORT THIS TO THE MARSHALLS BEFORE DEPARTURE THE NEXT MORNING.**

**ANY CHANGE OF RULES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE CAPTAINS MEETING**

**\* All anglers are subjected to take a polygraph test should there be an enquiry to their participation in the Bonanza**

**The marshals' decision is final.**