

RULES FOR CROCKANGO ANGLING BONANZA 2024

REGISTRATION

1. ALL anglers must register at the registration tent.
Registrations will be on the 29th 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 10:00 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 29th 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. Pets will **only** be allowed at the venue with prior special arrangements, conditions and clearance - 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 23h00 at night. Please respect people's resting and keep noise to an absolute minimum between 23h00 until 05h00 in the mornings on all fishing days. **No boat launch** in camp before 5h00 in the morning. Generators can be started again at 5h00 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 to refuel after day's fishing is allowed to be kept at your campsite. We encourage that large amounts of fuel to be stored at the fuel station, clearly marked with your name. Please note fuel stored at the filling station is at your own risk. Fuel kept at your camp will be the captains' responsibility should a fire or accident break out.

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 2024 is N\$5 500.00 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 25th of April 2024 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. It is compulsory to wear your life-jackets with pull-away on every fishing day. All junior subs must also have a life-jacket. It is advisable to wear your life-jackets when the boat is on the plane during the rest of the day.
8. If there is any reason an angler of the team is not able to join the team for a fishing day it must be communicated to the head marshal. If he/she wants to join the team on a later stage in the day, this team must collect the person at the camp per boat and inspection must be done again.
9. Should a major transgression occur, either by a team or individual, such incident will be investigated by the Marshals in conjunction with the Crockango Committee.
10. All teams are responsible for their own day sticker and tags before they departure in the morning and to make sure that your tag is clearly visible on all your videos for the day.

DESIGNATED LAUNCH AREAS

1. You may depart with your boat and trailer from the venue in the morning 30 minutes after the boats depart via the river from camp.
2. A minor inspection must be done by the marshal at the designated launch area before you depart on the river.

- 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, one east of Camp Crockango and one west of Camp Crockango or at Crockango Camp Score Station. The key ring tag must be handed in before 19h00 upon arrival back at Crockango Score Station each day and before 16h00 on the last fishing day (half day).
- If you depart with your boat and trailer to launch at a designated area you must return 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.
- 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.

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.

PRIZE STRUCTURE

- 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.
- No squeaker can win the main prize. It only contributes to the team's overall bag points.
- All other prizes will be awarded in a team format.
- The marshal will declare the team with the most points after three and a half days of fishing to be the winners of the competition.
- The marshals' decision is FINAL

AMENDMENTS MADE ON RAN RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CROCKANGO BONANZA 2024 ONLY

- A Max of 2 Junior Subs will be allowed on the boat and must be listed on the teams' entry. Junior Subs must be 12 years and under. Junior Subs do not need to fish every day. If there is any reason why he/she needs to leave the boat during the day, it must be communicated with the head marshal. The junior sub must be brought back to camp per boat and inspection must be done again. Junior subs points will be allocated to the teams' points but team prizes will only consist out of 3 prizes, juniors will be awarded separately. Junior subs will not be included for the prize giving dinner for the team and the N\$200 discount per RAN member will also not include the Junior Subs.

- Refer to paragraph 6. Fish Categories under RAN Rules:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Min Length (mm)</u>	<u>Day 1 (mm)</u>	<u>Bonus Point Species Full</u>	<u>Bonus Point Filled Bag – 19 Fish</u>
1. Tiger Fish	450 mm	730 mm	3	3
2. Barbel	500 mm	1000 mm	3	3
3. Squeaker	150 mm	250 mm	3	3
4. Large Mouth Bream	250 mm	480 mm	3	5
Nembwe				
Humpback				
Thinface				
Purpleface				
5. Small Mouth Bream	200 mm	400 mm	3	5
Three Spot				
Redbreast				
Greenhead				
Pink Happy + Others				
			5	+ 1 = 6

- Refer to paragraph 7.5 Scoring System under RAN Rules:

One (1) Bonus point will be awarded for each category if 3 (three) fish are caught. An additional one (1) bonus point will be awarded to teams who have **filled** all 5 categories, 19 fish in total.



The following regulations are to be followed by any Club hosting a competition sanctioned by River Angling Namibia in 2024

Fishing & Scoring Rules:

1. General

- 1.1 All competing anglers must be in possession of a valid Angling License for the body of water on which the event is to be held.
- 1.2 All competing boats must be registered with the Ministry of Inland Fisheries of Namibia.
- 1.3 A Team based format will be used; each team may consist of a maximum of three (3) anglers (including a guide, if used) and a minimum of two (2) anglers per boat. Exceptions may be made for camera crews or officials with approval from the hosting Club.
- 1.4 Only registered team members will be permitted to fish from their team's boat as specified at registration. Should unforeseen circumstances arise and a team is disbanded, team members may join other teams only with the written permission from the hosting club.
- 1.5 No angling will be permitted from the riverbank and all anglers to remain on the boat at all times, except in the case of an emergency.
- 1.6 All anglers have the right to act as deputies. If he/she sees any rule infringements by other anglers during the event, such incidents may be reported in writing to the Marshals with concrete evidence in place. The Marshals shall deal with such incidents on a merit basis and the Marshals decision will be final.
- 1.7 There will be no tackle or line restrictions.
- 1.8 Only two (2) lines per angler will be permitted in the water at any time as per Inland Fisheries Regulations 2003
- 1.9 No Nets (except landing nets), Nightlines or Ground baiting will be permitted.
- 1.10 Obtaining of fish and baits during competition hours from locals on the water is strictly prohibited.
- 1.11 Live bait may only be bought after competition hours on availability.
- 1.12 No team/registered member may use their boat or any other boat for recreational and/or fishing activities on the body of water to be fished for a period of 5 days prior to the date of the Captains Meeting of the event. Should a team experience a technical problem, they may request special permission from the host club to resolve such issues on the water in writing; however, they will need to be accompanied by an appointed marshal.
- 1.13 "No Wake" Zones are to be adhered to at all times.
- 1.14 "No Fishing" Zones are to be adhered to as instructed by the host club.
- 1.15 The International water rule applies: **Keep Right and Pass Left**
- 1.16 No Angler is permitted to sit on a swivel or deck chair whilst the boat is on plane.
- 1.17 It is expected of all teams to comply with good river/angling etiquette. Slow down when passing other boats close to the bank and keep casting distance, fifty (50) meters from static boats and a hundred (100) meters from drifting boats. Please respect the locals next to or on the water, especially Mokoros.
- 1.18 Tag procedures to be followed as instructed by the host club.

2. Boat Requirements (To be inspected at registration)

Each boat must have:

- 2.1 A fully serviced and functional fire extinguisher on board for the duration of the competition. (gauge needle in the green)
- 2.2 One (1) Life Jacket per person
- 2.3 Yellow Flag (size; 1m x 1m)
- 2.4 First Aid Kit
- 2.5 Working Navigational Lights that are clearly visible, Red & Green at the bow and White at the stern.
- 2.6 Working 'Live-Well' with at least an oxygen or circulation pump, the marshal will determine if your 'Live-Well' is to their satisfaction. A bucket/container on its own is not acceptable.
- 2.7 A Video recording device to the satisfaction of the marshal.
- 2.8 Boat and Fishing Licenses for all anglers

Minor Boat Inspection (To be done before angling commences on every day)

- Tag with your team number
- Life Jackets (one per angler)
- Measuring mat
- Video Recording Device
- "Live-Well" *NO score-able Fish Species allowed
*Permissible "Live Bait Fish" allowed

Score-able Fish species defined as:

Tiger Fish, Barbel, Squeaker, Nembwe, Humpback, Thinface, Purpleface, Three-spot, Redbreast, Pink Happy, Green happy, Greenhead and Rainbow Happy

Permissible "Live Bait Fish" defined as:

Any **non-score-able** specie that is native to the body of water being fished that complies with the minimum length prescribed by the Ministry of Inland Fisheries of Namibia.

After inspection is completed, each team will receive a day sticker/tag and may then proceed to the starting area.

3. Emergency or Break Down Protocols

- 3.1 In the case of a team experiencing an emergency or break down, they should flag down another team with their yellow flag (1m x 1m). All teams are obliged to stop at a boat flagging them down, however it is up to that team to decide on the extent of help they are able to provide.
- 3.2 Should a team be unable to return to camp due to a break down they are permitted to send one (1) angler with another boat back to the venue to report the problem to the marshals.
- 3.3 Above angler should take the teams Tag, Measuring mat and Video recording device with them and report to the marshals. The broken-down team will be permitted to transfer live fish from their 'live-well' to another boats 'live-well' supported with video footage of said action. The marshals will investigate the situation and make a decision on whether or not points for the day will be allocated. In such incidents the tag should still be returned before the cut-off time for the day.
- 3.4 A Vehicle and trailer may go to collect the broken-down boat if it were to become stranded.
- 3.5 Should a team's boat become inoperable they may switch to an alternative boat as long as the marshals are informed and the boat is inspected and complies with all the Boat Requirements.
- 3.6 Teams may NOT call a break down for fuel shortages. They may ask fellow competitors for fuel but under no circumstances may they pre-arrange for fuel to be collected at Lodges or residents along the river.

- 3.7 If a team does not arrive back at the venue before the allocated cut-off time, ALL fish for the day will be forfeited and NO POINTS WILL BE ALLOCATED. Tag procedures to be followed.

4. Measuring of Fish

Each team will be provided with a measuring mat on which ALL fish will be measured and scored according to length, including the main prize fish. Should a team feel that their respective mat is not up to standard they should bring it under the attention of the marshals. In the case of a team losing their mat during competition hours, they will be permitted to use another team's mat for their videos, however the anglers name and team number must be clearly audible in the video with all other video requirements adhered to.

To measure your fish: wet your mat and place the fish with its mouth **closed** against the aluminium strip and measure the longest point of the tail, you may manipulate the tail by rubbing it flat with your hand. No 'Lip Grips' are allowed inside the mouth of the fish, **except** for barbel where the lip grip may be held to the side of the mouth.

- 4.1 No DEAD fish will be accepted at the measuring station, exceptions will be made for Tiger Fish, however anglers are encouraged to try and keep their Tiger Fish alive.
- 4.2 Live fish will be deemed to show signs of 'Live' and the marshal will determine if a fish is considered dead or alive and their decision will be final.
- 4.3 Should a team present the marshals with a fish deemed to be dead, the team will be penalized with the score value of that fish. (Excluding Tiger fish)

5. Video Recordings:

All fish need to be video recorded with a suitable digital device with videos being continuous, clear and uninterrupted. The Marshals shall have the right to disallow any video if the quality is of such nature that they are unable to see clearly.

Recording requirements - Video must show the following:

- Fish in Landing net
- Live Fish on measuring mat
- Day Tag/Sticker and Team Number
- Full view of fish on measuring mat (from head to tail)
- Closed mouth of fish against aluminium plate
- Use culling system on mat to clearly indicate your fish (No. 1,2,3,4 or 5)
- Live release – fish swimming away on its own.
- In Case of Fish that needs to go to the measuring station, the Live release should be done into the 'Live-Well'

- 5.1 Fish that qualify to be brought to the measuring station, still needs to be video recorded and the video will make out part of the scrutinizing process by the marshal.
- 5.2 Team's, may not delete any videos for the duration of the competition. Should there be any discrepancies on any video that is no longer available for the marshals to verify if required, no points will be allocated.
- 5.3 In the event of a team upgrading a fish on the same day that qualified to be brought to the measuring station, that team will be permitted to retake the video of the first fish, from start to finish, however this time the live release should be back into the river. Exceptions will be made for Tiger Fish that died.
- 5.4 Once a team has filled a category and/or specie, they may only bring videos/fish to the measuring station that upgrades/improves their team's bag.
- 5.5 It is the team's responsibility to cull their videos and present the correct videos to the measuring station.
- 5.6 Should a team experience any type of failure with their video recording device, they should report it to the Head

marshal before the end of the particular days weigh-in. The Head marshal may make a decision on the validity of the videos - situation dependant. Such videos shall be shown to the marshals before the start of the next fishing day.

6. Fish Categories:

Fish species have been categorized as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Min Length (mm)</u>	<u>Day 1 (mm)</u>	<u>Filled Bag</u>
6. Tiger Fish	450 mm	730 mm	3
7. Barbel	500 mm	1000 mm	3
8. Squeaker	150 mm	250 mm	3
9. Large Mouth Bream	250 mm	480 mm	5
Nembwe			
Humpback			
Thinface			
Purpleface			
10. Small Mouth Bream	200 mm	400 mm	5
Three Spot			
Redbreast			
Greenhead			
Pink Happy + Others			

Others defined as:

Dusky, Green Happy and Rainbow Happy

- 6.1 Teams may bring a maximum of three (3) videos to the measuring station per day for the following categories, Tiger Fish, Barbel and Squeaker
- 6.2 Teams may bring a maximum of five (5) videos to the measuring station per day for the Large Mouth Bream and Small Mouth Bream categories, with a maximum of three (3) videos per specie.
- 6.3 On day one (1), fish that are equal to or longer than the following may be brought to the measuring station:

Tiger Fish	730 mm
Barbel	1 000 mm
Squeaker	250 mm
Large Mouth Bream	480 mm
Small Mouth Bream	400 mm

NB! A Video still needs to be made for these fish! (See 5.1)

- 6.4 Teams may only bring one (1) qualifying fish per category to the measuring station. Should a team catch more than one fish on a specific day that qualifies to be brought to the measuring station, they should only bring the longest fish. (See 5.3)
- 6.5 On day two (2), three (3) and four (4), the host club will display/inform the anglers of the minimum lengths for all five (5) categories that qualify to be brought to the measuring station for each respective day. Only fish that are longer than those minimum lengths provided may then be brought to the measuring station.
- 6.6 Teams may upgrade/improve their lengths during the course of the competition period, in accordance with 5.4

7. Scoring System

Points will be allocated per fish using a factor system as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Points per 100cm</u>
Tiger Fish	3.2
Barbel	2.2
Squeaker	8
Large Mouth Bream	5
Small Mouth Bream	5.1

E.g.: A Nembwe of 500 mm (50cm) will equal the following points: $50\text{cm}/100 \times 5 = 2.5 \text{ points}$

A Tiger Fish of 800 mm (80cm) will equal the following points: $80\text{cm}/100 \times 3.2 = 2.56 \text{ points}$

- 7.1 ALL Fish will be scored by length only.
- 7.2 Scoring will be done in a team format
- 7.3 Each team's longest three (3) Tiger Fish, Barbel and Squeaker will be scored.
- 7.4 Each team's longest five (5) Large Mouth Bream and Small Mouth Bream will be scored, with a maximum of three (3) fish per specie.
- 7.5 One (1) Bonus point will be awarded for each category filled and an additional one (1) bonus point for filling all five (5) categories.
- 7.6 Overall results will be determined by the accumulative score of each category in addition with bonus and/or penalty points. The winner will be the team with the most points.
- 7.7 Any discrepancy on a team's score should be reported to the marshals before the next fishing day.
- 7.8 In the event of two teams finishing on equal points, the tie will be broken with the team with the most points for their Tiger Fish category being awarded the better position.
- 7.9 In the event of a tie occurring for a category/fish species, the tie will be broken by looking at the teams second longest fish in that category/fish species and the team with the longest second fish will be awarded the accolade.

8. Penalties

Penalties will be dealt with by using a card system, which the marshals may award to teams depending on the severity of transgressions.

Legend of Cards that may be used:

- PINK Card Information Purposes only, small transgressions – (No scoring penalties)
- YELLOW Card Warning, Repeat Transgressions – (May incur 1 scoring point penalty)
- RED Card Disqualification

- 8.1 The marshals have the right to impose penalty cards on teams and or individuals depending on the severity of the transgression. The marshal's decision will be final!
- 8.2 Should a major transgression occur, either by a team or individual, such incident will be investigated by the host club in conjunction with RAN. Should the party/s involved be found guilty, RAN reserves the right to ban such team/individual for a maximum period of 5 years from competing in any RAN sanctioned event.
- 8.3 Any grievances or complaints after the completion of the event should be submitted in writing and addressed to the presiding committee/s for further investigation.