



International Amateur Spearfishing Competition, 2019

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Rules of the International Amateur Spearfishing Competition “LLPF TAURÉ 2019” (hereinafter referred to as Rules) define the objects, gear, methods, mode, and procedure of the competition, regulate other activities of the competition. This competition is not a sports event, therefore, the Law on Physical Education and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania is not applicable.
2. The Rules are applied to the competition, organized by LLPF (Lithuanian Federation of Spearfishing and Free Diving Associations), at Alaušas Lake.
3. The participants shall not be subject to clauses 7 of the Rules for Amateur Fishing in Inland Waters, providing for restricted spearfishing, upon agreeing on it with the management of Utena Regional Environmental Protection Department, according to the possibilities, provided in the Rules for Amateur Fishing in Inland Waters. It is allowed by clause 9 of the Rules for Amateur Fishing in Inland Waters.
4. All other rules herein are in compliance with the Rules for Amateur Fishing in Inland Waters.
5. Date of the competition: 21-21 July, 2019.

II. DEFINITIONS

1. **Participant** – a participant, who is at least 18 years old, and has paid a participant’s entry fee, and is familiar with the rules of competition and safe conduct. Individuals under the age of 18, who have expressed a wish to participate in the competition, must provide written consent from their parents or guardians.
2. **Mandatory gear of the participants** – a float, a speargun, a suit, fins, a snorkel, a mask, a knife, quick-release weight or other weight system, and a fish lock.
3. **Site of the competition** – Alaušas Lake Equatorium
4. **Duration of the competition** – 6 hours on the first day of the competition, 6 hours on the second day of the competition.
5. **Object of the competition** – eligible catches, their quantity and weight, provided for herein.

6. **Competition fees** – all participant and guest fees, related with organization of the competition, provided for herein.
7. **Individual ranking** – total amount of the personal points of the participant.
8. **Team ranking**– total amount of the points of the team, made up of at min two and max three participants.

III. MODE OF THE COMPETITION

COMPETITION SITE

The competition will take place at Alaušas Lake. The competition will start in two sectors, depending on the number of the participants. A sector of the competitions will be chosen by the participants themselves during both days. Finishing is possible in any competition sector, regardless of which sector the participant started in. The specific sector locations will be announced by the judges on the day of the competition! Quarantine for the competition – there will be quarantine at the Alaušas Lake from 13 to 19 July, 2019. During the quarantine, the participants are prohibited from underwater fishing and diving in the lake. If the participants do not follow the quarantine, all points of the first day of the competition will be deducted.

OBJECT OF THE COMPETITION

Eligible catches and their size:

- Pike, carp- from 1000 grams.
- Eel – from 800 g.
- Sheatfish – from 4000 grams.
- All other fish – from 500 grams.

Maximum catches per one participant per one day of the competition:

- 3 (three) pcs. of pike and eel;
- 1 (one) sheatfish
- No quantity limitations are applied to all other fish.

COURSE OF THE COMPETITION

Upon the start of the competition, before going into and after going out of the water, the participant must register at the judge. Before that he must have given written consent that he / she is familiarized with the rules of competition and safe conduct, and agrees to follow these Rules during the competition. By signing, the participant assumes full responsibility for his actions and potential threats to his health and life and to health and life of the surrounding people. The participant must make sure that the judge has noted down the participant's number, the start and the finish location. Before the start, each participant must make sure that they have all the mandatory equipment specified in the Rules. The competitor can start at any time, but not earlier than the judges give the signal to start, and not later than the finish of the competition is announced.

The participant can finish at any time during the competition. In the event the condition of the competitor becomes worse, it is necessary to immediately signal to the judges or other closest persons. The event organizers must be informed about the worsened condition. During the competition, all participants shall follow the rules of the competition and other rules of amateur fishing in inland waters.

After completing that day's competition, the participant gives all the hunted fish and the participant's number to the sector judge, who puts the fish into the bags and presents it for weighing. Before giving the fish to the judge, it is necessary to make sure that all fish is already dead. The participant, who finishes without catches at the end of the competition, must also register at the sector judge. Penalty points shall be given in case of failure to comply with this requirement. On the first day of the competition, the fish of all participants will not be given back!

GEAR OF THE PARTICIPANTS

- Suit – a diving suit that protects the diver from environmental impact and physical contact with fauna and flora of the lake.
- Mask - a part of the gear that allows the diver to see the water more clearly.
- Snorkel – using it, the diver can breathe on the surface of the water.

- Fins - a part of the gear that helps the diver to dive under water and on the surface of the water.
- Float - a bright color float that allows the competitor, the diver to be seen by others. The size, shape and color of the float are not regulated, so the competitor himself decides on its size, shape and color.
- Fishing lock- a part of the gear to keep the fish. Fishing lock is attached to the participant or his float.
- Knife - the knife and its tray must be attached to the diver's suit or other piece of equipment close to the body so that, if necessary, it could be used.
- Quick-release weight, weight system – weight or weight system to compensate for the buoyancy of the diver; if necessary, must be able to be quickly removed from the diver's suit.
- Speargun – a tool for hunting fish. Spearguns can be of different designs and are chosen by the competitor at his own discretion. Several guns can be used during the competition. The maximum length of a speargun, measured from the rear part to the front part of a speargun (without a harpoon), must not exceed 120 cm.
- Harpoon tips - a structural part of the harpoon, designed to hunt different fish species. Single and multi-spear harpoon tips may be used. According to the Rules for Amateur Fishing in Inland Waters, multi-spear harpoon tips can be used only for eel hunting. Multi-spear harpoon tips must not be wider than 10 cm. A single-spear tip is used to hunt all other fish species, its structure and size are not regulated.

METHODS OF CALCULATION, PENALTY POINTS

- 1 g - 1 point, all catches of the participant are weighted.
- Maximum weight of one fish, converted to points, is 5000 g.
- Bonus points – 500 bonus points for each eligible fish.
- Penalty points:
 - Pike, carp up to 800 grams – minus 500 points.
 - Catfish up to 3000 grams – minus 500 points.
 - All other fish up to 300 grams – minus 500 points.
 - If, after the competition time, the participant is late to return to the shore and to register at the judge for up to 1 minute, he shall be subject to minus 3000 points and disqualification for the day.
 - In case of failure to comply with the requirement of a safe distance between the participants (25 meters), the participants shall be subject to penalty of minus 1000 points. This rule shall not be applicable to the participants under age of 18, who will be supervised, accompanied by parents or other responsible persons during the competition.
 - In case of failure to register at the judge at the start or finish, all points of the day shall be annulled.

FORBIDDEN DURING THE COMPETITION

- The participants are forbidden to exchange or otherwise trade catches with other participants. In case of failure to comply with this requirement, both participants shall be disqualified from the competition.
- The participants are forbidden to come closer than 25 meters from the float of the other participant.
- The participants are strictly forbidden to throw away or hide the hunted fish. All hunted fish must be given to the judges. In case of failure to comply with this requirement, the participants shall be disqualified from the competition.
- The participants, who are under the influence of alcohol or other psychotropic substances, will not be allowed to participate in the competition on that day.
- The participants are forbidden to remove their personal floats during the competition.
- The participants are forbidden to use sonars, echo-sounders and sticks to catch and search for fish, as well as motor or rowboats. It is also strictly forbidden to use artificial breathing devices.

IV. FINAL PROVISIONS

FEES

- Entry fee – 25 euros.
- Accommodation: in the area of the competition, accommodation is available only in tents. Tent fee – 4,0 euros per person. Electricity, shower and toilet is available in the area. More information about accommodation: <https://www.sudeikiai.utena.lm.lt/index.php/lt-lt/poilsaviete>

For those arriving with families and looking for more comfortable accommodation, we recommend booking apartments in the nearest rural tourism homesteads near Alaušas Lake. You should take care of it by yourself:

<http://www.atostogoskaime.lt/lt/sodyba/sodyba-alausyne>

<https://www.alausoslenis.lt>

<http://www.atostogoskaime.lt/sodyba/sodyba-menulioilanka>

• All participants and guests of the competition will be served dinner on Saturday. On the second day of the competition, the sponsors will serve quick breakfast and non-alcoholic beverages.

Our sponsors:

Prize pool: 4Diving, Diugonis, X-PRO, Freediving.lt, Batiskaf Riga.

Other sponsors: Elmenhorster, AUGA group.



AWARDS

Prize winners will be awarded both in personal and team records. Also, a separate award will be given the biggest catch. The prize winners will be awarded with: LLPF Federation Cup, medals, diplomas and sponsored gifts. Prize winners: 1st place in a personal ranking, 2nd place in a personal ranking, 3rd place in a personal ranking “Prize for the biggest catch” in a personal record, 1st place in team ranking, 2nd place in team ranking and 3rd place in a team ranking.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Rights:

- To participate in the competition without any restrictions as regards age, gender and nationality, in accordance with the rules of the competition;
- To inform the competition judges about any discrepancies observed during the event;
- To make claims, regarding calculation of the points, within 5 hours;
- To be familiarized with the procedure, course of the competition, as well as with the rules of safe conduct in the water and with a speargun;
- To withdraw from the competition at any time by informing the judges about your decision (the entry fee is not refundable).

Obligations:

- To pay the entry fee;
- To follow all rules of the competition;
- To follow the rules of safe conduct with a speargun in the water;
- Have a card for the underwater fishing on lake Alaušas during all competitions;
- To assume personal responsibility for your illegal, dangerous actions during the event.

V. RULES OF SAFE CONDUCT DURING THE COMPETITION

I Diving

- Diving under the influence of drugs, alcohol and other psychotropic substances is forbidden;
- It is not recommended to dive if you feel bad, have a runny nose;

While diving, the diving mode must be followed: time for breathing above the water should not be less than time under water;

- While diving, it is always necessary to have a float or otherwise mark the place where it is dived;
- The equipment must be so that there would always be positive buoyancy on the surface;
- You should always monitor, assess your condition and avoid unnecessary risks when diving;
- When diving with other persons, it is always necessary to look after each other, as in the event of an accident, you will be the only people able to help each other;
- It is necessary to know the basics of first aid and, if necessary, provide it;
- Avoid overheating in the sun;
- Avoid contact, do not touch nets, if found.

II Speargun

- It is forbidden to swim, dive with the loaded speargun in the recreational areas;
- It is forbidden to load the speargun or keep it loaded on land, above the water level;
- It is forbidden to turn the loaded speargun towards the people or up;
- If a speargun is loaded during non-fishing, the only safe direction of a speargun is down;
- The shooting trajectory should be so that not to endanger others;
- It is forbidden to shoot at locations or objects that are difficult to see. The shot is made only when it is sure that it will not endanger others;
- When landing, a speargun must be unloaded;
- Do not use a speargun, if you have any suspicion that its mechanism is damaged.

III Storage of a speargun

- It is forbidden to store, transport, keep a loaded speargun;
- It is forbidden to store a speargun in the sunshine or other environment, where the air temperature is high;
- It is forbidden to keep a speargun in places easily accessible by children.

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