

# Regulations NK Bellyboatfishing



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## NK Bellyboat Fishing

The NK Bellyboat fishing has been organized for years, since January 01, 2024 Frank van Vliet (Roofvisweb.nl) owns the NK Bellyboat fishing. A gathering with bellyboat anglers from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and France among others. An 'open' Dutch Championship.

A clear and unambiguous set of rules is necessary in this type of sport fishing contests. We have laid down herein the rules for participation in the competitions and during the competitions. In cases of discussion, the organization has the last word.

## Organization

The organization was previously organized by another party, as of now organized by Frank van Vliet (Roofvisweb.nl). Every year five competitions for the NK Bellyboatfishing are organized. Hereby there is an annual fight for the title;

### **“Dutch Champion Bellyboat Fishing”**

The organization aims to hold the competitions on varied waters at various locations in the Netherlands. The reception and award ceremony will be held in the vicinity of the competition location.

## Regulations

To achieve the title of Dutch Bellyboat Fishing Champion, the emphasis is on mastering various techniques for catching pike, zander and perch.

## Main issues

- The NK Bellyboat Fishing is a predatory fishing sport fishing competition based on catch & release. The fish caught should be treated with care and respect;
- It is an open championship in which any bellyboat angler can participate;
- Participation is entirely at one's own risk;
- Only lures may be fished for pike, zander and perch.

## Participation

- Age from 14 years, organization reserves the right to refuse a participant (regardless of age);
- Register until the maximum number of participants is reached, register by email at [info@nkbellyboatvissen.nl](mailto:info@nkbellyboatvissen.nl); indicate in the e-mail which contests you are entering and share your contact information;
- Registration is final upon receipt of the entry fee. Full payment 20 days prior to the first race will guarantee participation;
- No refunds possible after payment, the organization reserves the right to make exceptions herein;
- Each participant must possess the necessary license/fish pass ([www.sportvisserijnederland.nl](http://www.sportvisserijnederland.nl)), we will check if the participants have the fishpass when you will get your participantnumber (inchecken), if you don't have it, not participating, and be familiar with the regulations;
- The organization will provide at least 3 Marshall boats that will measure and record the fish;
- By participating in the competitions, the participant agrees to the regulations. In cases not covered by these regulations, the organization will decide;
- The organization of the NK Bellyboat Fishing cannot be held responsible for any accidents, damage, loss or theft of equipment;



- By participating in the match of the NK Bellyboat fishing does the participant agree with the rules of the NK Bellyboatfishing, The participant follows the rules.

## Location

- Competition locations will be communicated to participants in a timely manner. A map of the course will be published and handed out on race day clearly indicating the course of the race.
- Fish caught off course do not count
  - The 1st time fishing off course, a warning follows immediately
  - Repeated off-course fishing will result in point deduction and/or disqualification
- Until the Wednesday before the contest, pre-fishing is allowed on the course. The days before the competition this will be checked. If a competitor is spotted fishing on the course from Wednesday to Friday prior to the competition, this will result in disqualification..

## The Match

- Game start is 08:00 a.m;
- At 7 a.m. participants will gather at the place designated by the organization, here competition numbers will be issued and a short briefing will follow;
- Starting at 7:30 a.m., one may enter the water and move toward the starting line;
- Participants will remain BACK of the control boats and/or starting line at all times when sailing out until the start signal is given;
- Fishing is allowed from the start signal, starting earlier may result in a warning or disqualification from the race;
- The start signal will be given by a clearly audible sound signal by the organization or designated control boat;
- Each participant must arrive at the course on time under their own power with or without the assistance of their own electric motor and/or paddles. There will be no waiting for participants who are not yet in the water at the start of the race;
- In case of cancellation due to weather, fishing will be conducted on another date. Any fallback day has been communicated, the Saturday immediately following the scheduled races;
- It could be possible that the match will start later due the weather (fog), the organization will decide what to do. If possible there could be an option to end later that day. We don't arrange a other moment to catch in the time for the time there cannot be fished that day.
- In case of cancellation due to weather, fishing will be conducted on another date, if that also is not possible we don not give restitution of the participantpayment
- Electric motor and/or paddles are allowed;
- Each participant must be in possession of his participant number, issued by the organization. If the participant does not give his number with the fish to be measured to the Marshall, that fish will not count. If the number is lost, the participant with 100 penalty cm's can get another number from the main marshal. Second time loss will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification;
- For fishing with different fishing methods max. 3 rods are allowed provided the necessary permits are met. However, max. 1 rod and 1 piece of lure will be fished on centimeters and the following predatory fish count: pike from 45 cm, zander from 42 cm, perch from 22 cm. All live fish caught at the rod counts;
- Quota per heat/race day:
  - Pike 3 largest,
  - Zander 5 largest,
  - Perch 5 largest.



- For example, if one catches 6 pike, the 3 largest will count for the day's ranking;
- The fish should be presented for measurement immediately after being caught, smaller fish may be temporarily kept in a life net, provided the fish are given adequate space;
  - The participant should use the whistle (handed out when picking up the competition number) if he wants to offer a fish for measurement, surrounding participants are cordially invited to also alert the measuring boat;
  - The participant should "hand over" the fish caught in the Marshall's scoop net with his number, The fish will be immediately put back by the Marshall after measurement and photo with number;
  - The size indicated by the Marshall is binding, no discussion is possible about this;
  - The contestant must land the fish himself, Marshalls may not directly scoop the fish;
  - Marshalls may not assist participants in any other way and/or provide info that could benefit a participant;
  - Caught fish may be rejected if they exhibit one or more of the following characteristics;
    - Swim bladder;
    - Blown-up eyes;
    - Do not swim away after measurement;
  - The marshall forwards the photos to the organization after that the above indicated points do not occur. The organization reserves the right to reject/not count fish;
  - All lures allowed within the SVN are allowed, so fly fishing with the fly rod is also allowed;
  - **We encourage lead-free fishing referring to the objectives of Sportvisserij Nederland;**
  - Each participant must follow the legal (sport fishing related) rules;
  - The exact course will be announced by email and social media. Before the start of the race, each participant will receive the course on paper;
  - During the competition, the use of flippers and approved life jacket or life is mandatory;
  - In the event of a strike and/or cancellation of the race and no restart of the race, the fish caught up to that point will count for the results. In case of strike there is no form or refund of the entry fee already paid

## Fish

- Pike 45 cm (44.9cm does not count), 3 largest per day counted;
- Zander 42 cm (41.9 cm does not count), 5 biggest per day counted;
- Perch 22 cm (21.9cm does not count), 5 largest per day count;
- Starting from the minimum size, the length will be rounded up from 0.5cm. The exact length will be kept if an ex aequo arises.

## Depth and distance

Maximum depth is 12 meters (bottom), so no pelagic fishing at 6 meters while it is 15 meters deep. A maximum slack of 1 meter is kept so if a participant accidentally gets to 13 meters depth they will get a warning;

- Deliberate/continuous fishing at 14 meters results in disqualification at the 2nd warning;
- If one accidentally does get deeper than 12 meters, the rod should be brought in immediately (bait visible at the surface).
- Distance between participants should be at least 8 meters.



## Safety

- Each participant is expected to take his/her responsibility regarding safety;
- The use of a top light is a mandatory in twilight and darkness (referring to the guidelines of Sportvisserij Nederland ( a round shining top light at a height of 1 meter);
- It is mandatory to wear an approved life jacket or life preserver visibly during the race in an appropriate way. Failure to follow this rule will automatically result in disqualification;

## Disqualification at

- Possessing or fishing with baitfish during competition;
- Misconduct towards participants/organization/sponsors and/or third parties;
- Previous misconduct during previous competitions automatically means exclusion from participation in NK Bellyboatfishing competitions;
- Give own caught fish to another participant;
- Taking fish from another participant;
- Coarse comments (swearing, cursing, etc.) during the race on race officials and/or Marshalls;
- For start match fishing;
- At the 2nd warning for off-course fishing/finding;
- At the 2nd warning for fishing deeper than 12 meters;
- 2nd time losing match number;
- All other ways of cheating;
- Failure to wear an approved life jacket or life preserver in an appropriate way.;
- Failure to comply with the prescribed rules in the regulations automatically results in disqualification;
- Disqualification of participants will be determined solely by the organization  
\*\* there will not be any restitution of money with disqualification

## Points system competition ( day winner and overall classification winner)

- Whoever caught the most number of inches of size predatory fish;
- If a contestant catches at least 2 species from the minimum size during a contest day, the total daily score will be multiplied by a factor of 1.2. If a competitor catches 3 species from the minimum size during the competition day, the total daily score will be multiplied by a factor of 1.5. Species means pike, zander and perch;
- The Day Winner gets 1 point, #2 gets 2 points etc. etc..;
- Competitors who did not present a size fish for measurement will receive the number of points of the last finished competitor who presented a fish for measurement plus 1 point;
- The one who has the least number of points after the total competitions organized becomes Dutch Champion Bellyboat Fishing;
- The contest results will be published in the week after the contest and as soon as possible on the various communication channels of the NK Bellyboat Fishing as well as the contest reports;



## Prizes

The sponsors of the NK Bellyboat Fishing make the prize table possible in the form of products, vouchers or cash money. The following positions in the standings are provided prizes by the sponsors:

- Day winner 1st to 3rd place (cash) prize in the day's standings \*;
- Overall winner 1st to 6th place (cash) prize in the standings \*;
- Day winner prize for largest pike; Prize for largest pikeperch; Prize for largest perch;
- Overall winner for largest pike; largest pikeperch; largest perch \*;
- Awarded/won vouchers will be issued by name, this will be communicated to the respective sponsors. Vouchers are not transferable!

*\* NB; If you do not show up at the prize-giving ceremony at the organization, the prizes will go to the next participant in the results.*

## Privacy

- We cooperate with various federations of Sportvisserij Nederland as well as the sponsors. We provide these organizations with catch reports of the contest. These reports include the total length and number of fish with the name of the participant;
- The organization will take footage during the competition that will be used for marketing purposes;
- The participant, by registering for the competitions, declares that they agree to the use of the participant's visual material and naming for marketing purposes by the organization, and affiliated organizations/companies;

## Colophon & contact

For questions, complaints and/or comments, please contact the organization.

The organization of the NK Bellyboatfishing is always open for constructive criticism or substantive questions. To prevent these matters from leading a life of their own we would therefore like to ask all participants or interested parties to send their comments or criticism on the NK Bellyboatfishing to e-mail to the organisation.

### **NK Bellyboat Fishing general information:**

Website: [www.nkbellyboatvissen.nl](http://www.nkbellyboatvissen.nl)

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