

World Koi Carp Classic Bowfishing Rules

1. The World Koi Carp Classic is open to all financial NZBS members.
2. The Classic is a bowfishing only event. All lakes, rivers and streams in the Waikato River catchment are eligible for hunting.
3. Only those who have completed an entry form and paid the appropriate entry fee will be allowed to compete.
4. Entries will be allowed up to the start of the shoot provided payment is made and the NZBS administrator notified before hunting commences.
5. All ties will be decided by the weigh-in time. The first fish to be weighed-in wins.

Divisions

The following divisions will be competed for:

1. Waikato River Authority Trophy (1st 2nd 3rd medals) for heaviest koi carp.
2. Department of Conservation Teams Trophy (1st 2nd 3rd medals) for heaviest weight of koi carp shot by a team of two (unassisted) for the weekend.
3. Rock Solid Junior Trophy (1st medal) for heaviest koi carp shot by a junior.
4. Heaviest koi carp Saturday
5. Heaviest koi carp Sunday
6. Heaviest koi carp by a new member (this replaces the previous heaviest white carp division)
7. Most koi carp
8. Most koi carp by a junior
9. Most koi carp by a woman
10. Smallest koi carp
11. Heaviest other fish (excluding perch, rudd, tench, eels and hybrid carp)

Weigh-in

1. The weigh in times are: **Saturday 5pm to 7pm, Sunday 2pm to 4pm**. Any fish not on site before the shut off times will be disallowed. This rule will be rigidly enforced.
2. Only fish shot between dawn and the weigh in time of the day can be entered for that day.
3. It is important that all weed be cleared from boats, trailers, fish bins etc and not brought to the weigh-in site as several pest species such as alligator weed and golden dodder are present in Waikato lakes and rivers.
4. **All fish must be dead** – it is an offence to have live koi in your possession.
5. Please use the official bins provided and have your fish counted and in bins before they come to scale.
6. Competitors will be asked to supply their team name or entry name, total number of koi carp shot (individual totals, not team total) and general location of their hunting area (ie name of lake or river).
7. All competitors to be present and assist in the weighing of their fish. All fish will be weighed in bulk except for any fish that could qualify for an individual prize.
8. The team who have just weighed their fish are to assist the next group.
9. No fish are to be taken away from the site except by the authorised disposal agent.
10. Anyone arriving after the close-off times may still have their fish weighed so they can be included in the overall carp classic tally, but these fish will not be eligible for individual or team totals.
11. **Judges decision will be final.**
12. At the end of the event competitors will be asked to assist with cleaning up the site and disposal of fish.
13. Your weigh in form will be used for the gathering of statistics and as your official claim form for the total number of koi carp shot (so please keep your own personal tally even if you are shooting in a team). However if you have shot any other types of fish you will need to claim them separately.

Prize-giving

1. All competitors winning prizes should remain for the prize giving.
2. Prize giving will be at 5pm Sunday or as soon as results known.
3. Ballot prizes will only go to those present.
4. Remember to thank those who worked for you to put on this shoot and please support our sponsors.