



PRO MANIA ANGLING RULES: AUGUST 2019

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1. PARTICIPATION

Rule 1.1 Footwear

During all competitions all participants shall for the duration of the competition wear appropriate footwear and will not be allowed to take it off. If a participant does not adhere to this rule, he will be warned once. If the competitor commits the offence again on the same day, he will immediately be disqualified.

Rule 1.2 Illness

An angler may withdraw during a competition due to physical or health circumstances.

Rule 1.3 Personal reasons

A member may, for personal reasons, leave the angling area before the end of the competition.

2. CONTROL

Rule 2.1 Officials

Officials will be appointed by Pro Mania's management to regulate and control the day's activities during Classics and during the Final. With normal Pro Mania's, organisers will be the highest authority.

Rule 2.2 Disputes

Any dispute which originates during a competition, must be settled by either the organiser on a normal competition or main official on a Classic or Final. If the involved angler/s does not agree with the decision, the fish in dispute must be weighed and this case referred to Pro Mania's management committee. Such an appeal must be accompanied by the complete testimonies of all the persons involved.

Rule 2.3 Duration of the competition

The duration of the competition with regards to the responsibilities of the officials and their mandate to act in accordance to the prescribed Pro Mania angling rules, extends from the draw in the morning until the end of the weigh-in.

3. ORGANIZATION

Rule 3.1 Organisers

Organisers must be registered as an organiser with Pro Mania.

Rule 3.2 Participation

Any person can join Pro Mania and any person can participate in the Pro Mania fishing competitions. All competitions will be accessible to any angler.



Rule 3.3 Misconduct

Participation in a Pro Mania competition may be refused by Pro Mania management if the angler was previously suspended or if he made himself guilty of misconduct on any previous occasion.

Rule 3.4 Competition Bookings

The Pro Mania management must be notified of any planned Pro Mania competition at least 5 days, thus by the Monday before 13:00, of the competition. The Pro Mania management must be informed of the location for the Pro Mania competition when the booking is made.

Rule 3.5 Last event

The last Pro Mania of the year that will be allowed to be hosted by an organiser will be two weekends before the start of the Final.

Rule 3.6 Cancellation

The Pro Mania management must be informed of the cancellation of a Pro Mania competition at least 3 days, before the Wednesday 12:00. Valid reasons must be provided for the cancellation of the competition.

Rule 3.7 Suspension

Pro Mania reserves the right to suspend any member or organiser if he makes himself guilty of any misconduct or dishonest behaviour.

Rule 3.8 Minimum participants

A Pro Mania Competition is valid when there are at least 8 anglers present of which 5 must be Pro Mania members.

4. DURATION OF COMPETITIONS

Rule 4.1 Sunrise/sunset

The angling time of competitions are not allowed to start before sunrise. The completion thereof after sunset is also not allowed. Angling must therefore be stopped at least one hour before sunset.

Rule 4.2 Angling period

During Pro Mania competitions, the angling period will always strive to be eight hours. Excluding external circumstances like dangerous weather and/or special arrangements with Pro Mania's management.

Each phase of an angling period will be indicated with an audible signal. The first signal indicates the start of the official angling time. At the end of the official angling time a further signal will be given and all anglers must immediately step back from their rods. Only fish that was already struck when the signal went off may be landed and put in the keep net. After the next signal



approximately one minute later, the anglers must immediately reel in their lines where after the fish will be weighed.

Rule 4.3 End of daily competition

The daily competition is done with only after the day's catch has been weighed-in, per zone, and the fish have been released in the water.

Rule 4.4 Lightning

Rule 4.4.1 Stop/start with regards to lightning

With normal Pro Manias, the discretion to halt or stop the competition lies solely with the organiser. Not all organizers will be in possession of lightning meters, but our organisers are trained to understand that with any dangerous situation, the siren should immediately be signalled. With Pro Mania Classics and the Final, the chief official will be in possession of a lightning meter. This lightning meter is to assist the Chief Official to determine in advance if lightning or a thunder storm is creating a dangerous situation. When the 6 to 12 mile (9.6 to 19.2 kilometres) indicator on the lightning meter indicates a dangerous situation, the Chief Official will immediately stop the competition by giving one long continues signal until all the participants have moved away from the water and have taken shelter. When the signal is given that the competition has been stopped due to the lightning activity, all participants will immediately take shelter. If an angler is busy playing a fish, he will immediately place the fishing rod back on its peg and take shelter.

After the storm has abated or passed, in other words the 6 to 12 miles (9.6 to 19.2 kilometres) indicator on the lightning meter indicates that it is safe and normal angling conditions are possible and there is enough time to proceed with the angling – 30 minutes or more – the competition can continue. Two short signals will indicate that the competition can be resumed. When the signal is given that it is safe and the competition can continue, the anglers may leave their shelter and handle his fishing rods again. If there is a fish hooked on his line, he may land it and put it in his holding net.

If the competition cannot continue, the normal signals to indicate the end of a competition will be given two minutes after the restart signal were given.

If the organiser or the chief official regarding this rule is not adhered to, that participant will be requested to leave the terrain immediately and his actions will be reported to the Pro Mania Management Committee for further action. The fish caught by such a participant, will not be taken into account for the competition.

Rule 4.4.2 Stop with regards to lightning after competition time has expired

If the competition time has expired and the organiser or chief official has not yet indicated that the conditions is safe by giving the lightning safe signal, no angler is allowed to exit his shelter. When the lightning signal is given that it is safe and the end of the competition has been signalled (two minutes later) then the angler must reel in his lines and if there is a fish on his line he can place it in his keep net.



Rule 4.4.3 Lightning and sunset

If the provision of rule 4.1 that a competition must end before sunset cannot be complied with in the case of the lightning rule, this provision is overruled. The weigh in shall commence as soon as possible after the thunderstorm has passed and the lightning signal has been given irrespective of the time it takes place.

5. FISHING EQUIPMENT

Rule 5.1 Regulations with regards to fishing rods

Participants are not allowed to fish with more than two fishing rods at any one time. Each rod will be equipped with a reel and only two single hooks are allowed to be tied to the trace. If the stipulation of the ordinance regarding fishing equipment is violated the angler will be disqualified immediately.

Rule 5.1.1 Equipped spare rods

Additional equipped rods are allowed but such rods must be placed behind the angler in a horizontal position on a rod peg not higher than 100 cm (1 meter) with the tips facing away from the water.

Rule 5.2 Prohibited equipment

No electrical or mechanical equipment that can assist in casting the bait into the water, to indicate a bite or to strike a fish will be allowed during a competition. The usage of electronic and acoustic bite signalling units are not allowed. The usage of remote controlled and echo scanner devices is forbidden.

Rule 5.2.1 Alarms

No alarms may be used.

Rule 5.3 Line thickness and records

Lines of any thickness may be used during competitions.

Rule 5.3.1 Prohibited lines

Braid and nanofil may only be used as hook lines. This means not as the main line, leader or shaft of a trace.

Rule 5.4 Artificial bait

No artificial bait is allowed during any competition (also refer to 5.4.6). No object that is manufactured of polystyrene, rubber or sponge is allowed to be placed on the hook line. Only organically digestible food may be used as bait.

Rule 5.4.1 Beads

Beads are only allowed on to the shaft line of a trace to protect the knots. No beads are allowed on the hook line.



Rule 5.4.2 Floats

Floats may not be used to lift the rig from the bottom.

Rule 5.4.3 Weights

Weights must be knotted permanently to a trace line and no throw away weights (drop off) of any kind will be allowed. It is not allowed to use soluble line to cast any weight into the water.

Rule 5.4.4 Soluble line

The official may request an angler to remove the feeding bait from the weight to ensure that there is no soluble line or a throw away weight on the fishing line. If the angler refuses, then the penalty will be an immediate disqualification.

Rule 5.4.5 Penalty with regards to 5.4 to 5.4.3

Anglers that trespasses rule 5.4 to rule 5.4.3 will receive a warning for a first offence of the rules and if it occurs again on the same day during the same competition the angler will be disqualified immediately.

Rule 5.4.6 Other facets

Equipment tailor-made for other facets may not be used for bank angling, e.g. rockets, cages and “ketties” (also refer to rule 5.4). Anglers that trespasses this rule will receive a warning for a first offence, and if it occurs again on the same day during the same competition, the angler will be disqualified immediately for the day.

Rule 5.5 Line thickness

When the event takes place at a venue where restriction with regards to thickness of lines apply, the restrictions need to be adhered to.

6. HANDLING OF FISHING EQUIPMENT

Rule 6.1 Angling area

The angling area of an angler extends rectangular with the general water line.

Rule 6.1.1 Casting action

The casting action is completed as soon as the bait hits the water. For the duration of the cast, the angler is required to stay behind his/her peg.

Rule 6.2 Casting direction

The angler can cast his bait from any position behind the casting border on the bank inside his angling area. The direction to cast is forward into the water.

Rule 6.3 Cleaning up of angling area

After a competition the angler will be responsible for the cleaning up of the angling area around him.



Rule 6.4 Play and land of fish

Competitors must play and land their fish within their angling area as far as possible.

Rule 6.5 Wading into the water

Competitors are allowed to enter the water to land a fish or to conduct angling related tasks such as the placement of holding nets or to untie angling lines. Competitors are however not allowed to enter deeper than their armpits (Seniors / Ladies / Masters / Amateurs) and hips (Juniors U/19) into the water and they must remain on their feet. No equipment other than a landing net may be used by the angler to land a fish.

Rule 6.6 Assistance

No person is allowed to exchange or hand over angling equipment and bait during any competition. No help or the handling of angling equipment from onlooker, team members and other Pro Mania members are allowed.

7. FISH CONSERVATION

Rule 7.1 Keep nets

Fish must be kept alive in keep nets which are specifically developed to safeguard fish i.e. the keep net must be specifically made to allow the fish free movement in it and the water must also have free flow through it. No other system of preserving the caught fish is allowed. If the keep net does not comply with this specification, the relevant fish will not be weighed. During competitions the keep nets must be placed on a stand or peg to enable the fish to move around freely. Keep nets must be placed as deep as possible in the water, or submerged along their full length. Under normal circumstances the keep nets must be placed so that it is visible to the officials and the other anglers.

Rule 7.2 Placement of keep nets

An angler may place his/her keep nets on any side he/she pleases. Just not within a 5m radius of any other anglers keep net. The keep net must be placed deep enough in the water that more or less 50cm is under water in order for the fish to move freely.

Rule 7.3 Nametag

Keep nets must be provided with a water resistant nametag, which is permanently attached to the keep net.

Rule 7.3.1 Two keep nets

If an angler takes two keep nets to the weigh-in and the second net does not have a nametag attached to it, the two nets must be tied together. If not, the keep net without the nametag will not be weighed and it will not be taken into consideration for the competition.

Rule 7.3.2 Information on nametags

The following information must be reflected on the nametag of an angler namely his initials and surname his/her Pro Mania affiliation number.



Rule 7.4 When is a fish landed

ALL fish must be landed in the water at all times. A fish is regarded as landed when it is in the landing net or under control of the angler. An angler may lift a fish out of the water and place it in his keep net. A fish landed with a landing net may be brought to the bank and placed on an unhooking mat/trapezium or similar canvas to remove a hook for instance. Any fish brought to the bank and lands on the ground will not be weighed and must be released immediately. If a fish falls out of an angler's hands into the water and he can catch it again by hand, the fish can be placed in the angler's keep net.

Rule 7.4.1 Dragging out fish

Fish may not be dragged out of the water onto the bank. If an angler transgresses this rule, he will be given a warning. If, however, he transgresses this rule for a second time on the same day, his fish will be released into the water and he will be ordered to leave the angling area for the remainder of that angling period.

Rule 7.4.2 Fish in net before casting

Any fish landed must be placed in the angler's keep net **in the water** before he is allowed to cast again. The transgression of this stipulation will lead to the fish being released into the water.

Rule 7.4.3 Landing of a second fish

When an angler has landed a fish, in other words already in landing net, he may not land a fish with his other rod before the first fish is in his keep net.

Rule 7.5 Handling of fish

A friendly request is made that anglers who want to release fish at a later stage, do not handle it with their dry hands. The rough handling of live fish is naturally not the behaviour of a nature lover.

Rule 7.6 Smallmouth Yellow Fish

Smallmouth Yellow Fish must be placed in a separate keep net, at least 450 mm from left to right and 420 mm in depth (**AD-HOC rule**).

8. WEIGHABLE FISH

Rule 8.1 Permissible fish

All freshwater fish species caught may be weighed-in provided that such fish comply with the legal limitations (ordinance) of the host province. Fish which do not comply with the stipulations of the ordinance will not be weighed. See clause 8.4.

NB: Yellow fish is excluded here and is subject to the current applicable AD-HOC rule.



Rule 8.2 Valid catch

The catching of fish is judged valid if a fish is accidentally hooked outside the mouth. The deliberate foul hooking of fish is however strictly forbidden. If two anglers hook the same fish in the body, the fish will be released.

Rule 8.3 Fish from outside and fish as bait

No angler will be allowed to bring in any whole fish onto the competition terrain. An angler who has caught a fish during the competition is allowed to cut the fish for bait provided that the fish must comply with the applicable ordinance.

Rule 8.4 Fish controlled by ordinance

Fish may be caught and placed into a keep net if it complies with the ordinance with regards to length and quantity. If a fish that is too small with regards to the ordinance is found to be in the net, the angler will take it out and release it and the rest of the catch will be weighed. The current ordinance by Nature Conservation, AD-HOC rule, for the length of Smallmouth Yellow Fish is 300mm and the amount of 10 (ten) that may be kept by an angler in a separate keep net to weigh in during a competition. In the event that more than 10 (ten) Smallmouth Yellow Fish is present in an anglers keep net at the weigh in, the penalty would be that all the Smallmouth Yellow Fish must be placed back into the water without them being weighed as part of an anglers catch. Anglers must ensure that there is not more than ten (10) Smallmouth Yellow Fish in their net at all times during the competition. Bigmouth Yellow Fish must be placed back into the water after catching it and may not be weighed in.

9. WEIGHING OF CATCHES

Rule 9.1 Scales: supplying

Pro Mania and their organisers will provide a scale/s at all times.

Rule 9.1.1 Scale: requirements

The scales must be in working order and must weigh to the 3rd decimal (5 grams) or to the 2nd decimal if the scale weighs to the nearest 10 grams.

Rule 9.1.2 Scales: handling

The scales will be used in zones as allocated during the information meeting.

Rule 9.2 Scales: weighing procedure

The scale reading must be visible to the weighing officials and the relevant competitors. No person apart from weighing officials, the competitors, has the authorization to intervene, verbally or in any other way, for claims regarding the weighing.

Rule 9.3 Weighing of fish

All anglers must have their nets in the water on their stands and the fish must be able to swim freely under water. The competitor whose catch is being weighed, must preferably be present at the weigh-in to confirm and endorse the weight and quantity of the fish caught and sign the weigh-in sheet on which the catch is recorded. Once the weigh-in procedure is finished, the fish



returned to the water and the score sheet signed, no complaint about the weigh-in will be accepted.

Rule 9.4 End of the angling period

After the first signal is given to indicate the end of the angling period, the holding net will be considered sealed. The fish in the holding net shall not be handled by any person to count or sort the fish. Only a fish that was struck before the first signal was given and landed afterwards, will be allowed to be placed in the holding net. When the lightning rule is imposed and after the signal has been given, all lines can be removed from the water and the competition has ended. If this rule is trespassed the fish will not be weighed.

10. POINTS AWARD

Rule 10.1 Individual placement of an angler per zone

Rule 10.1.1 Points per fish

All fresh water fish that are caught and comply with the stipulations of the applicable ordinance as well as these rules shall be weighed and catch points shall be awarded to the angler as follows:

- Five (5) points per fish.
- Ten (10) points per kilogram for all fish caught.

All Tilapia species (kurper) have 'n minimum length of 150mm to qualify for weighing and this applies to all provinces. All dwarf-fish species eg. ghieliementjies, mosquitofish etc. are not counted or weighed.

- a. Kurper - 150mm
- b. Bass - 200mm
- c. White Fish - 230mm (Coastal)
- d. Yellow Fish - Ordinance (currently 300mm)

Rule 10.1.2 Placement according to catch point

The angler with the highest catch point is the winner. This will work as per zone, where the winners of each zone will compete for the first place and the system will repeat itself, till every angler is placed from first to last.

Rule 10.1.3 Placement with regards to same catch point

If two anglers receive the same catch point the quantity of fish will determine the order of precedence. The angler with the highest quantity of fish will be placed in the higher position.

Rule 10.1.4 Placement with regards to same catch point and fish

If the catch point and the quantity of fish is the same, then the angler with the heaviest bag will be placed in the higher position. If the catch point and the quantity of fish and the bag weight are the same, then both anglers will receive the same competition point and the following position will fall away.



Rule 10.1.5 No fish

Anglers without a catch or absent members will receive a naught as competition point.

Rule 10.2 Team placement on Classics

Rule 10.2.1 Placement according to total competition points

The placement of teams is done by adding up the competition points of all team members. The team with the lowest total shall be the winner.

Rule 10.2.2 Placement in case of equal competition points

If two teams have the same total, the catch point shall determine the order of precedence.

Rule 10.2.3 Placement in case of equal competition points and fish

If the catch point is the same, then the number of fish will determine the order of precedence. The team with the most fish shall be placed in the higher position.

Rule 10.2.4 Placement in case of equal competition points/fish and mass

If the fish is also the same, the team with the angler, according to the merit list, who has the highest individual competition point, will be placed in the higher position.

Rule 10.3 Rankings

Rule 10.3.1 BMT Percentage

Each angler participating in a competition will be awarded a BMT percentage, depending on where they finished for the day. If an angler does not weigh anything, he will receive a BMT of 0%. BMT-points will be rounded to 3 decimal places.

Rule 10.3.2 BMT Calculation

A BMT percentage is calculated for each angler by the average of his/her 8 best competitions. The more an angler take part in Pro Mania events, the more chances an angler gets to throw away his weaker competitions.

Rule 10.3.3 Website Ranking

The angler's position on the rankings is determined by his BMT percentage. The angler with the highest BMT percentage will be first on the rankings.

Rule 10.3.4 Draw regarding BMT

In the case of 2 or more anglers having the same average BMT percentage, the highest ranking will be determined by the highest winnings to date.

Rule 10.3.5 Ranking consideration

Competition results will only be taken into consideration and indicated on the Pro Mania rankings if the angler is a member of Pro Mania.



Rule 10.3.6 Competition consideration

All Pro Mania competitions and classics will be taken into consideration for the rankings.

Rule 10.3.7 Results

The updated rankings and results will be available within 7 days after the competition.

11. SPONSORS

Rule 11.1 Teams

Rule 11.1.1 Team size

Each team must have 4 members who will be sponsored by the same institution. The sponsor can name a team, but the name of the team must first be approved by the Pro Mania management.

Rule 11.1.2 Team BMT

All points earned by team members in all Pro Mania competitions are taken into consideration when calculating the BMT percentage for the team. It is not required of team members to compete together and/or compete in the same Pro Mania competition on the same day. Individual points earned in different Pro Mania competitions are taken into consideration when calculating the BMT percentage for the team.

Rule 11.1.3 Team ranking

Separate rankings are compiled by calculating an average BMT percentage for the team using the individual BMT percentages. The team with the highest BMT percentage will appear first on the rankings.

Rule 11.1.4 Compulsory membership

Competition results will only be taken into consideration for the teams' BMT percentage and indicated on the team rankings if the individual angler is a member of Pro Mania.

Rule 11.1.5 Substitutions

If a current team member is not able to meet his obligations towards his team because of valid reasons, a new angler will be allowed to join the team. The new angler must be a member of Pro Mania for his results to be considered for the team results. He will not be allowed to take over the past results of the previous team member. The new member will be considered as a team member for the remainder of the year.

Rule 11.1.6 New entry

Pro Mania management must receive the new team member's information at least 30 days before the new team member's first competition. Pro Mania management must receive all information with regards to the member leaving the team.



Rule 11.1.7 Obligation of member that left

The member leaving the team must meet all obligations towards Pro Mania for the remainder of his membership year in order for him to be considered for the Pro Mania Final at the end of the year.

Rule 11.1.8 Team Final

The final will be presented the day before the Pro Mania Individual semi-final. The amount of teams invited to partake at the team final will be:

- 15 Mens Teams
- 3 Ladies Teams
- 3 Junior Teams

Only the anglers invited to the team final will have the opportunity to practice for their respective semi-finals. The teams will NOT get invited according to their ranking on the website, but according to their **4 BEST TEAM CLASSICS POINTS**. There will be 6 Classics for 2019. Therefore, it is advised that your team/s partake in as many Team Classics as possible.

12. ENTRY FEES

Rule 12.1 Pro Mania competition entries

Entry fees for all Pro Mania competitions will be between R200 per pro angler, excluding gate fees. Of this R110 (one hundred and ten rand) will be allocated towards prize money for that day's competition, R60 (sixty rand) towards prize money for the pro's final and the remaining balance as per water fees and organizers expenses. For the masters, premier division, ladies and juniors the entry monies are R90 (excluding gate fees), should they choose not to partake for the prize money.

All masters, premier division anglers, ladies and juniors must pay a minimum of R90 to compete in a Pro Mania competition. The masters, premier division, ladies and juniors also have the option to enter for the day's prize money. If they choose to do so, they will also be obliged to pay the full amount as specified by the organiser. Fees are subject to change and will be carried forward to the new calendar year. All the above mentioned rates are applicable for 2019. Any visitor (someone that is not a Pro Mania member) is obliged to always pay the full entry fee and must partake in the prize money for the specific day – irrelevant if the visitor is a senior, master, lady or junior.

Rule 12.2 Divisions

At the beginning of the year, or when a member joins Pro Mania, he or she can decide in which division they want to partake. Taking into consideration that a master must be 50 years or older on the final, that a junior must be 18 years or younger at the final. You cannot partake in two divisions. The division an angler chooses will be the anglers division for the year. If an angler did not choose to be part of the Pro's division and the angler finishes inside the Pro's Top 50 at the end of the year, the angler will not be invited to the Pro's Final. The angler will be invited to the



division the angler chose. This is if the angler makes the cut off point for the nominated division. Anglers have time to change their divisions until the last day of February. No angler will be allowed to move from one division to the other after the month of February.

Rule 12.3 Final per division

Every division will have their own Final. The prize monies will be made up of all the compiled prize monies that every division has compiled for the year.

13. PRIZE MONEY

Rule 13.1 Dividing of prize money

The number of anglers will determine the number of prizes and dividing of prize money.

- 1 – 20 anglers = 3 Prizes
 Division = 50%; 30%; 20%
- 21 – 40 anglers = 5 Prizes
 Division = 35%; 25%; 20%; 12%; 8%
- 41 – 50 anglers + = 10 Prizes
 Division = 25%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 8%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Rule 14.1 Feedback

The winners and identified participants of any competition will be requested to complete a document with information regarding equipment used, dips, bait etc. used during the competition.

Rule 14.2 Marketing

The winners and identified participants will be requested to supply a photo for publishing in The Bank Angler and on the Pro Mania website. Ensure that if you receive prize money that a photo with your catch of the day is taken.

15. PEG DRAW AND ZONES

Rule 15.1 Draw of pegs

There shall be a draw for pegs before the commencement of a competition. Before the drawing starts, all the numbers must be packed out on the bonnet of a car for inspection purposes. After this process is finished, the peg drawing can commence. This will be handled by the organizer. The organizer is not allowed to draw his own peg and his/her peg must be drawn first by a random angler in front of everyone. Only people that drove together in a car are allowed to draw pegs next to each other, not exceeding 3 people. Double pegs are then drawn, whereas single pegs are drawn last. On Classics or on the Final, only a single peg will be drawn by an angler.



Rule 15.2 Peg distances

The competition water or zones will be pegged with numbers so that each competitor as in the case of an individual or team competition will have a number at their disposal. During all Pro Mania events, pegs must be a minimum of 15 meter and a maximum of 25 meters apart. Where Pro Mania's are hosted together with club competitions, the distance of pegs will be determined by the club's organizers.

Rule 15.3 Maximum cap

The maximum number of anglers that can compete in a normal competition is 50 anglers.

Rule 15.4 Zone sizes

The zones for each Pro Mania competition (excluding Classics and the Final) will be as follow:

8 – 13 Anglers:	1 Zone
14 – 20 Anglers:	2 Zones
21 – 30 Anglers:	3 Zones
31 – 40 Anglers:	4 Zones
41 – 50 Anglers:	5 Zones
51 – 60 Anglers:	6 Zones
61 – 70 Anglers:	7 Zones
71 – 80 Anglers:	8 Zones
81 – 90 Anglers:	9 Zones
91 – 100 Anglers:	10 Zones

Where a Pro Mania is hosted together with a club competition, the same rules will apply to the compilation of the size of the zones. It must be noted that master's, premier anglers, ladies and junior anglers form part of the amount of anglers that are used to compile a zone.

Rule 15.5 Set up

An angler must set up his or her fishing stand behind the peg.

16. FINAL

Rule 16.1 Invitation

The top 50 pro senior anglers, top 30 master anglers, top 50 premier senior anglers, top 20 lady and top 20 junior anglers on the rankings will be invited to participate in the Pro Mania Final which will take place at the end of the year. The anglers who will compete in the Pro Mania Final will be determined by taking into account each angler's BMT on the official ranking. There will be NO sub zones pre-determined for each division and all the anglers of each division will draw for their peg in order of ranking. Anglers whose membership fees are outstanding will not be invited to partake in the Pro Mania Final.



Rule 16.2 Withdrawals

If there are any withdrawals after the **FINAL** list of the invited anglers are confirmed and distributed, no vacant positions will be filled. It will clearly be indicated in the mail that it is the final mail.

Rule 16.3 Proceedings

On the Friday of the Pro Mania Final, the team's final will take place. This will be open to all invited teams (see clause 11.1.8). All the semi-finals of every category will still take place on the Saturday and the Final on the Sunday. The elimination round on the Saturday for every division as well as the figure of anglers that gets invited to the final will be revised yearly, depending on the growth of the respective divisions.

Rule 16.4 Final day

On the Saturday, the top 15 pro anglers will be invited to partake on the Sunday. For the masters, premier division, ladies and juniors the top 10 will be invited. If any angler cannot partake on the Sunday, the next angler will be invited. On both sides of the Pro's on the Sunday, pegs will be pegged for the masters, premier division, ladies and juniors. This will take out the definite role that outside pegs play.

Rule 16.5 Shift of pegs

On the Sunday, the Pro's will move after four hours, 7 pegs to their right. They will have half an hour to move. Thereafter they will have another 4 hours to partake. The other divisions will not move after 4 hours and will remain on their pegs for the full 8 hours.

Rule 16.6 Point allocation

The Sunday will consist of two separate sessions for the Pro's. After the first four hours, a point will be awarded to each angler, depending on your position. After the next four hours a point will again be awarded. The angler with the lowest point over the two sessions will be crowned Pro Mania Final winner in the Pro's division. If this point is the same, catch point will determine the winner. If the catch points are the same, the number of fish will determine the winner. If this is also the same, the angler with the heaviest bag will be placed in the higher position. If this is also the same, the prize money for the winning position and the following position will be added together and divided by two. For the other divisions, the catch point after the full eight hours will determine the winner.

Rule 16.7 Zone determining

The Top 15 zone for the Pro's on the Sunday will be determined as follows: The best zone of the Saturday will be selected as the zone where the Top 15 will be angled. The middle of the best zone on the Saturday where the Top 15 will be angled will form the centre of the Top 15. If the best zone on the Saturday is one of the side zones, the pegs will be pegged from the sides inwards on the Sunday. The other divisions pegs will be pegged according to the discretion of the Master Official.



Rule 16.8 Unforeseen circumstances

If there arise any problems like severe snags on the Saturday, zones will be accordingly adjusted, depending on the discretion of the Master Official.

Rule 16.9 Prize money divisions

A fixed amount for the top three prizes on the final will be decided upon, depending on the jackpot for the year. The rest of the prizes will be calculated percentage wise.

17. RESERVATIONS

Rule 17.1 Maximum cap and bookings

Due to caps being placed on Pro Mania competitions, depending on the size of the venue, reservations must be made. Reservations must be made with the person which number is placed on the website if you are planning to go to a specific Pro Mania/s. You can only start reserving as soon as a Pro Mania competition/s is/are uploaded onto the Pro Mania website.

As soon as the cap has been reached for a Pro Mania, it will be advertised on Pro Manias website as well as on Facebook. Therefore, before making a booking, confirm on the website and/or Facebook to see if there is any place available. There might be instances where the cap has been reached, even before it was advertised that the cap has been reached. From Pro Mania's side we will look at the demand and host as many competitions necessary to accommodate all anglers. Please note that the only means by booking a peg is by either Whatsapp or sms.

Rule 17.2 No show bookings

If a Pro Mania member made a booking with an organiser and does not show up without cancelling his/her booking at least by 17:00 the previous day, the angler will score a 0 BMT for the competition and will also be responsible for payment of a penalty fee, payable to Pro Mania. The penalty fee would be the competition entry fee on the day.

18. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

Rule 18.1 Ad hoc instructions

Participants must obey all ad-hoc instructions. Such instructions are only valid if it were discussed and approved on the preceding information meeting and announced before the competition and are not in conflict with any of the other prescribed rules.

Rule 18.2 Power of organisers and officials

Action taken against anglers who trespasses the rules, lays with any of the organisers and on Classics and the Final with the officials on duty.



Rule 18.3 Lodging of complaints

Any offence can be brought to the attention of an organiser or official by an angler who is standing next to the offender. The organiser / official shall decide on any action to be taken after he has heard the testimony of the complainant, the offender and from other eyewitness/es. In serious cases the violation must be reported to the Pro Mania management for them to take further disciplinary action.

Rule 18.4 Official complaints

Official complaints with regards to the day's fishing must be submitted to the organisers on Pro Mania competitions and officials on Pro Mania Classics and Final in writing before weighing commences. On Classics and the Final, such complaints will be dealt with by the appeal committee before the weigh-in starts. Complaints with regards to the weigh-in may be submitted to the officials in writing after the weigh-in is done. Such complaints will also be dealt with by the Pro Mania appeal.

Rule 18.5 Appeal against ruling

If there is any uncertainty about the interpretation of a rule and the decision of the appeal committee is challenged, then a decisive answer can be requested from the executive committee of Pro Mania. Their decision will be final.

Rule 18.6 Know your rules

All registered members must know and study the content of these rules as described by Pro Mania. Any violation or deviation of these rules on account of ignorance will not be accepted as an apology.

Rule 18.7 Disputes

In the case of a dispute with regards to fish or when an angler is disqualified (e.g. ignoring lightning rule), the fish must be weighed and documented.

19. BEHAVIOUR

Rule 19.1 Incapacitating substance

No participant may use any alcoholic drink during a competition or be allowed to participate in a competition when he is under the influence of any narcotics (drugs). Participants who are guilty of this will be immediately disqualified and be banned from the competition terrain.

Rule 19.2 Unacceptable behaviour

Any other behaviour that is interfering with the general acceptable moral shall not be tolerated. Persons that are guilty of such misconduct can for the duration of the competition be banned from the competition terrain.

Rule 19.3 Music

No loud music is allowed for the duration of the competition.



Rule 19.4 Violations

In serious cases the violation must be reported to the Pro Mania management for them to take further disciplinary action.



ADDENDUM A

COASTAL DIVISION:

All rules will be exactly the same for the Coastal Division as stated above, except:

1. Minimum Pro Mania members to compete in any Pro Mania competition are 5.
2. There will only be one (1) division in the Coastal Final for everyone : seniors, masters, ladies and juniors.
3. Twenty (20) anglers will be invited to the Coastal Final.
4. Two-men teams to enter Team Classics.



ADDENDUM B

KNOCKOUTS:

1. Knockouts will be on invitation only. Invitation will be from the Pro Mania Ranking list of the previous year. The following amount of people will be invited for 2019:

Men (Pro's, Premier): 64

Masters: 32

Ladies: 32

Juniors: 16

Coastal: 32

2. As soon as all the invitations are send out, the remaining spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.
3. The Knockouts will be based on a mathematical correct flowchart that will be fair to everyone. Before the Knockouts start, the ranking will be finalised and everyone participating will receive and keep their ranking till the end.
4. In case of a withdrawal, the opponent will receive a walkover (Bye). In case of a withdrawal before the first round took place, the angler will be replaced by another angler, directly in his ranking (Wildcard). The opponent still needs to take part on the day for his BMT to be taken in to account.
5. There will be no refund of an angler's entry fee once he withdraws.
6. In the case where both anglers on the peg do not catch any fish to weigh in at the end of the day's competition, the angler with the higher ranking will progress to the next round.



AMENDMENTS

Rule 7.2 Placement of keep nets

An angler may place his/her keep nets on any side he/she pleases. Just not within a 5m radius of any other anglers keep net. The keep net must be placed deep enough in the water that more or less 50cm is under water in order for the fish to move freely.

Rule 7.4 When is a fish landed

ALL fish must be landed in the water at all times. A fish is regarded as landed when it is in the landing net or under control of the angler. An angler may lift a fish out of the water and place it in his keep net. A fish landed with a landing net may be brought to the bank and placed on an unhooking mat/trapezium or similar canvas to remove a hook for instance. Any fish brought to the bank and lands on the ground will not be weighed and must be released immediately. If a fish falls out of an angler's hands into the water and he can catch it again by hand, the fish can be placed in the angler's keep net.

Rule 7.4.1 Dragging out fish

Fish may not be dragged out of the water onto the bank. If an angler transgresses this rule, he will be given a warning. If, however, he transgresses this rule for a second time on the same day, his fish will be released into the water and he will be ordered to leave the angling area for the remainder of that angling period.

Rule 7.4.2 Fish in net before casting

Any fish landed must be placed in the angler's keep net in the water before he is allowed to cast again. The transgression of this stipulation will lead to the fish being released into the water.

Rule 7.4.3 Landing of a second fish

When an angler has landed a fish, in other words already in landing net, he may not land a fish with his other rod before the first fish is in his keep net.

Rule 8.1 Permissible fish

All freshwater fish species caught may be weighed-in provided that such fish comply with the legal limitations (ordinance) of the host province. Fish which do not comply with the stipulations of the ordinance will not be weighed. See clause 8.4.

NB: Yellow fish is excluded here and is subject to the current applicable AD-HOC rule.

Rule 9.3 Weighing of fish

All anglers must have their nets in the water on their stands and the fish must be able to swim freely under water. The competitor whose catch is being weighed, must preferably be present at the weigh-in to confirm and endorse the weight and quantity of the fish caught and sign the weigh-in sheet on which the catch is recorded. Once the weigh-in procedure is finished, the fish returned to the water and the score sheet signed, no complaint about the weigh-in will be accepted.

Rule 10.1 Individual placement of an angler per zone



Rule 10.1.1 Points per fish

All fresh water fish that are caught and comply with the stipulations of the applicable ordinance as well as these rules shall be weighed and catch points shall be awarded to the angler as follows:

- Five (5) points per fish.
- Ten (10) points per kilogram for all fish caught.

All Tilapia species (kurper) have a minimum length of 150mm to qualify for weighing and this applies to all provinces. All dwarf-fish species eg. ghieliementjies, mosquitofish etc. are not counted or weighed.

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| a. Kurper | - | 150mm |
| b. Bass | - | 200mm |
| c. White Fish | - | 230mm (Coastal) |
| d. Yellow Fish | - | Ordinance (currently 300mm) |

Rule 16.1 Invitation

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