



RULES AND COMPETITION GUIDE

I ask all contestants to read the rules and competition guide carefully.

The Mahlfishing Predator Cup is an Estonian nationwide team fishing competition with a minimum of two and a maximum of three people in the team. Fishing is permitted throughout Estonia, but **only on publicly used bodies of water**. Fishing is only allowed from a boat or other craft that can accommodate the entire team. Kayaks, bellyboats or small one-man rubber boats are also permitted under certain conditions (see 3. COMPETITIVE FISHING).

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Registration

To register, you need to purchase a competition ticket from the Mahlfishing.com website.

<https://mahlfishing.com/mahlfishing-predator-cup/>

When buying a competition ticket, you need to fill in all the fields and then add the ticket to the shopping cart and make the purchase – as easy as making any online purchase. When buying a ticket, carefully fill in all the fields:

- Team name
- First and last names of team members (2–3 people)
- First name and surname of the team captain
- Team captain's phone number
- Team captain's e-mail

By registering for the competition, you give your permission to use your name, the names of your teammates and images on social media channels.

All teams that have registered for the competition will receive a measuring tape sticker (150x1250 mm) and competition voucher. A password must be written on the competition voucher which will be published on Facebook, on the Mahlfishing page, at the beginning of each competition day. The competition ticket must be used when photographing the fish (see section 4). The sticker of the measuring tape must be glued by the contestants on a special measuring table for this purpose, on which it is possible to fix the zero point of the fish's "nose".

IMPORTANT DATES

1. Registration closes **on Sunday September 13, 2026, at 23:59**
2. The competition starts **on Friday May 25, 2026, at 14:00 and ends on Sunday May 27, 2026, at 16:00**
 - 25.09.2026 - FIRST DAY – fishing is allowed from 14:00 to 20:00 (2 PM to 8 PM)
 - 26.09.2026 - SECOND DAY - fishing is allowed from 07:00-20:00 (7 AM to 8 PM)
 - 27.09.2026 - THIRD DAY - fishing is allowed from 07:00-16:00 (7 AM to 4 PM)
3. The competition password will be published at the beginning of each competition day on **Mahlfishing's Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/mahlfishing>

IMPORTANT COMPETITION INFORMATION

LOCATION

- Estonian waters. Fishing is only allowed **on public** waterways.

COMPETITION FISH AND MINIMUM SIZE

- **PIKE – minimum size 60 cm**
- **PERCH – minimum size 25 cm**

At the end of the competition, the contestants have one hour to file a written protest with the judges if necessary.

RULES

1. TEAM

This is a team competition. The team may have 2-3 members, of which at least the captain must follow the Mahlfishing page on Facebook to be aware of the competition information. You can't compete alone.

2. FISHING GEAR

Spinning or casting fishing rod may be used as fishing gear. Active fishing with artificial bait (lure) is permitted – baitcasting, vertical fishing, fly fishing and trolling. The use of any natural bait is prohibited.

Each competitor is allowed to use only **one fishing gear at a time.**

A landing net should be used to take the fish out of the water!

3. COMPETITIVE FISHING

Competitive fishing takes place only from a boat or similar craft while it is on the water.

Fishing from the shore is not allowed!

By way of exception, it is allowed to use “one-man boats” – a belly boat, a float tube, a kayak or a one-man rubber boat. **This is only provided that the team members are very close to each other - up to 5 meters away.**

4. MEASURING, PHOTOGRAPHING AND REPORTING OF FISH

The length of the fish shall be expressed in whole centimetres and shall always be rounded down to the previous whole centimetre. For example, if the length of the fish is 52.9 cm, then the result will be 52 cm.

Please note: The same fish will not be accepted in the competition a second time, even if the team catches the same fish again.

The organizer of the competition has the right to change the length of the fish declared by the competitors on the basis of the pictures.

4.1. Measuring and photographing fish

Two pictures must be taken of each fish – one on a tape measure and the other together with the person who caught it. **Please note: In both cases, the picture must be taken in such a way that the left side of the fish is visible, and the competition ticket must also be visible on both pictures!**

Take a look at the examples of the pictures of how fish should be photographed for the competition.

Sample picture of a fish on a tape measure



Sample picture of a fish with the fisherman (also the left side of the fish is visible)



For larger fish, it is also recommended to make a release video so that you can present it to the judges if necessary. The secret word must also be seen and heard in the release video.

The left side of the fish must always be visible!!!

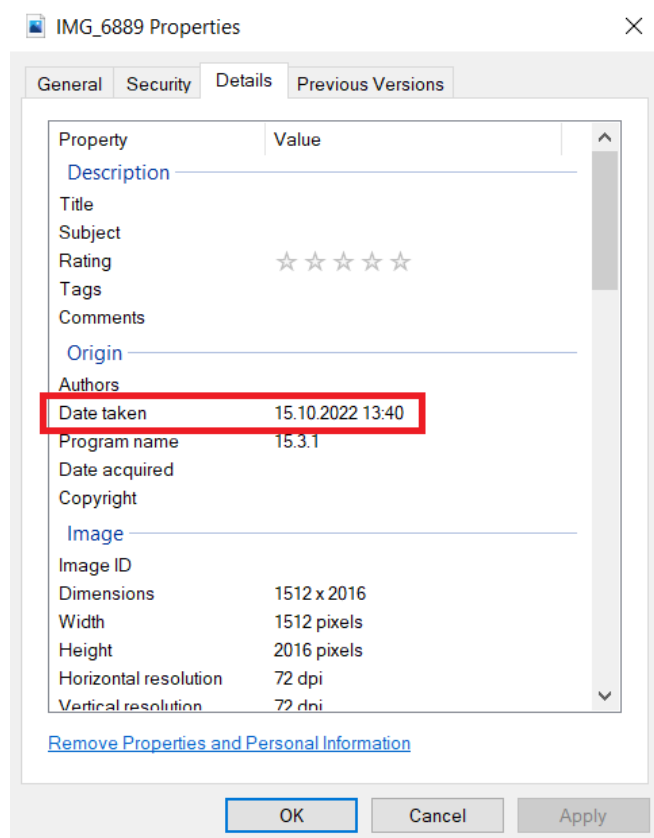
4.2. Submitting data and uploading images

Catch data is submitted through the **mahlfishing.com** website through a special form. Fishermen have to upload two pictures of the fish and, if desired, a video of the release of the fish. You can find more detailed information about the submission of fishing data on Facebook under the *Kalapüügivõistlus Mahlfishing Predator Cup 2024 Kevad* event or on the Mahlfishing page (<https://mahlfishing.com/mahlfishing-predator-cup/>).

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Catch data must be submitted immediately after catching the fish. Data submitted later will not be taken into account. If it is not possible to upload the video of the release of the fish, it can be sent to the organizer *Whatsapp* – phone number +372 525 8534.

Please note: Please submit original photos only, as the image information must include the date of when the image was taken.



Please note: Please upload only those videos with which you participate in the raffle, i.e., pike over 90 cm and perch over 40 cm.

CONTEST WINNER

The winner of the competition is the team with the largest total length of five (5) perch and five (5) pike caught. The ranking is determined by measuring the length of the fish. When ranking, the five longest pike and the five longest perch shall be taken into account for each team from all the fishing days combined. Example: five pike with a total length of 300 cm + five perch with a total length of 125 cm = team result 425 cm.

If a team has already submitted five pike or perch to the judges and the fish caught is smaller than the fish submitted, then this result does not need to be submitted to the judges, because it does not improve the overall position of the team. In other words, only those fish that improve the team's result should be submitted to the judge!

If two or more teams have the same result, the ranking is decided by the longest fish. If all the fish caught are the same length, then the winner will be determined by lottery.

PRIZES

Info of the main prize of the competition coming soon.

Prizes, trophies and honor and fame for the top three. Depending on the number of participants, there may be additional prize places (for example, teams in places 4–6). A prize is awarded to the catcher of the biggest pike and the biggest pecher. The exact distribution of prizes will be published before or during the competition. Prizes and trophies will be sent to the competitors by courier or to a parcel locker after the competition.

There are also different lottery prizes. In order to participate in the raffle prize draw, a release video must be uploaded of the pike submitted to the competition if it is 90 cm or longer and of the perch if it is 40 cm or longer.

As this is a competition, i.e., sport fishing, it is advisable to release all the fish submitted to the competition. This is especially true for large fish, which form the cornerstones of the population.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- It shall be prohibited to submit to the judges any fish caught by a third party or caught outside the time of the competition.
- The organizer is not responsible for the contestants – all contestants are on the water at their own responsibility, the captain of a particular team is responsible for the underage participants of that team.
- Competitors must comply with applicable fishing regulations and have valid recreational fishing permits
- Under-sized fish should be released.
- Let's take care of nature! Do not throw cigarette butts or other rubbish on the ground (or in water).
- The recommended distance between the teams is 50 meters – be respectful and do not drive through the fishing sector of the other team!
- The organizers have the right to change the terms of the competition, and the organizer's word is decisive and final.
- In the event of a deliberate breach of the rules, the team will be disqualified.