

Multi Species Challenge 2026

Herein are the Rules of Engagement in the Multi Species Challenge.

1. The challenge will run from 00:00:00 1 Jan 2026 until 00:00:59 31 Dec 2026 and will take place within the current EU states and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
2. A point is awarded for each species caught. In the event that multiple contestants catch the same species then an additional point will be awarded for the longest fish. Only length counts. A big, fat 30cm carp will loose to a skinny 31cm carp even if it weighs more. Longest fish of a species that has already been registered can obviously be updated during the course of the challenge as long as evidence is provided (see below).
3. Each fish must be photographed, if possible alongside a measure. The exact species of the fish must be recorded. Google is your friend here. In the case of trout, different types are classed as different species as long as they can be clearly identified from the picture. Similarly with carp.
4. Catch and release is at the discretion and risk of the participant. If it's inedible, then put it back unharmed according to the rules of the challenge. Otherwise observe the national and local fishing laws.
5. All baits or methods of fishing allowable in the country where the fishing takes place can be used. Live baiting is allowed where it is legal but is strongly discouraged..
6. There are 3 micro species that get an additional bonus point::
 - Stickleback
 - Gudgeon
 - Minnow
7. Participants must not always fish together but the evidence in #4 must be provided when not fishing together (in fact, it must be provided in any case so no point really having this rule).
8. On 1 Jan 2027 the total points will be calculated and the winner will be announced. The loser(s) will pay for an evenings beer at a hostelry of the winners choice while we reflect on a capital seasons fishing.