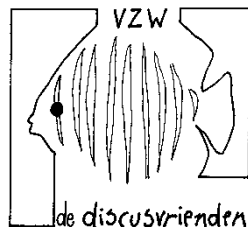


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Rules of the 15th International discus championship

Rules of the 15th International discus championship, organized by “ De discussvrienden vzw “
(unofficial translation : “ the Discus Friends”) on the premises of the Vivarium tradeshow

- 1) The 15th International Discus Championship will take place during the Vivarium 2024 show at Autotron , Rosmalen , the Netherlands from 23rd to 24th November 2024

(adres: Graafsebaan 133, 5248 NL Rosmalen, Nederland)
- 2) The discus championship is an open championship meaning there is no club membership requirement for participation.
- 3) All responsibility and liability for loss, sick or damaged fish remains with the participants.
- 4) For Health and safety we advise participants to bring their own fish handling equipment such as nets, buckets and hoses . Adding and taking fish to tanks is only allowed under supervision of a member of the discusclub organizing committee.
- 5) Fish will be judged in 6 categories
 - a . Wild : Wild caught fish or **F1** Progeny of wild caught fish (both parents)
 - b. Solid colour: .e.g. Blue diamond , marlborough red, red melon, red valentine etc ...
 - c. Patterned: e.g. snakeskin, turkis and such , rafflesia's, mosaic and everything with a pattern that is not clearly stripes or spots
 - d. Spotted class: e.g. Leopard, Penang eruption, ...
 - e. Open : Everything that is special or does not fit in the other categories , albino fits here too .
 - f. Category for the non-professionals, the fish will be entered in 1 of 5 categories. (Wild, Solid, Patterned, Spotted or Open Class) But additionally the fish will be judged only among the participants of the non-professionals.

In case of doubt fish will be placed in open category potentially after consultation with the owner

- 6) Fish category is defined in consultation with the exposing owner, in case of doubt the judges may also be consulted , final decision rights are upon the head of the judges team. If the

exposing owner does not agree with the decision he may decide to pull the fish from competing. The fish may stay in such case for evaluation but can not compete for prizes. Such fish must stay in the tank to avoid empty tanks and follow the general timing for removing fish.

- 7) Fish shall not be fed during the entire show duration. It is advised to not feed fish a few days before the show in order to limit any pollution or triggering water quality concerns.
- 8) Competing Fish registration :
 - a) The first come first served principle applies: When all 96 tanks are reserved there is no more entry possible. Participants can register to the back-up/spares list to fill places of competition dropouts. The registration is complete only when the subscription fee has arrived on the account of "De discussvrienden" . Evidence of payment can be submitted by email on which basis the registration will be completed.
 - b) Participation fee :

To allow maximum participation opportunity ,the quantity of competing fish per person is limited to 10.

Participants can take an option for fish above the 10 limit , the first 10 fish they will be sure of participation .

For the optional fish above 10 the participation will be confirmed or annulled at the latest 3 weeks ahead of the competition so in principle before November 1st 2024. This is arranged so to accommodate preparation of optimal participation conditions

- c) Pricing : 30€ per fish , with a maximum of 10 fish , to be paid in full to be valid for competition registration

15€ per optional registered fish (for the fish exceeding the above mentioned 10 fish limit) . In case these fish would eventually enter competition the remaining 15€ fee will need to be paid before the fish can be added to the tank. In case the fish is not entering competition the 15€ will be paid back when we are adding other fish to tanks.

- d) The participation fee must be settled in full upfront. Participants will pay directly on following bank account:

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With reference of participant name , quantity of competing fish and quantity of optional competing fish. Registration is confirmed only after arrival of the participation fee onto the account above.

- e) The proposed competition category can be communicated at any time until fish are added to tanks.
- f) As far as possible, fish of the same owner will be placed into adjacent tanks to limit disease and bacterial cross contamination risks.
- g) Fish can be placed in their tanks only on:

Wednesday between 16:00 and 20:00 (on demand only , pls contact)

Thursday from 10:00 till 21:00

Friday from 10:00 till 12:00

Keep into account that judging evaluation is planned for Friday afternoon between 13:00 and 18:00.

- 10) Participants are not allowed to bring their own water or to add any additives to the water. It is also not allowed to bring extra light or manipulate the light equipped by the organization (e.g. adding of shadowing features)

The organization will supply following target water values : **PH : 6.5 to 7.0; GH 3 to 5; Conductivity 180 to 250 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.**

- 11) Tank size is 35x40x80 cm , there is a separator wall between the fish and the tanks technical equipment such as heater and filter , all equipment will be supplied by the organizing club . Tank bottom will be covered by a layer of very light brown gravel . All tanks will be lighted equally with 5700K LED.
- 12) Judging evaluation will take place on Friday 22 November as of 13:00. Participants are requested to leave the premises in order to allow the judges to perform their duties.

4 judges are planned in best effort :

Cüneyt Birol (head of the jury)
Hoiret Yann (Frankrijk)
Vaughan Tony (Ierland)
Rezeq Nidal (Griekenland)

- 13) Judging will be anonymous, fish are identified only by tank number label. Participant names will only be exposed to the jury after all results have been consolidated including the selection and announcement of the Grand Champion.

Its is not allowed to place additional information on the tanks beyond what the organizing committee allows for display.

- 14) Fish will be judged following the Discus Evaluation form (see appendix)
- 15) In principle a trophy is foreseen for all of the first 3 places in each category
- 16) The competition result and award ceremony is foreseen on Sunday 24 November on one of the Vivarium stages , check the Vivarium program for details, we can announce when the time and location is confirmed .
- 17) Opening times for the public:

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November from 10:00 to 17:00 (Vivarium show opening times)

- 18) Fish must be collected from their tanks from Sunday 24 November 17:00 but no later than 20:00 unless previously discussed and agreed with the organizing committee. Uncollected fish become ownership of the club.
- 19) Final decision on disputes will be taken by the head of the discus club and if necessary in consultation with the head of the jury or his replacement .

20) Participation needs to be confirmed by email to the head of the discussvrienden (mailto:
jan.de.rudder2@telenet.be) . Note that the organization of Vivarium has nothing to do with
the organization of the discus competition .

We're looking forward to a fair and exciting championship

END translated 24/06/2024

Attachment :

App A : Data for the participants

App B : Discus evaluation form