

## **Rust de Winter Conservancy**

### **AIM Competition Rules**

#### **General:**

1. Only registered participants may participate in **competition 2026** on 11 October 2026.
2. You can register online at <https://www.justsc.co.za>. Teams choose their own name for their team and must ensure that their team member's personal details are completed correctly during registration. After registration before the competition starts you will receive an electronic angling ticket.
3. By entering, a participant accepts the competition rules for **The Rust de Winter Conservancy AIM competition 2026**
4. A participant must be able to show their electronic angling ticket on their cell phone to any official at their request.
5. Angling Tickets: **R500 per team (does not include gate entry and camping)**.
6. Right of admission reserved. No refunds for withdrawal or disqualifications.

#### **Competition hours:**

1. **Captains meeting: 6:30** at official slipway at Rust de Winter Nature Reserve.
2. **Angling times: 7:00 – 15:00**
3. All boats start competition from the official slipway and all boats back at official slipway at Rust de Winter Nature Reserve at 15:00. Late submission of catches will only be accepted where specifically authorised by the competition officials due to a documented emergency or other exceptional circumstance.
4. **The official weigh-in will take place between: 14:00 and 15:00.**
5. Official weigh-in station at the Rust de Winter Dam boat launch area.

#### **Start Procedure:**

1. Launching will only commence once marshals confirm that visibility is safe, but not later than 05:30.
2. The start will take place in numerical order, according to the time/date angling ticket has been purchased, under marshal supervision.
3. Two boats at a time will move slowly past the starting buoys before proceeding at full speed.
4. No participating boat may depart before the official time.

**Angling Rules:**

1. It is a boat only angling competition. No wading in the water allowed.
2. Open line class. Only rod & reel fishing.
3. Max three anglers per boat. No passengers.
4. Target species: Largemouth Bass.
5. The winner will be the Team that records the highest number of qualifying bass below 1 kg per fish. Fish caught from a boat are totalled and divided by the number of anglers to determine the boat's average.
6. Bass weighing 1 kg or heavier must be recorded and released immediately. These fish will form part of the event's catch and biomass records but will not count as qualifying sub-1 kg fish for the principal competition.
7. Bass of 1 kg or smaller may not be returned to the dam.
8. At least five (5) bass must be weighed in to qualify for any prize (excluding lucky draws). This number may vary depending on weather conditions.
9. Keep nets and life-wells will be inspected before the start of the competition.
10. Any participant who contravenes the angling rules can be disqualified.

**Event Rules:**

1. All boats may be searched by marshals at any time.
2. All boats will receive a competition sticker as proof that is checked by marshals before the start of the competition.
3. Participants who are found to be guilty of fraud will be prosecuted.
4. All disputes must be submitted to the organizers before the end of the weigh-in.
5. Dam rules of SAPS, resorts and Province must be adhered too.
6. Boats and skippers must comply with SAMSA regulations.
7. Lifejackets must be used when outboard is running.
8. Angling area: see map for demarcations. No angling in the boat launching area.
9. The organiser accepts no responsibility for rising or falling water levels or any obstructions hidden under the water.
10. Boats are not allowed to cruise on the water before sunset.
11. A participant confirms with his signature on the Verification Form that their Team details and number of fish counted is correct during verification by the official.
12. Participants give express permission that their photos and information for their participation in **The Rust de Winter Conservancy AIM competition 2026** may be

used by the organisers and sponsors for verification and promotion purposes and that they may be contacted by such.

13. Eco-Care Trust may test any winning fish chemically and morphologically to determine whether the fish originates from Rust de Winter Dam and when it was caught.

**Prize-giving:**

1. Prize giving Sunday 11 October 2026 at the official weigh-in station at the Rust de Winter Dam boat launch area as soon as weigh-in is concluded.
2. Participants must be present at prize giving and present their electronic registration ticket to be considered to win any prize.
3. Winners will also be announced after the prize-giving on WhatsApp and social media.
4. One prize per Team. (Lucky draws excluded).
5. In case of a tie the winner will be the Team who first logged the catch.
6. The organisers reserve the right not to hand out any specific prize when foul play or any irregularity is suspected.
7. The organisers will not be liable for any prizes not awarded due to the withdrawal of a sponsor.

**Disclaimer:**

I acknowledge that the organizers, Forever Resorts and/or sponsors of this competition assume no liability for any incident arising from the competition. My participation is at my own risk, and I cannot make any claim against the organizers, LEDET and/or sponsors.