

MATCH RULES

These rules are in addition to the Club's General Rules

1. The draw will take place 90 minutes before start of the match.
2. The minimum number of competitors for a match is five.
3. A match may be cancelled if there are insufficient competitors, or if for any reason the water is unfishable. It can also be moved to an alternative venue. In this instance members already fishing the new venue will take precedence over match anglers.
4. The water may only be broken prior to the start of a match for the following:- a) plumbing the depth, b) obtaining water for mixing ground bait, c) placing keep nets, d) only one line and one hook to be used at any one time.
5. All matches on all club waters require competitors to be in possession of two keep nets, to be used in tandem, to accommodate the possible large number of fish being caught with one being used for silver fish only. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
6. No competitor shall have more than one rod, line and hook in the water at any one time.
7. Any competitor "Playing" a fish on the final whistle should shout, "Playing" and a further 15 minutes will be allowed to land the fish.
8. A competitor's catch will not be weighed if litter is on the peg area. If litter is evident on the peg on arrival this fact should be brought to the attention of the match official before the peg is occupied.
9. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check and agree their weight. Once recorded the result will stand. Anglers must be present at the weigh in of their own catch. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the match.
10. Adult match angler of the year will be the best 5 results out of 6 rounds that will count.
11. All keep nets to be dipped before use where tanks are provided.
12. All competitors to have and use unhooking mats at all times.
13. Braid lines and braid hook links are banned. Maximum leger weight 1oz
14. Pull bungs are now allowed on Does waters.

- 14a. On venues where matches have been allocated or are taking place, the water will be closed on the date of the match from 6.00 am until 2 hours after the conclusion of the match. Such match venues will show a "Match taking place" board on the entry gate. Only persons taking part in the match may fish the water between these times. Venues not showing a match board will be open to all members and guest tickets.
15. A maximum of 50lbs of fish per keepnet and any excess will not count towards your match weight. Persistent offenders will at the match secretaries discretion be exempted from the match results.
16. Carp and silver fish (inc Crucians) are not to be placed in the same keepnets and any offenders found will at the match secretaries discretion, forfeit their entire match weight. Persistent offenders could also receive a 3 match ban.
17. You must attend at least 6 concessionary matches to be able to fish the concessionary Christmas match.
Also you must attend 6 club Sunday matches to be able to fish the club Sunday Christmas match.
18. Members can hire the lakes for matches if given prior approval from the committee. The fee for hiring a lake for 1 day is £120 or £10 per peg which ever the greater.
19. All members attending matches will be required to pay an additional £1 fee to the club to pay for match equipment & trophy's. This money will be held by the match secretary who will provide a statement to the committee on a monthly basis. At the end of each season any outstanding monies will be handed to the club treasurer.
20. Mugging Fish in matches is allowed but anglers must be seated at all times.
21. All Pole floats shall be properly shotted and a minimum of 18 inches deep. There shall be at least 12 inches of line from the pole tip to the float.

Special Notice

The match secretaries reserve the right to alter the venue or time of the match to suit the relevant conditions. Please check with the appropriate match secretary during the week prior to the match date.

NOTES

Please check the website for match bookings and to contact Match Secretaries about availability as some matches have been over subscribed.