

DOES AC – PIKE FISHING SEASON

October 1st 2022 to March 15th 2023 inclusive

Rules and Regulations

In order to protect the future of pike fishing on our waters, anglers specifically fishing for pike are asked to adhere to the below rules in relation to tackle, handling and care of fish.

1. Use a minimum of 12lb breaking strain line.
2. No braid line to be used in any way (See Club Rule 14a).
3. Wire traces should be untreated stainless steel.
4. Traces should be at least 18 inches and minimum 25lbs.
5. Hooks should be barbless or semi-barbless to a maximum size 8.
6. Artery forceps of a minimum of 9 inches must be used.
7. Carry a set of side cutters for removal of problem hooks.
8. Always carry and use a suitable unhooking mat (Club Rule 18).
9. Unhook fish using a gloved hand if possible for your own safety.
10. Pike gags are banned on club waters.
11. Landing nets should be of knotless mesh and have a minimum of 36inch arms.
12. Indicators that are capable of showing "dropbacks" as well as runs must be used.
13. Always strike quickly and do not wait for the fish to "turn" the bait.
14. Photograph fish immediately and return to the water.
15. When returning fish to the water, please ensure that they have fully recovered before releasing them.
16. We do not allow pike fishing in the warmer months when dissolved oxygen levels are at their lowest as pike always give everything in the fight and it would endanger their chances of a full recovery.
17. Remember these fish are very delicate, despite their reputation to contrary. Please look after them to guarantee our sport for the future.
18. Live baiting is banned on all Does AC waters.