



Shore / Boat Fishing Rules

1. Competitions are open to all members accepted at the registration point.
2. No person shall be deemed to be a competitor unless the fees for the competition have been paid.
3. The event organiser will signal the start and ending of matches.
4. The competition boundaries will be stipulated prior to the start.
5. Fishing will be with either one or two rods fully fitted up for shore events as decided and notified by the convenor / sub committee. Spare rods and reels may be carried but no terminal tackle other than the clip, swivel may be attached to the reel line. Not more than 3 single hooks may be used for each rod permitted. A treble hook counts as 3 hooks and a Pennel as 2. In any event spinning with lures treble hooks will count as one.
6. Competitors must cast for, hook and play their own fish but may get assistance to gaff, net or lift a fish.
7. Foul hooked fish will be eligible for weighing in provided they are hooked forward of the gills.
8. Specimen fish shall have their own weight calculated as a percentage of the current S.F.S.A. record or the club record which ever is the greatest for the species unless an alternative is notified at the registration point.
9. The size limits of the club shall be those of the S.F.S.A. Mackerel and all types of shellfish are not eligible to be weighed in unless stated at the beginning of the match.
10. In the interests of conservation all fish must be measured and recorded then returned.
11. If the fish are to be kept they must be dispatched as soon as possible and placed in the anglers receptacle.
12. In the case of bad weather the organising committee will make such other arrangements as appears desirable.
13. A competition will have deemed to be completed if half the original entry have completed half the stated time.
14. At the conclusion of the competition each competitor must have his/her catch recorded. However competitors may have their catch recorded at an earlier time than that notified provided they have made other arrangements. No competitor will be allowed to fish on past the stated time without first recording their catch during the arranged competition times.
15. Competitors are requested to observe fishing etiquette at all times and remove their litter at the end of the event.
16. An official measuring stick and scales shall be used at all events.
17. In boat events there must be at least one senior for each junior.
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19. MEASURING OF COMMON SKATE AT CLUB EVENTS.

"For skate matches only, any members who are unwilling or unable to boat a skate, can measure the wing span of the fish at the side of the boat, for the purpose of determining the outcome of the match, after all boated fish have been adjudicated. The lowest weight possible for that wingspan will be allocated"



20. The use of ground bait and rubby dubby will be permitted with the exclusion of the ingredient mammals blood.
21. Casting is allowed from the boat. Anglers must give verbal warning.
22. The decision of the organising committee present shall stand. Any appeals will be heard by the full executive committee, notification of appeal must be in the Secretary's hands within seven days.
23. In the event of any competitor violating these rules of fishing he/she will have their entrance fee forfeited and if a club member, will be reported to the next meeting of the executive committee who have the power to suspend or expel the offending member.
24. The organising or executive committee shall not be held responsible for any damage, loss or injury to or by any person in connection with the competition or event.

General Rules

1. Match dates, if changed are the responsibility of the conveyor to inform the members of this change. If the date is to be brought forward from the Sunday to the Saturday members must be informed no later than the Wednesday before, if the change is from Saturday to the Sunday then Thursday before.
2. Specimen fish must be claimed by one month after the date of capture.
3. Points System for each event to be decided by the convenor / sub committee and notified to the members before the event. This format would then be converted to 20pts for 1st, 18 pts for 2nd, 17pts for 3rd etc till all 20 places have been allocated.
4. Anglers best 50% + 1 of all club matches to count for the club championship. In the event of a tie 5 out 6 matches to count for total. If still tied after 5 best matches it will go to 6.
5. A charge of £2.00 will be levied for all matches to pay for trophies.
6. In shore matches one rod should be retrieved 15 mins before end of the match. Any angler not complying to this rule then fish caught after stated time will not count.
7. In shore matches min sizes are 20cms. Dogfish/common eels count as 30 cms + 5 pts.
8. The convenor's for both boat and shore can make general fishing rules for individual matches, notifying all competitors beforehand.