



## MATCH RULES 2026

1. A minimum of 2 keepnets must be used , one for fish under 6 inches in length & one for fish over 6 inches in length.
2. **ALL** fish over 6 inches **MUST** be landed and placed into a keepnet using the landing net **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY MONITORED.**
3. Large Carp and Barbel are allowed to be weighted in, BUT must be kept in a separate keepnet to all other fish , so match anglers are **advised** to carry a minimum of 3 keepnets for a match .
4. Maximum 40lb weight in any one 1 keepnet. Over this you will be netted to 40lb. If you have over 50lb in one net ,your net will be disqualified. If you have over 60lb in one net YOU will be disqualified from the match. The match organizer and scales man will have a bit of discretion on this . This may seem harsh but it's for fish welfare reasons.
5. Barbless hooks must be used on club waters. Maximum hook size is size 10
6. All forms of Braid are banned on our waters
7. Bait limits are 4 pints of Maggots & Casters inclusive , ½ Kilo of live worm , 1kg Pellets, and 1kg of dry groundbait. No floating baits are allowed,Bloodworm & joker are also banned.
8. The water surface may not be broken prior to the start signal except to clear weed, position keep net, bank sticks, to plumb the depth and to wet ground bait.
9. Competitors must withdraw tackle from the water if they leave their peg during the competition and immediately the finish signal is sounded. Fifteen minutes will be allowed to land any fish hooked prior to the finish signal but you must make other anglers aware at the sound of the end of the match that a fish is being played .
10. Only one hook, line and rod may be in use at any one time. All other tackle setup must be clear of the water. Any angler seen to deliberately foul hook a fish , will not be weighed in and will be disqualified.
11. Competitors must strike, play and land their own fish, except for Junior's, who may be assisted in the landing of a fish.
12. Swims extend to the halfway point between each angler and half way across the lake
13. All competitors will restrict their activities to their own swim. Neither his person, tackle or bait may intrude into any other person's swim
14. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that there is no litter present on their peg at the time of the weigh in.
15. Any disputes revolving around a Match, All complaints must be notified to the match secretary or the match organiser immediately after the match is finished.
16. The Match Secretary and the Scales man's decision is final

ALL MONEY TAKEN IN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MATCH WILL BE PAID OUT AS PLACINGS AT THE END OF THE MATCH .

