



Juvenile Competition Rules

1. Competitors shall be a minimum of 7 years of age, on the 1st of January of the year of competition, and a maximum 18 years of age, on the 1st of January of the year of competition, to participate in juvenile competitions.
2. A competitor must normally fish from a point not more than one metre from the peg. The fishing area will normally be defined by point's midway from the left and right hand neighbours. In moving water it will be defined by the competitor's peg and that of the downstream neighbour.
3. Competitor may break the surface of the water before the competition to perform the following tasks
 - a. To position a keepnet
 - b. To wet and mix groundbait
 - c. To plumb depth.

No bait or groundbait may be introduced while performing these tasks. Any fish accidentally hooked while plumbing must be returned immediately to the water and not retained in the keepnet.

4. Competitors shall fish with a single rod and line and a single barbless hook at any one time. Any number of alternative assemblies of tackle may be held ready for use.
5. All hook baits are permitted with the exception of live or dead fish baits artificial lures, joker or bloodworm.
6. During competition anglers must fish unaided except for the following exceptions
 - a. Adults are encouraged to offer constructive advice and encouragement to all competitors
 - b. Anglers under the age of 12 years on the 1st of January of the year of competition can be assisted in mounting hook baits and in disgorging hooked fish.
 - c. Anglers under the age of 12 years, on the 1st of January of the year of competition, can be assisted in plumbing the depth of the swim
 - d. All anglers can receive assistance in netting fish in particular anglers must introduce groundbait, bait and tackle to the water, without assistance.
7. Anglers may not leave their peg except to answer a call of nature or by arrangement with the organisers. During such an absence terminal tackle must be completely removed from the water.
8. Wading is prohibited.
9. Anglers must not disturb other competitors.
10. At the end of the competition anglers can have 15 minutes to land a fish hooked during the competition.
11. Except by prior arrangement with the organiser's anglers must be present to weigh in or to score their catch. Anglers should check the weight on the scales and may be asked to sign the weigh sheet or score card.
12. All fish must be returned alive to the water after the weigh in. In particular dead fish will not be counted toward a competitor's final score or weight. All coarse fish can count toward an angler's score or weight, with the exception of pike.
13. Objections must be lodged in writing within 2 hours of the end of the competition.
14. Competitors may be disqualified or penalised by the organisers if found to be in contravention of the rules.
15. The organiser's decision or that of the official referee shall be binding in all disputes.
16. The organisers shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to or by any of the competitors.
17. Littered pegs shall not be scored or weighed in, whether or not the litter belongs to the angler fishing the peg.