

CLUB COMPETITION GUIDE LINES

You should arrive 30 minutes before the start of the competition to allow for the drawing of your peg number and make preparations.

At the **Weekend** matches only one rod is permitted.

RULES FOR SUNDAY MATCHES SEASON 2009/2010

- 1 rod. Maximum 3 hooks allowed. Pennell counts as 2 hooks
- Size limits to be in accordance with B.C.F.S.A. rules
- Prizes will be allocated for heaviest total bag/s of in-size fish.
- The person running the match will have sole *discretionary* charge i.e. they are in charge and will make any necessary decisions on the day. In the event of uncertainty that person can defer any/all payments until a final decision is reached after consultation with the competition secretary.
- Entry fee to the match will be £3.00 per adult. Junior members do not pay an entry fee but will be eligible to win any/all of the prizes.
- The entry fee will be made up of 50p for the best specimen (using B.C.F.S.A. standards) and £2.50 into the match fund.
- The match fund will be allocated in 3 prizes and any remaining money going to club funds.
- 1st place will get 50% of the pot,
2nd place will get 50% of the remainder and
3rd place will get 50% of the remaining pot.
Monies left over will then go to club funds. .
- Any monies not won from 1st, 2nd or 3rd place pots will carry over to the next match and be added into that match fund.
- The specimen pot will go to the best specimen fish of the match. E.g. if 3 people catch Rays of 91b, 71b and 61b they may take 1st, 2nd and 3rd place but if a 31b Sole was caught by another angler then this would be the best specimen of the day.

If you have any ideas for changes then see the competition secretary or a committee member so it can be discussed.

For the purpose of determining the angler of the month/year a points system will run concurrent with the match awards.

ONLY 1 UNDERSIZE FISH WILL COUNT PER ANGLER PER MATCH

- 2 points will be given for each match attendance
- 1 point will be given for 1 undersize fish caught
- 3 points will be given for each in size fish caught
- 5 points will be given for any fish over specimen size. (This includes the 3 points for it being in size)
- 7 points will be given for any fish breaking a club record (This includes any of the above points)
- 10 points will be awarded for any fish breaking a Bristol Channel record (This includes any of the above points)

At the **Wednesday** matches up to two rods may be used. A maximum of 3 hooks is allowed when fishing 1 rod, 4 hooks when fishing 2 rods. A pennell rig counts as two hooks.

It is important that shock leader line is used whilst fishing from the pier.

During the presence of the steamers extreme care must be taken during casting. Remember you are fishing in a public area.

The club fishes BCFSA rules, which means, all undersize fish, must be returned to the water. Minimum sizes can be found in the Bristol Channel Angling booklet, which also gives tide times for the year and other useful information.

To allow all unwanted fish to be returned, fish can be weighed during the competition.

Various awards can be won throughout the year.

Two of which are “Angler of the Year” award and the “Midweek Trophy”. There are also small awards for the winner of each monthly competition. These are presented at the presentation night, usually held in October.

The “Weekend Competition” awards are gained by obtaining points both for attending the events and “Points per fish” caught on these days.

The ‘Midweek Competition’ is based on a ‘points for attendance’ and ‘points for fish’ system.

Challenge matches, which are held from time to time, do not count towards these trophies as matches are usually restricted to 20 members.

There is a modest fee charged for entering all competitions and the prize money can easily cover or exceed your daily expenses. You also enjoy a days fishing with other members on a famous pier, usually in a gale force wind and rain.

It is important to see that your peg space is left in a clean condition. This applies at all times when fishing on the pier. We must set a good example to others.

Bait boards, dustbins, water buckets and a brush are generally available on the pier.

NO BAIT ON THE SEATING AREA PLEASE

These are some of the guide lines to help you and others to enjoy a days fishing. Do not hesitate to raise any query you may have at any time.

HAVE A NICE DAY