



New Milton Angling Club MATCH FISHING RULES

- 1) All members attending matches must book in advance at Christchurch Angling Centre Tel 01202 480520 either in person or by phone by the Friday before the Sunday match. No places will be booked after this time. Any members may cancel by the Friday prior to the Sunday match, any none attendance there after will be called on to meet the full cost of peg fees. This applies to Sunday series only.
- 2) Each competitor must position them self within one meter of their peg. On still water fishing an angler may cast as far as half distance between their peg and the peg in front and half way from the next peg either side. On flowing water the competitor may fish in the direction of flow as far as the next peg or swim.
- 3) A competitor must use only one rod at any time, but may have other rods assembled for use, providing they are not baited. The tackle in use is to have only a single hook.
- 4) No competitor may groundbait or loose feed a swim, before the starting signal.
- 5) All competitors must strike, play and land their own fish, except a junior who may be aided in landing fish.
- 6) All live coarse fish are eligible for weigh in, except pike and any game fish.
- 7) All members are responsible for their own rod licence.
- 8) No method floats and floating feeders are to be used in float only matches.
- 9) Anglers will strike on the final whistle, any fish hooked after that will not be counted.
- 10) Any fish being played at the final whistle must be landed within ten minutes and a shout of "Fish On" shall be made immediately after the whistle.
- 11) No baited rods are to be left unattended in the water.
- 12) Barbles hooks only in all matches.
- 13) Only drawn numbered pegs to be fished.
- 14) All matches will be pegged down unless notified before hand.

- 15) Pegs drawn 1 hour before 5 hour match and $\frac{3}{4}$ hour before 3 hour match.
- 16) Two keepnets to be used at all times except for silver fish only matches (silver fish means any other species than carp)
- 17) Carp nets are to be of carp friendly material only and be no smaller than 8ft in length with a diameter of no less than 15".
- 18) General coarse fish nets should be of similar dimensions, be knotless mesh and have no more than 1/32" mesh.
- 19) All fish will be weighed and returned in a humane manner not dropped or thrown back.
- 20) Any known breach of rules will be dealt with by the club committee and any action to be taken will be by them alone all members have a right to answer any default laid against them at the following committee meeting.
- 21) All matches are undertaken at members own risk and no liability for any damage to person or tackle or third party will be accepted by New Milton AC.
- 22) Under no circumstances shall any fish be handled by cloth or towel being wet or dry including eels.
- 23) Any objections to an anglers conduct must be logged with the Match Secretary or his appointed representative within one hour of the match. The objector must inform the offended of his intentions at the time, in order that he may speak in his own defence.
- 24) A valid E.A. Rod Licence is required by all members.

Advisory Note

All individual fishery rules and regulations must be adhered to by all members individually. Any breach of these that damages New Milton AC good name will be dealt with as other breaches of the rules.