

FAKENHAM ANGLING CLUB COARSE MATCH RULES

Fakenham Angling Club matches will be fished in accordance with N.F.A. Rules.
[Subject to local variations] The following is a summary of the main rules and variations:-

1. All competitors must be in possession of a current Club Membership card and E.A.Licence.
2. **Competitors must abide by club rules and specific venue rules.** [In order to comply with many 'Carp' Fishery rules it is advisable to be in possession of two keep nets]. **In the absence of fishery/lake keepnet rules** the club aim is maximum 50lb per net, 50lb to 55lb is permissible, 55lb to 60lb is knocked back to 50lb that net, over 60lb that net is disqualified from weigh in, **many venues have strict keepnet rules please check these prior to fishing.**
3. Competitors must book in with the Match Secretary (01328) 855602, or representative, prior to the match.
4. Pike will not count. (Except in Pike Match)
5. If two or more anglers have the same weight of fish at the weigh in, the prize money for that position and any others shall be added together and shared. The points will also be shared in the same manner.
6. After the start signal competitors may wade provided he remains within one yard of the waters edge.
7. No competitor shall have live or dead fish in his possession before match. [Dead bait for pike match excepted]
8. The signal to commence and cease fishing will be given by a member of the Match Committee.
9. Before the starting signal, no competitor may groundbait or loose feed the swim. They are allowed to wet a line, plumb the depth, test floats, mix groundbait and clear the swim of weed or obstructions [within reason] to position their keepnet or keepnets.. Empty feeders and/or bombs may only be used to check distance.
10. Every competitor must fish from within one yard on an imaginary line between his peg number and the water. On flowing water he will fish from his position in the direction of the flow as far as the next peg. If an angler feels his peg is unfishable he should approach a member of the Match Committee.
11. On still water the competitor may fish as far as half the distance between his peg and the pegs on either side. Where competitors are drawn on opposite banks the limit of the swim will be the middle line between each bank. The competitor will restrict his activities completely to within these boundaries. Neither his person, tackle, bait or groundbait may intrude on to his neighbours swim.
12. A competitor shall only have in use one rod, one line and one hook at one time. Other rods and tackle may be assembled ready for use provided that it is not baited. With exception of feeding with a pole cup, whilst feeder fishing (where lake rules permit this).
13. Competitors must strike, play and land their own fish. Reasonable sensible exemptions may be approved by the Match Committee.
14. Competitors must cease fishing at the final signal. A competitor will be allowed 30 minutes to land a fish hooked before the signal. He must, however, make fellow competitors aware.
15. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their pegs are clear of litter. No competitor will have his catch weighed in with litter lying on the banks or in the margins of his swim.
16. Every competitor will be responsible for ensuring that the correct weight of his catch is recorded.
17. Disabled anglers, whether permanent or temporary, may receive preferential treatment in respect of pegs at the draw. This will be at the discretion of the Match Committee.
18. No surface floating hook baits or loose feed allowed. All baits and feed must be under the surface.
19. In any dispute the decision of the Match Committee will be final. **The main objective of the Club is to ensure that all competitors have an enjoyable, safe and comfortable days fishing.**