

# White Acres Pleasure Fishing Rules



- No keepnets to be used on any lakes at any time other than organised White Acres matches.
- Fishing permits must be purchased prior to fishing. If money is collected on the bank you will be charged double.
- Please fish on platforms or stoned area provided. Fishing between pegs is not permitted.
- No reserving pegs by leaving tackle in a swim. Any tackle found unattended will be removed by the fishery staff after ½ hour.
- One rod only can be used on the pleasure lakes.
- No fly fishing.
- Method feeders may be used, but must be free running to a bead. A minimum hook length of 4 inches may be used with this method.
- All leads and feeders must be free running to a bead.
- Please fish in front of you.
- BARBLESS HOOKS only (no exceptions), maximum size 8.
- No floating the pole, fishing the rattler or tapping the water or any similar devices.
- No braided line on reels.
- NO CAT MEAT OR TROUT PELLET and only 1 kilo of CARP pellet per session.
- No bivvying up on the pleasure lakes.
- Please don't damage trees or shrubs. Treat other anglers with respect.



## DO NOT DISCARD YOUR OLD BAIT INTO THE LAKE OR AROUND YOUR PEG

Any problems regarding the fish or the fishery are to be reported to the fishery staff. The Fisheries Team reserve the right to add or alter these rules without prior notice, and to close any lakes as required for matches, festivals or environmental benefits without prior notice.

During the low season and festival weeks the Fisheries Team reserves the right to cancel matches, change match days, or combine matches without prior notice.

Please remove all litter from the lake and use the bins that are provided by the Fishing Lodge or the First Bite Café. Please enjoy the environment.

Dog walking around the lakes is not permitted between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times and it is your responsibility to clean up after your dog. Anyone found not doing so may be asked to leave the park.

**Please note: White Acres is unable to hire keepnets for matches**

# White Acres Competition Fishing Rules



## White Acres Match Rules for Gold, Silver & Rover Residents' Matches

These rules apply to all matches held at White Acres. By entering a match at White Acres you agree to abide by these rules. If you are found to have broken any of these rules, you will forfeit your place on the match and will not be permitted to continue in the match. Your match entry fees will not be returned to you.

We reserve the right to amend/add to these rules at any time without prior notice.

These rules are in place to ensure the smooth running of the match and to make the match an enjoyable experience for everyone who is taking part or spectating. If you are in any doubt about any of the rules, or have any questions, please ask a member of our Fisheries Team who are always happy to help.

### Permitted Baits

Your bait allowance is 8 pints made up of carp/coarse pellets, combined maggots and casters, meat, corn and hemp. You cannot have more than 4 pints of combined maggots and casters, meat, corn and hemp. You can have 8 pints of pellet but you are then not allowed any other bait with you, other than from the additional bait list.

### Additional Baits

- A maximum of 1 kilo of worms.
- A maximum of 2 kilos of groundbait (including your paste).
- A maximum of half a loaf of bread.
- 1 small tub of mini boilies up to 10mm.

All of the above bait allowances refer to the amount of bait that you are allowed to take to the lake/your peg.

All baits must be prepared and ready to use.

Surface/floating baits are not permitted and no balling in. You may catapult or throw small walnut sized balls.

Please do not abuse this rule.

### Conduct During the Matches

We expect all competitors in matches to behave appropriately during matches and, in particular, to respect other competitors and not to engage in behaviour that is offensive, disruptive or likely to cause harm to other competitors, visitors and spectators or staff at White Acres, or cause harm to property. If the Fisheries Team, or any other member of the staff at White Acres feels your behaviour is offensive, disruptive, illegal or likely to cause harm as set out above, you will be required to forfeit the match and not take any further part in it, and your entry fees will not be refunded. In the event of a dispute concerning these rules or conduct during the match, the decision of the Fisheries Team is final.

If you are staying in a privately booked van and win one of our matches, you are not entitled to the 'pint for life' offer and free holiday. You will be invited back to winners' week but you will have to pay £75 for your week's accommodation should you wish to take up the offer and fish the mini-festival.

If you are found with more bait than the allowance listed here, or do not comply with the other requirements set out here relating to your bait, you are breaking White Acres rules and your place on the match will be forfeited and entry fees will not be returned.

### Other Rules

1. All anglers must be in possession of a current Environment Agency rod licence.

2. KEEPNETS ARE NOT TO GO INTO THE WATER UNTIL 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE MATCH. There is now a 60lb weight limit per net. Anything over 60lb in the net will not count. Two keepnets are required on all matches and three are desired but not essential. Just please bear in mind the 60lb limit. No rocks or stones in your keepnets.

3. The floating method, candle or feeder floats or any adaptation of these methods are banned. A minimum hook length of 4 inches can be used on a method feeder/bomb.

4. All feeders and bombs must be free running to a bead.

5. No buoyant topped wagglers/splashes or any adaptation of these methods. The maximum width of a waggler is 3/8 of an inch. NO UNDER SHOTTING.

6. No floating the pole, the rattler, cupping water or tapping the water. When fishing the pole you must use a pole rig with a correctly shotted float. The tip of your float must be a minimum of 8 inches from your connector or elastic. NO OVER SHOTTING.

7. No using a second pole to feed whilst fishing.

8. No pole cups must pass over the water before the start of the match.

9. Barbless hooks only, maximum size 12. No braided line to be used (main line or hook length).

10. 16 metre pole limit.

11. Anyone found discarding their old bait into the lake or around their peg will be disqualified.

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