

# BAIT TECH FESTIVAL RULES

By entering the festival at White Acres you agree to abide by these rules. If you are found to have broken any of these rules we have the right to require you to forfeit the match and the festival and take no further part. Any 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 festival and to make the festival an enjoyable experience for all those 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.

## GENERAL RULES

1. All anglers must be in possession of a current Environment Agency rod licence.
2. **There is now a 60lb weight limit per net on all venues. Anything over 60lb in the net will not count.** **KEEPNETS ARE NOT TO GO INTO THE WATER UNTIL 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF EACH MATCH;** Nets must be strung out each evening and before the start of the match. No rocks or stones in your keepnets.
3. The method, floating method, candle or feeder floats or any adaptation of these methods is banned. A minimum hook length of 12 inches must hang below your feeder and bomb when you cast out. All feeders & bombs must be free running to a **bead or quick change bead**, but you can put a sliding float stop 12" from your feeder NO PATERNOSTERS.
4. No buoyant topped waggler/splashers or any adaptation of these methods. The maximum width of a waggler is 3/8 of an inch. NO UNDER SHOTTING.
5. No floating the pole, the rattler, cupping water or taping 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). **The pole limit of 16 meters has been re-instated on all venues (Including Trewaters)**
6. No using a second pole to feed whilst fishing.
7. No pole cups must pass over the water before the start of the match.
8. Barbless hooks only maximum size 12
9. **The limit of your section is between you and the next angler.**
10. **All anglers must weigh in every day. An angler failing to go to their peg and fish for five hours, without good reason may, at the discretion of the fisheries team, be disqualified from the festival and may not be invited back.**

## BAIT INFORMATION AND RULES

1. No pellet, paste, boilies, cat meat, bloodworm or joker.
2. No surface baits (i.e. floating on the surface). No artificial baits.

3. Your bait allowance will be 8 pints made combined maggots & casters, pinkie, squatt, meat, corn, & hemp.
4. You cannot have more than 4\* pints of combined maggots & casters or meat\*. Hook baits come within your 8 pint allowance.
5. In addition to the baits set out above you are entitled to have the following additional bait:
  - a. up to 1 kilo of worms
  - b. up to 2 kilos of groundbait.
  - c. up to ½ a loaf of bread.
6. No balling in (i.e. jaffa sized balls). You can catapult or throw small walnut sized balls.
7. No fluorescent liquids or groundbait!
8. **NO DISCARDING OF YOUR OLD BAIT IN THE LAKES OR AT YOUR PEG, IF YOU ARE FOUND TO BE DOING THIS IT WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE FESTIVAL**

**Special rules for Trewaters:** please separate your carp from other fish

**Special rules for Bolingey:** There is now a 2 pint meat limit at Bolingey

ALL OF THE ABOVE BAIT ALLOWENCES REFER TO THE AMOUNT OF BAIT THAT IS ALLOWED AT THE LAKE/PEG.

At the discretion of the fisheries team anyone found abusing the rules re bait may be asked to forfeit the match and take no further part in the festival or may be permitted to fish on and weigh in but their individual points will not count for that day. Anyone who has broken the rules about bait in any previous match or festival held at White Acres and breaks the rules on a further occasion will not be eligible to pick up overall festival money and will not be allowed to fish the Parkdean Masters one day £25,000 final.

#### CONDUCT DURING THE MATCH

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 the festival and your entry fees will not be refunded.

In the event of a dispute concerning these rules or conduct during the festival the decision of the fisheries team is final.