



Spring Classic 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 maximum. Anything between 60lb to 80lb will not count, if the net is over 80lb the whole net will be disqualified.** 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 floating method, candle or feeder floats or any adaptation of these methods is banned. A minimum hook length of 4 inches must hang below your feeder and bomb when you cast out. (You can tuck your bait in when fishing the method) 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. YOU CAN USE THE GURU X SAFE FEEDER ON BOTH LAKES!
4. No buoyant topped wagglers/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 the half way 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 cat meat, bloodworm or joker. No surface baits (i.e. floating on the surface). No artificial baits.
2. Your bait allowance will be 8 pints made up of carp/coarse pellets (this can include up to 1 pint but no more of your own hook pellets), combined maggots & casters, pinkie, squatt, meat, corn, & hemp. Paste must be made up out of your pellet or groundbait allowance.
3. You cannot have more than 4 pints of combined maggots & casters or meat. Hook baits come within your 8 pint allowance.
4. 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. The use of liquidised bread must come out of your groundbait limit, you can have an extra half a loaf for the hook.
 - d. 1 small tub of mini boilies (max size 10 mil)
5. No balling in (i.e. jaffa sized balls). You can catapult or throw small walnut sized balls.
6. **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**

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

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