

PRESTON INNOVATIONS 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 you will be required to forfeit the match and the festival. Any entry fees paid will not be refunded to you.
- We reserve the right to amend or add to these rules at any time without prior notice.
- The rules are in place to ensure the smooth running of the festival and to make it an enjoyable and fair 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 a 60lb weight limit per net on all venues. Anything between 60lb up to 80lb in the net will not count; if you have more than 80lb the whole net will be disqualified.
3. Keepnets are not allowed 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.
4. 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 with exception to the Guru X-safe feeder and bomb system which can be used; (not at Bolingey lake) you can put a sliding float stop 12" from your feeder but NO PATERNOSTERS.
5. 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.
6. 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)
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
10. The limit of your section is the half way between you and the next angler.
11. 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. All fluorescent additives and ground baits are banned!
2. No cat meat, bloodworm or joker. **No surface baits (i.e. floating on the surface) or artificial baits.**
3. Your bait allowance will be 8 pints made up of Cornish bagging 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. Hook baits come within your 8 pint allowance.
4. You cannot have more than 4 pints of combined maggots & casters or more than 4 pints* of meat. (*see special rules for Bolingey)
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. Only one loaf of bread total may be used.
 - d. 1 small tub of mini boilies (max size 10 mil)
6. No balling in (i.e. jaffa sized balls). You can catapult or throw small walnut sized balls.
7. Do not discard your leftover bait into the lake or around your peg. If you are found to be doing this you will be automatically disqualified.

If you are fishing at Porth the rules set out above apply except as varied by rules 9 to 12 below.

8. Maximum of 5 kilo of groundbait.
9. You may catapult or throw groundbait on your pole, waggler or feeder line.
10. Micro barbed hooks can be used..
11. No Trout, Pike or **CARP** in your keepnet. These should be returned immediately. They do not count in the match.
12. Fixed feeders & a hook length of your choice can be used. No Spodding

Rules for Trewaters: All fish to be split evenly

IMPORTANT RULES FOR BOLINGEY: There is a 2 pint meat limit, NO elasticated feeders even X-safe and no groundbait!

You will be not be able to use your own keepnets on Bolingey, you will not be able to take your stink bag or own keepnets over the bridge, you must use keepnets that are supplied by the lake

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

At the discretion of the fisheries team anyone found abusing these rules 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 around 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 £25,000 final.

CONDUCT DURING THE MATCH

We expect all competitors in matches to behave appropriately during the competition and in particular to respect other competitors and not engage in behaviour that is offensive, disruptive or likely to cause harm to others. 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 you will be required to forfeit the match and not take any further part in the festival. 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.