

# **White Acres Match Rules**

## **Gold, Silver & Rover**

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 and 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 and 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.

### **RULES RE BAIT**

#### **Permitted baits**

Your bait allowance is 8 pints made up of carp/coarse pellets, combined maggots & castors, meat, corn & hemp.

You cannot have more than 4 pints of any one of these baits (including your hook pellets)

#### **Additional baits**

A maximum of 1 kilo of worm

A maximum of 2 kilo of groundbait (including your paste)

A maximum of ½ loaf bread

No cat meat, bloodworm, joker or artificial baits

### **SURFACE/FLOATING BAIT ARE NOT PERMITTED**

All baits must be prepared and ready to use.

No balling in, you may catapult or throw small walnut sized balls, please do not abuse this rule.

All of the above bait allowances refer to the amount of bait that you are allowed to take to the lake/your peg. If you are found with more bait than the above allowance or do not comply with the other requirements set out above 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 EACH MATCH.** Two keepnets are desired but not essential, 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.
4. All feeders & bombs must be free running
5. No buoyant topped wagglers/splashers or any adaptation of these methods. The maximum size 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 6 inches from your connector or elastic. **(NO OVER SHOTTING).** There is NO pole limit
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. No braided line to be used (main line or hook length)

## **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 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.**