

# **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. **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. Two keepnets to be used, no rocks or stones in your keepnets. **Three keepnets are now compulsory on Bolingey & Pollawyn.**
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 or bomb when you cast out. All feeders & bombs must be free running, but you can put a sliding float stop 12" from your feeder or bomb NO PATERNOSTERS.
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**
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. **No fishing outside your section. The limit of your section is the platform either side of you not in front of it. If the peg beside you is taken you may fish half way between the other angler and yourself.**
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. Every angler will need to be in possession of a set of official White Acres' bait measures manufactured by Preston Innovations. These will be the only bait boxes permitted at your peg. They can be purchased for £5.00 for 6 containers from the tackle shop. **(You can have additional empty bait tubs at your peg for mixing/chopping but these must be kept EMPTY until 10 minutes before the start of the match)**

2. No pellet, paste, cat meat, bloodworm or joker.
3. No surface baits (i.e. floating on the surface). No artificial baits.
4. Your permitted bait allowance will be 8 pints made up of combined maggots & casters, pinkie, squatt, meat, corn, & hemp.
5. You cannot have more than 4 pints of any one of the above baits. All baits must be prepared and ready to use.
6. 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.
7. No balling in (i.e. jaffa sized balls). You can catapult or throw small walnut sized balls.
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**

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

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

**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.**