



Swindon Isis Angling Club

(Founded in 1963)

COMPETITION RULES

1. Decisions to cancel Club matches or change venues, will be made on the morning by the Committee members present at the time of the advertised draw.

The Committee members in charge shall decide the time the match will commence after the draw has been made. The draw at each home match will commence 1 ½ hours prior to the commencement of the match. Until the signal to start has been given the water shall not be broken in any way except for;

1. Setting up of pitch
2. Placing of nets
3. Wetting of groundbait (within confines of swim)
4. Plumbing of the depth (with unbaited hook)

N.B The introduction of bait or groundbait in any way is strictly forbidden.

2. When the signal to cease fishing is given, fish being 'played' prior to landing will be allowed to count, but any fish hooked after the signal will not be allowed, and any flagrant disregard of this rule will cause disqualification at the discretion of the Committee member in charge of the match.
3. The fish will be weighed at each peg. Adequate keepnets should be used, the minimum size being as recommended in the NFA rules. Carp caught in Club matches may be retained in a keepnet until a carp sack is provided. On all other occasions they must either be returned immediately or kept for not more than 6 hours in an industrial nylon carp sack.
4. Competitors shall be allowed to have as many rods made up as they wish, but only one rod with one hook is to be in use at any one time.
5. No dead fish will be eligible for the weigh in.
6. No spinning or live biting will be allowed except for Pike competitions.
7. No competitor shall fish within ten yards of another Competitor.
8. Any decision on any points not covered by these rules shall be made by the Committee member in charge, and shall be final. Complaints arising during a match should be made to the Committee member in charge within 1 hour of the final whistle, and in any case before the results are announced.
9. Members must produce their membership books at the time of the draw, if requested. Failure to do so makes them ineligible to participate in the Competition. Competitors must leave their swims in good order and not leave litter of any kind, including discarded line, etc. Failure to observe this rule will result in expulsion from the Club. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
10. On Club Waters, Competitors are NOT allowed to change their swims from that drawn.
11. In specie fish matches, ie. Roach Shield, Dace and Perch Cups, all fish to be weighed in for Championship points and pools. The particular species being weighed separately for the appropriate Trophy.
12. Any Competitor leaving his rod in use unattended with the line in the water and hook baited will be liable to disqualification at the discretion of the Committee man in charge.

13. Competition fixtures to be the responsibility of the Committee
14. Any competitor who abandons his drawn swim during a match and therefore takes no further part in the competition but continues to fish elsewhere must do so outside the extremities of the match areas, ie./ above or below the first or last peg respectively.
15. On matches organised by ISIS Angling Club all fish caught with the exception of Pike, Trout and Salmon shall be eligible for weigh-in. On away matches local rules apply.
16. The committee will appoint a Team Manager at the November meeting to select all teams representing Swindon ISIS Angling Club. If no nominations are received for the position, a three man Selection Committee will be chosen.
17. ISIS Club members nominating for the National Team must put in their nominations in writing not later than 2 months before the national date enclosing £20 (Pools money). This money will only be returned if the angler is not selected for the team. The nomination deadline date will be published in the Evening Advertiser. The team will be selected from members who have nominated in the correct manner and who are prepared to practise the venue. If a full team of club members is not available after nominations have closed, other anglers, preferably members, may be drafted into the team.
18. **OPTIONAL POOLS** will be run on each Club Competition as follows:

MAIN POOLS: £8.00 Paying out total take
SECTION POOLS: £4.00 Paying out total take
+ PEG FEE (NOT OPTIONAL): £3.00 to Club
TOTAL POOLS = £15.00

The Committee men in charge of each match will decide on the number of sections which will have a maximum of six anglers each. The main pool winners may not win section money. If only one, two or nil competitors weigh in, the pools will be divided thus:

MAIN POOLS 1 & 2:
 Nil – Pools to be drawn.

SECTION POOLS:
 Nil – Pool to be drawn. One – 100%
 One – 100% Two – 60%-40%

Only anglers completing the match and giving in their cards to the scalesman at their peg will be eligible to draw for the Pool in which they entered.

19. **CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** Will be awarded as follows:
 1st place 50 points dropping by 2 points to 20th place (12 points)
 21st place downwards, 6 points for weighing in.
 2 points for Attendance but not weighing in.

EIGHT BEST RESULTS TO COUNT

20. **The Ladies Trophy Competition** to be open to all female Club Members and to any lady entered by a Club Member. Entrants will be given every assistance, other than hooking and playing their fish.
21. **Golden Peg rules** – see separate rules for Golden Peg competitions.

