



Marazion Angling Club – Match Rules

1 ALL MATCH ANGLERS SHALL ABIDE BY MAC'S GENERAL FISHERY RULES, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 No fish are to be removed or stocked.
- 2 No fires or BBQs.
- 3 No drugs or alcohol to be used at the Lake
- 4 No loud radios or speakers (use headphones if necessary).
- 5 No littering and no line shall be discarded on the bank. Please report any lost gear in the lake.
- 6 Fish, birds and all wildlife must be respected at and around the lake.
- 7 Dogs are not allowed (some local residents have been given permission by the
- 8 Keepnets are not allowed, unless an angler holds an annual membership or has entered a match allowing the retention of fish in keep nets
- 9 All competitors must be in possession of a current E.A Rod Licence where applicable.
- 10 Day tickets, or 'peg fees' issued in matches, for non-MAC members, are valid from dawn 'til dusk.
- 11 Match anglers are required to abide by the MAC Members Code of Conduct and take adequate measures to safeguard against the risks identified in MAC Risk Assessment (both documents are available on the MAC web site.
- 12 The Club bailiff's and Committee reserve the right to ask people to leave if they fail to abide by these rules and persistent offenders may be banned from Matches and the Club.

2 HOW MATCHES FIT IN WITH THE CLUB'S PURPOSE, THEIR GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

13. For many members, match fishing is an important part of the angling experience. Matches will be held regularly by the Club.
14. Matches are the responsibility of the **Committee**.
15. There is a **Match Secretary** authorised by the **Committee** to plan, organise and manage all aspects of matches and other match-associated angling events for the season.
16. For each match, the **Match Secretary** shall act as the **Match Referee**. Where the **Match Secretary** is not available they will nominate an alternative **Match Referee**.

17. In the case where the **Match Secretary** wishes to fish the match, he/ she shall, prior to the commencement of the match, seek permission (by majority vote) of the competitors for him/her to fish. Where permission is not granted by the competitors, he/she shall either: not fish in the match; or nominate an alternative **Match Referee**.
18. The **Match Referee** shall:
 - a. Ensure competitors are aware of the rules and arrangements for the match before starting
 - b. Carry out the draw, collect peg fees and pools money
 - a. Notify competitors when they can start fishing
 - b. Notify competitors when time is up
 - c. Undertake the weighing of all the competitor's catches assisted by one other person
 - d. Record each competitor's weight to the nearest 1 ounce.
 - e. Have the final say on the weight recorded
 - f. Pay out winnings to successful competitors
 - g. Ensure all competitors are treated fairly and respectfully
19. Advance notice of match dates, and the results, of matches shall be posted on the MAC facebook page by the **Match Secretary** or a nominee, if the **Match Secretary** is not available.
20. MAC has a safeguarding policy and is working on full safeguarding capacity. However, until the Club has adequate 'safeguarding' measures in place to fully safeguard juniors in matches, entrants to matches must be 18 years old or older.
21. Subject to approval by the **Committee**, and subject to competitors being notified in advance, the **Match Secretary** may amend rules to accommodate new and unusual circumstances not foreseen in these rules.

3 THE LOCATION, TYPE AND FREQUENCY OF MATCHES

22. Matches may be held at St Erth pool and other locations as deemed of interest to members.
23. Matches may be described as:
 - a. **Silvers matches** which shall be limited to: Roach, Rudd, Bream, Ide, Perch, Gudgeon, Eels and all Roach/Rudd/Bream/Ide hybrids
 - b. **Carp matches** which shall be limited to: Common, Mirror, Crucian, Ghost & Koi Carp and F1 (Carp/Crucian) Hybrids.
 - c. **'All-in' matches** which shall include fish of all species
 - d. **'Special interest' or 'challenge' matches** which, subject to approval by the Committee, may be special events, trials for new ideas and different competition rules

24. Matches may be arranged as short or long series, or as one-off events
25. Results from each match may contribute to a 'league' using a points system for competitors to build up a score
26. The length of a match may vary depending on the start time and daylight hours.
Typically:
 - a. Winter matches will be no more than 5 hours long
 - b. Summer matches will be no more than 6 hours long
 - c. Afternoon and evening matches will be timed to fit the daylight hours available at the time
27. Matches may also be arranged in 'Sections' where anglers compete against anglers in their section. It will be the responsibility of the **Match Referee** to allocate as equal a number of anglers to each section, as possible. Sections will be scored separately.
28. Matches may be:
 - a. 'Open' - that is open to MAC members and non-members, the later will be subject to a day ticket being bought by the non-member; or
 - b. 'Closed' – that is open to MAC members only

Notice will be given if 'open' or 'closed' at the time the match, league or series is announced

29. MAC may form teams to fish in inter-club matches, co-arranged with other angling clubs. In this case, rules will be agreed with the collaborating clubs, prior to entering into an arrangement. Some compromise may be required and these will be proposed by the **Match Secretary** and approved by the **Committee**.

4 HOW MATCHES WILL BE RUN

30. Unless specifically stated prior to commencement, all matches will be based on the weight of fish caught by each competitor.
31. Only baits and methods that do not contravene the rules of the club/fishery shall be permitted. Subject to approval of the Committee and prior notice being given to competitors, some restrictions on baits and methods may be applied to some matches.
32. Competitors will draw their allotted peg by means of a blind draw prior to the commencement of the match. Where disabled anglers wish to compete in the match, they may notify the 'Match Referee' prior to the draw and, if available at the time notice is given, such anglers will be given priority access to the 'accessible' pegs. It should be noted that matches are fished at both ends of the lake and every effort will be made to assist a disabled angler to get to a suitable peg.

33. Every competitor must fish from their designated peg.
34. Every competitor will only fish their swim:
 - a. as far as half the distance between their peg and the pegs on either side, even if the adjacent pegs are vacant.
 - b. to the midway point between their swim and the opposite bank, even if the pegs on the opposite bank are vacant. If the competitor is unsure of the extent of their peg he/she should consult the Match Referee before the match commences
35. Keep nets/Landing nets must either be completely dry prior to placing in the water, otherwise competitors, who have used their nets recently at another venue, must dip their nets in the tank provided before going to his or her peg
36. A competitor must not cause annoyance or seek to interfere with other competitors during the match.
37. Before the starting signal competitors shall not:
 - a. Ground bait or loose feed their swim
 - b. Cast a feeder into their swim
 - c. Introduce their baited hook/tackle into their swim
38. Before the starting signal, competitors may:
 - a. Plumb the depth, test floats or clear weed and obstructions from their swim.
 - b. Find depths or clip up their line using only a leger weight.
39. Before the starting signal, disabled competitors must, if requiring assistance:
 - a. Notify the **Match Referee** of the assistance they require and their nominated assistant.
40. During the match competitors shall:
 - a. Have in use one rod or pole, one line and one single hook at any time. Other rods or poles and tackle can be assembled for use within the boundaries of their peg.
 - b. Use only barbless hooks no bigger than a size 8
 - c. If using a "Zig" rig (Anchored suspended bait) ensure that the bait is a minimum of 12" (30cm) below the water surface to protect wildlife.
 - d. Use a max of 12lbs line.
 - e. When fishing within 1 metre of lilies, anglers shall use a minimum 6lb breaking strain main line. Lighter hook lengths are permitted.
 - f. Strike, play and land their own fish from within the boundaries of their peg.
NOTE: In the circumstances of a disabled angler requiring assistance to net and land larger fish, this will be permitted in the interests of fish safety. If the person assisting is a competitor, rule 36 shall not be applied, rule 39 shall have been applied, rules 41d shall apply.
41. During the match, competitors shall not:

- a. Introduce bait with a pole cup or bait spoon attached to an extra rod or pole whilst continuing to fish
 - b. Introduce bait or baited hooks using a bait boat
 - c. Leave the boundaries of their peg to “place” their bait into their swim.
 - d. Leave their peg other than to visit the toilet facilities or in an emergency.
Dispensation shall be given to:
 - i. junior/disabled anglers who require specific assistance.
 - ii. Anglers assisting a disabled angler, as notified to the match referee prior to the match commencing.
 - e. In compliance with EA license rules, leave any tackle in the water unattended.
 - f. Use lead core, leaders or braid mainline and carp anglers must use safe rigs.
 - g. Not use surface baits, no nuts & no cat or dog meat.
 - h. Not use spinning, jigging, live or deadbaiting and no lures
42. In an extreme situation such as snagged tackle or a snagged fish the angler must seek the permission for the angler in any adjacent swim before moving from their designated peg to attempt to remedy the situation. If a fish is then successfully landed, such a fish must be returned to the water and shall not count to the competitor’s weight.
43. Any fish that is foul hooked – a hook hold anywhere outside the mouth, must be returned to the water and shall not count to the competitor’s weight. The onus lies with the angler to act in a sporting manner with regards to this rule.
44. A competitor must cease fishing at the finishing signal. Should the competitor still be playing a fish hooked before the finishing signal the competitor shall be permitted a maximum of fifteen minutes after the finishing signal to land the fish.
45. It shall be the responsibility of each competitor to ensure the safe transfer of fish from the competitor’s keep net/s to the nominated weighing sling.
46. It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure that their weight is correctly recorded, and to sign the recording sheet to acknowledge that they are confirming their recorded weight.
47. It shall be the responsibility of each competitor to ensure the safe return of fish to the water. Any dead fish must not be returned to the water. Competitors shall notify the Match Referee who will advise on the most appropriate disposal of the fish.
48. Competitors are to ensure that all tackle; including terminal tackle (hooks/line etc.) and equipment is cleared from their peg at the end of the match.
49. Competitors must ensure that any litter is removed from their peg at the end of the match.

5 SCORING IN LEAGUE MATCHES

50. Only anglers registered and paid up for the league will be awarded points in a League Match
51. The winner of the league shall be the angler with the lowest accumulated score.
52. For the purposes of any league competition, points shall be awarded as follows:
- a. 1 point for the heaviest catch
 - b. 2 points for the 2nd heaviest catch
 - c. 3 points for 3rd heaviest catch
 - d. And so on.
- 'Did not weigh' in (DNW) will score 1 point higher than the number of points awarded to the angler weighing in the lowest weight.
53. Anglers achieving a tied weight will each claim points for the highest position. For example: two anglers tied for 2nd place will each be awarded 2 points and the next placed angler would then score 4 points.
54. Penalty points may be awarded at the discretion of the **Match Referee** for breaking of the rules that are observed before, during and/or after the match.
55. In the case of League matches, competitors registered for the league, will be able to discount a proportion of their scores. As a general guide:
- a. Leagues consisting of between 4 and 6 matches – competitors can discount 1 match
 - b. Leagues consisting of between 7 and 10 matches – competitors can discount 2 matches
56. The use of 'stand-ins', 'substitutes' or 'reserves' are not allowed in League matches.
57. The **Match Secretary** shall confirm the rules to be applied to the league/series, prior to commencing the league and/or series.

6 NON-LEAGUE AND ONE-OFF MATCHES

58. Unless specifically stated prior to commencement, all non-league and one-off matches will be based on the weight of fish caught by each competitor.
59. All other appropriate match and MAC club rules apply.

7 ENTRY FEES, PRIZES, POOLS AND GOLDEN PEG DRAW

ENTRY TO A LEAGUE AND AWARD OF PRIZES

59. Entry into any League will require a **Registration fee**, to be determined by the **Match Secretary**, approved by the Committee and notified to the membership, in good time, prior to the League starting.
60. Anglers not registered for the League may enter league matches but their weight will not count towards league points.
61. From the **Registration fees** collected from anglers registering for a specific 'league' or 'series' of matches, prize monies shall be split and paid out after the final league match, in line with the following guidelines, as follows:
- a. Where between 1 -5 Anglers have entered the League, prizes shall be awarded for
 - 1st (60%) and 2nd (40%) only
 - b. Where 6 - 10 Anglers have entered the League, prizes shall be awarded for:
 - 1st (50%) and 2nd (30%) and
 - The highest-ranking angler not appearing in the top 3 of any match (20%)
 - c. Where more than 10 Anglers have entered the League, prizes shall be awarded for:
 - 1st (45%) and 2nd (25%) and
 - The highest-ranking angler not appearing in the top 3 of any match (20%)
 - The 2nd highest ranking angler not appearing in the top 3 in any match (10%)

GOLDEN PEG

62. Anglers may enter into the Golden Peg Draw for a fee determined by the Match Secretary, approved by the Committee and notified to the membership, in good time, prior to the League or specific match starting.

ENTRY TO THE POOLS AND AWARD OF PRIZES

63. Anglers at each match, may pay a fee to enter the 'pools' and be eligible for prize money based on the weight of fish caught in the match.
64. Anglers taking part in the Match but not entering the pools shall not receive any prizes as described in this section
65. At each match any 'pools' monies shall be split and paid out fairly, between those who have paid the 'pools' prior to the draw and based on the weight of fish caught.
66. Monies collected for the pools shall be paid to places as follows:
- a. Where between 1 - 5 Anglers have entered the pools
 - 1st (60%), 2nd (40%)
 - b. Where between 6 - 10 Anglers have entered the pools
 - 1st (50%),

- 2nd (30% or to the nearest increment of £5),
 - 3rd (20% or to the nearest increment of £5)
- c. Where more than 10 Anglers have entered the pools
- 1st (40%),
 - 2nd (30% or to the nearest increment of £5)
 - 3rd (20% or to the nearest increment of £5),
 - 4th (10% or to the nearest increment of £5)
67. Where it is necessary to fish the match in Sections, prize monies shall be allocated equally to each section. The prize money allocated to each section shall be split and paid out, in the following proportions:
- b. Where there are 1 -5 Anglers in each Section
- 60% to 1st, and 40% to 2nd
- c. Where there are 6 – 10 Anglers in each Section
- 50% to 1st,
 - 30% (or to the nearest increment of £5) to 2nd, and
 - 20% (or to the nearest increment of £5) to 3rd
- d. Where there are more than 10 Anglers in each Section
- 40% (or to the nearest increment of £5) to 1st,
 - 30% (or to the nearest increment of £5) to 2nd, and
 - 20% (or to the nearest increment of £5) to 3rd and
 - 10% (or to the nearest increment of £5) to 4th
68. Where anglers achieve a tied weight, prize money shall be a 'mean' average of the place awarded, as a result of weight caught (see Rule 41) and the immediate place below. For example, if 2 anglers tie for 2nd place, the prize money for 2nd and 3rd place shall be added together and split equally.
69. Subject to prior agreement of the competitors, prior to the match starting, the **Match Referee** may alter the percentages set out above for specific matches

8 RULES FOR MATCHES THAT INCLUDE CARP.

70. Anglers in Carp-only matches must use a rod and line, poles and whips shall not be used.
71. When targeting Carp, competitors must have a suitable unhooking mat and a 36" landing net available for larger fish. Anglers will be held responsible for damaging fish through bad handling. Damage to fish through the use of inadequate equipment may result in banning from matches and the Club.
72. Upon landing a Carp, the angler shall alert the **Match Referee** and retain the fish in a suitable mesh net until the **Match Referee** can weigh and release the fish

73. No Carp shall be retained for longer than it takes to notify the **Match Referee**, get the fish unhooked, weighed and released.
74. Arrangements for notifying the **Match Referee** that a fish has been caught and requires weighing, will be determined by the **Match Referee** and notified to competitors prior to the match starting.

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