



## **Marazion Angling Club – Match Rules – Silver Fish**

1. All baits and methods are permitted that do not contravene the rules of the club/fishery (Please refer to the fishery rules board located at the entrance). Lake rules will always take precedence over these rules where there is a conflict.
2. All competitors must be in possession of a current E.A Rod Licence where applicable.
3. Winter matches will be 5hrs in length, summer matches will be 6hrs in length.
4. Only silver fish to count – including Crucian, Ide & Eels (F1s, Common & Mirror, Ghost & Koi Carp will not count).
5. 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, such anglers will be given priority access to the accessible pegs. In this circumstance, matches will be fished at the carpark end of the lake in the interests of promoting an enjoyable and inclusive atmosphere.
6. Every competitor must fish from their designated peg. The competitor may fish as far as half the distance between their peg and the pegs on either side (unless the adjacent pegs are vacant, then the competitor can fish up to but not in front of the adjacent peg on either side). Where competitors are drawn on opposite banks the limit of the swim is midway between each bank.
7. Keep nets/Landing nets must be dry prior to placing in the water. The competitor's keep net may be placed in the water as soon as the competitor reaches their allotted peg.
8. No competitor shall leave their peg at any time during the match other than to visit the toilet facilities or in an emergency (certain dispensation may be given to junior/disabled anglers who require specific assistance). If a competitor leaves their peg, their tackle/baited hook must be removed from the water and made safe.
9. A competitor must not cause annoyance or seek to interfere with other competitors during the match.
10. A competitor shall 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.
11. Before the starting signal no competitor shall ground bait or loose feed their swim. Competitors are permitted to plumb the depth, test floats or clear weed and obstructions from their swim. On no account can a feeder be used prior to the start signal, if a competitor wishes to find depths or clip up their line a ledger weight must be used.
12. No competitor shall introduce their baited hook/tackle into their swim by means other than the rod or pole to which their line is attached. No bait shall be introduced with a pole cup or bait spoon attached to an extra rod or pole whilst continuing to fish.
13. A competitor must strike, play and land their own fish from within the boundaries of their peg. NOTE: In the circumstances of a junior or disabled angler requiring assistance to net/land larger fish, this will be permitted in the interests of fish safety. If the person assisting is a competitor, rule 9 must be followed before assistance is given. The person assisting the junior or disabled angler must be nominated prior to the start of the match.

14. 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.
15. 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 sportsman like manner with regards to this rule.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. One nominated person (Not a competitor – unless attendance numbers dictates that no other person is available) will undertake the weighing of all the competitor's catches assisted by one other person (Not a competitor – unless attendance numbers dictates that no other person is available) to record each competitor's weight. Weights shall be recorded to the nearest 1 ounce.
19. 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.
20. In all instances, the operator of the scales has the final say on the weight to be recorded.
21. 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 but must be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
22. Competitors are to ensure that all tackle; including terminal tackle (hooks/line etc.) and equipment are cleared from their peg at the end of the match.
23. Competitors must ensure that any litter is removed from their peg at the end of the match.
24. At each match any pools monies shall be split and paid out fairly as follows, with 50% of the pool monies being paid to 1st place:

1 -10 Anglers – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

More than 10 Anglers – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

25. The Winter League requires an entry fee of £10 from which prize monies shall be split and paid out fairly after the final league match as follows, with 50% of the monies being paid to 1st place:

1 -10 Anglers – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

More than 10 Anglers – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

26. For the purposes of any league competition, points shall be awarded as 1 point for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> and so on. DNW will score 1 point higher than the number of points awarded to the highest scoring angler.
27. Anglers achieving a tied weight will claim equal points for the two positions added together and divided by two i.e., two anglers tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place would each score 2.5. The next placed angler would then score 4 points.

28. Summer league will be contested over six matches (April to September); competitors will be permitted to discount their worst score – 5 scores to count.
29. Winter league matches will open to members and non-members, who hold a day ticket, and be contested over ten matches (October to March); competitors will be permitted to discount their worst scores – 8 scores to count.
30. An additional penalty point may be awarded at the discretion of the organiser for any breaking of the rules that are observed.

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