

Deeping St James Angling Club



Match Rules

1. All matches to be fished to Club Rules, (copies on the Club Website and/or from The Secretary & Match Secretary)
2. Rules of fisheries other than those controlled by DSJAC will take precedent over and above these rules
3. DSJAC matches are only to be fished by current members of DSJAC.
4. Any member who is in receipt of Any Sponsorship from any Fishing Tackle or Bait Supplier or Any other Commercial company is permitted to fish in Club Matches at the discretion of the Match Secretary. However, they are not permitted to enter into the normal "Club Pools" but may make their own agreement with other individual participants.
5. The use of Bloodworm and Joker are banned, Pike, Zander and Trout do not count and must be returned to the water immediately. Fish will be weighed at the conclusion of the Match and returned to the water.
6. Fees to club matches will be Five pounds, inclusive of the Entry fee (£1.), individual pools (£3.) and section pools (£1.) Optional pools for Open Matches will be decided by the Match Committee or Organiser.
7. The Club Champion will be determined by points gained in all club matches indicated by an asterisk in the Club Match Fixture List. The member with the highest number of points at the end of the season (April 30th) will be declared Club Champion.
8. Club Match points will be awarded as follows; Winner = 10pts, second = 9pts, third = 8pts, fourth = 7pts, fifth = 6pts, sixth = 5pts, seventh = 4pts, eighth = 3pts and every other participant shall be awarded 2pts for attending, even if anyone blanks. Where a tie arises then the points from the tying positions will be added together and then equally shared i.e. Joint 1st = 10pts + 9pts = 19pts each winner will receive 9.5pts then the next place will be 3rd place = 8pts, etc.
9. The first round of the Knockout Competition will be held at the FIRST club match indicated in the Club Match Fixture List; at the conclusion of each round the winning members will make a draw to decide the opponent for the next round. The date and venue of each following round shall be decided by the Match Committee or Match Organiser whose decision shall be final. Each knockout match will take place within THREE weeks of the previous round.
10. All club matches and venues to be the joint responsibility of the Match Committee, any club match or venue may be cancelled, postponed or changed to an alternative date within that same season, 1st May to the 30th April, prior to the draw by the Match Committee or Match Organiser where considered necessary.
All Club trophy winners must be decided within that current season May 1st to April 30th. .
Any un-awarded trophies in any given season, will not have a winner listed for that particular season.
11. Any member wishing to enter a club match must first apply to the Match Committee who shall consider the application.
12. Members not having given 7 days' notice of their intention to fish a club match may be permitted to fish subject to available peg's and at the discretion of the Match Organiser.

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13. Members failing to attend a match and not having cancelled their match booking are liable to pay any pegging fee incurred by the club.
14. The start time for matches will be displayed in the Club Match Fixture List; this may be changed where necessary by the Match Organiser at the venue.
15. The duration of club matches will be 5 hours for summer Matches and 4 hours for Winter Matches unless stated in the Club Match Fixture List or notified at least 72hrs before the match by the Match Organiser.
16. All matches must be a Pegged down competition
17. Each member on drawing their peg may proceed to the corresponding numbered peg on the bank which will be considered their fishing ground. The peg must remain in position until after the weigh in.
18. Each competitor must fish within ONE metre either side of their designated peg, on flowing water the competitor must fish in the direction of flow as far as up to ONE metre prior to the next peg. On still waters they may fish as far as half the distance between their peg and the next competitors peg on either side. Where competitors are drawn on opposite banks the limit of the swim is a line midway between each bank.
19. The competitor will restrict all their activities within the boundaries of their peg and must not intrude into their neighbour's swim. In extreme cases where this is unavoidable, prior agreement must be sought from the Match Organiser.
20. A competitor must not cause annoyance to, or seek to interfere with any other competitor and must at all times act in a sporting manner.
21. Members are restricted to only one entry and must not move their peg or exchange it with another competitor without the express agreement from the Match Organiser.
22. Members must retain all fish in Keepnets that comply with relevant EA byelaws. Members must take every practical step to keep their fish alive, and after weighing in must ensure their careful return to the water. If for any reason fish are seen to be in distress a club official or the Match Organiser has the right to demand that they be weighed immediately and returned to the water during the match.
23. A competitor shall have only one rod or pole, one line and single hook in use in the water at one time, but may have other rods or poles and tackle assembled ready for use in position at their peg.
24. Any bait subject to fishery rules may be used except live or dead fish, frogs, spinning baits or artificial lures, no member shall have live Or dead fish in their possession before a match, all competitors must submit to a search if requested by the match organiser or Club Official. (This rule shall not apply during organised club Pike matches although it must be noted, that the club has a complete Ban and does not allow the use of live fish as bait (live baiting), under any circumstances).
25. Members may receive assistance for themselves and/or their tackle to and from their peg
26. Before the starting signal no competitor shall ground bait or feed their swim, but is allowed to wet a line, plumb the depth, test the float, mix and wet ground bait, clear their peg and swims of weed or obstructions and position their equipment. On no account must a baited feeder be used before the starting signal, anyone found doing so will be disqualified. A weight may be cast to find depth

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and distance, but at no time must the line be left in the water whilst continuing to set up other tackle.

27. Bait may be thrown in by hand or by use of a catapult, throwing stick, swim feeder, bait dropper, bait cup or pot, but must only be done from the competitor's peg. Anglers may feed their swim using a separate pole or bait dropper while continuing to fish. No other mechanical means are allowed.
28. All hooks (barbed/barbless/size) will be governed by the fishery rules.
29. Braid hook lengths are not permitted
30. Maximum permitted length of Poles is 16 metres.
31. Floating Poles are not permitted,
32. A competitor must strike, play and land their own fish.
33. Fish must not be bullied by using inappropriate heavy elastic, through pole top kits or stripping excessive amounts of heavy elastic out of "pulla" bungs or "pulla" kits. Handling of elastics and or line from the top of pole kits to land fish is not permitted, unless the end tackle becomes snagged.
34. Keepnets to be laid on the bank for a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the match, (as dry nets do not spread diseases,) nets should be dipped if dipping tanks are provided. Fish should not be handled with dry gloves or dry towels.
35. Size of fish, quantity and species kept in Keepnets will be governed by fishery rules. On DSJAC club waters the maximum allowed per net is 50lbs. At Horseshoe Lake a minimum of two nets are required, Carp only in one net, Tench and Silvers/others in another, the club weight limits will apply.
36. A competitor must cease fishing at the finishing signal, should they be playing a fish hooked before the signal was given, they will be allowed no more than 15 minutes extra time, in which to land the fish.
37. Subject to club rules all fish caught are eligible for weighing in. Where it is suspected that a fish has been weighted or any fish considered suspicious by the Stewards/Weighers it must be presented to the Match Organiser or Club Official, the competitors' weight will not be confirmed until a ruling has been obtained, in all cases where any competitor is disqualified their catch will be weighed and recorded in case of an appeal.
38. All catches will be weighed to the nearest half ounce or twenty grams.
39. Each competitor will be responsible for ensuring the correct weight of their catch is recorded by the Stewards. In any dispute the decision of the Match Organiser shall be final.
40. All fish will be weighed at the competitors peg unless the bankside terrain renders this impractical, no catch should be carried more than 10 metres to the scales.
41. Any objection to a competitor's conduct for whatever reason must be notified to the competitor concerned as early as possible during the match and to the Match Organiser or a Club Official within 30 minutes of the match finishing signal. The competitor concerned will be asked to explain their conduct. The Match Organiser or Club Official will then consider the complaint and make a decision accordingly.
42. All the foregoing rules are subject to local and Environment Agency byelaws.

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