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Rules for Match Fishing - effective from 7th April 2007

- **Bait and tackle that is visible on an anglers peg will be deemed as in use.**
- Manufactured Barbless hooks only - maximum size 8
- Barbless Method Feeder hook - no larger than a Mustad Long Point size 12
- No liquidised, crushed, mashed or riddled baits (including cat meat) - min size cubed bait is 4mm, crushed hemp is classed as groundbait.
- No Artificial baits or lure rigs
- No boilies
- No bloodworm or joker
- No Groundbait between April and September (permitted on Railway & Willow Lakes all year)
- Groundbait allowed on all lakes from October to end of March - 1kg limit and it must be cupped in or in a feeder (no balling in). Over this period of time all permitted baits are allowed in a feeder.
- No method feeders - ensure all bait is **inside** the feeder
- No hand-lining – unless in extreme circumstances i.e. broken top section.
- No surface floating baits or surface fishing.
- No pellet or cat/dog meat allowed in a feeder (from April - September)
- No Nuts and seed baits or any particles except for sweetcorn and hemp.
- Only feed pellets allowed are Barford Lakes Carp Pellet which must be purchased on site from a Barford Lakes representative and used as a **loose feed** only (pellet mixed with cat/dog meat is not loose feed and classed as groundbaiting). Pellet may be dampened but not soaked so not to infringe on the groundbait rule.
- Paste and hook pellets are allowed but for **HOOK BAIT ONLY** and not for feed/feeder (Railway & Willow included). Banded and Expanda pellets are allowed but if it is not Barford Lakes pellet then it must be obvious that it is being used for hook baits only i.e. stored on the peg in a small tub (a one pint tub).
- All feed baits to be used in moderation
- No Braid
- No loop, paternoster or fixed rigs. All leads and feeders must be free running up the line.
- No feeding or cupping with a second pole - only one pole or rod in use at any one time.
- No bubble floats

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- No Floating pole method (there should be at least 6” of line between pole tip and top of float and at least 12” of line between bottom of float and hook. Excluding when fishing within 1 metre of bankside vegetation)
- There should be a 12” minimum hook length hanging below the feeder, ledger or bottom of float.
- We have a Keepnet and Weighing in Policy - please see the reverse.
- Please remove all litter from pegs including discarded line (we advise you cut it into small pieces)
- Ensure careful handling of fish at all times.
- If you unhook fish on the staging/ground a carp unhooking mat MUST be used
- All vehicles & equipment are left at their owner’s risk.

The owners and bailiffs reserve the right to refuse entry or ask an angler to leave due to any violation of the land, lakes or rules. They also reserve the right to change a venue at short notice due to any unforeseen circumstances.

Additional Rules for Railway and Willow Lakes

(the rules stated below override any relevant rules previously mentioned above)

- Groundbait allowed all year round - 1kg limit (no balling in allowed - in a feeder or cupped in only)
- No meat baits at all
- All Railway & Willow permitted baits are allowed in a feeder - please ensure bait is inside the feeder (No method allowed).

The owners or fishery manager reserve the right to amend or change a rule at any time if it is deemed to be detrimental to the fish or fishery.

If you find a grey area within our rules or are unsure of any parts - PLEASE ASK US.

Keepnet Policy

Colton Lake - 10 carp limit in each net (3 nets max).

Pleasure Lake – 10 carp limit in each net (3 carp nets max). Silver fish must be kept in an additional net.

All Other Lakes - 50lb maximum in a keepnet (10 carp in a net at Colton & Pleasure Lake). 3 nets maximum, once you have 50lb (or 10 carp at Colton or the Pleasure Lake) in all 3 nets you may alternate the fish between each net - alert the adjacent angler that you are doing so.

Movement of fish between nets is not permitted at any time on any lake.

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If an angler has over 65lb in a keepnet (and they have not filled their 3 nets as stated above) that angler's whole weight from the day will be disqualified. Please note that 65lb is the upper limit – we would like 50lb in a keepnet. We would ask that all clubs adhere to this action due to fish welfare reasons.

Keepnets and landing nets should be of a suitable size and be carp friendly material.

Please ensure all nets are completely dry before putting them into our lakes

Do not put rocks and stones inside keepnets

Weighing In Policy

1/ Carp/unhooking mats must be used. They can be borrowed from the fishery.

2/ Do not tumble fish down the keepnet - it can remove scales and the protective mucus from the fish leaving it more susceptible to parasites and infection. Collapse the net and pull the 2nd/3rd ring from the bottom through the top on the keepnet.

3/ **Place** the fish back to the water from the weigh bag/net i.e place the net/bag on the surface of the water and turn it inside out. Any club seen throwing fish back into the water from a height will lose that match date in future bookings.

Please note – First Aid is only available at the main Barford Lakes site (contact Sarah or Daniel on 01603 759624 for help if needed). Match organisers have responsibility for organising first aid provision at other venues.