



Pike Fishing Event Rule Outlines



The following rule outlines are designed to be used as a starting point for anyone intending to organise a pike fishing event. They can be negotiated with the fishery management and modified to arrive at a mutually acceptable set of rules for each event on a case by case basis.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PIKE FISHING EVENTS

All anglers to be in possession of a valid EA rod licence (or licences if using more than two rods) - England and Wales only.

None other than that named on a ticket to fish an event unless prior notice given and agreed by organiser.

Fishing to be in compliance with existing pike fishing rules on a given water where these exist. Where a water has not previously been pike fished the PAC wishes to have as much freedom for pike anglers as possible. The suggestions made here would be our ideal, but rules will often have to be negotiated with fishery managements.

All legal methods and baits to be allowed. Where possible the fishery will provide health certified livebaits or allow PAC to make arrangements for their use. When boat fishing trolling to be permitted. Boats not to be anchored in the line of another boat's drift. Boats not to be anchored within fifty metres of another boat without the permission of the previously anchored boat's occupants.

The number of rods allowed to be in line with the fishery's rules. Where coarse fishing has not previously been permitted three rods per angler to be allowed for bank fishing and two for boat fishing. Anglers may have more than the maximum number of rods allowed in their possession, but not have more than that number of baits in the water at one time.

Tackle used must be in line with the PAC Recommended Code of Conduct. Anglers must have the recommended landing and unhooking equipment in their possession. In addition lure fishers must carry strong hook cutters.

On boat fishing events pike should not be taken to the bank for weighing or photographing unless an angler is fishing alone. No pike to be retained for more than five minutes and only in a suitable, and attended, pike 'tube' or sack.

No excessive noise, no litter to be left, no waste bait to be dispersed in the fishery.

All pike to be returned alive to the water. Exception may be made where provision has been made to transfer small pike alive to another water.

Events may be cancelled at short notice owing to bad weather or similar circumstances beyond the organiser's control. Every reasonable effort will be made to alert competitors if this is the case.

LURE TOURNAMENTS (BANK)

All competitors must be in possession of long nosed pliers or similarly strong unhooking tool and a pair of strong hook cutters at all times. Landing nets and unhooking mats must also be kept close at hand while fishing. A Valid EA rod licence is required - England and Wales only.

Registration of competitors is from (insert time) onwards at the (insert location).

The Draw/Walk off will commence (insert location) at approx. (insert time). Anglers wishing to fish together may do so, provided they walk off in the position of the highest number drawn between them. Competitors should have their tackle close to hand to ensure they can walk off promptly, once drawn.

Fishing will not commence until (insert time), to allow dispersal of competitors. You may stop at your chosen starting position at any time but must not overtake competitors drawn in front without their leave to do so.

The match will be free roving, although all competitors are expected to give due consideration to others when moving swims. The organiser's decision, in the unlikely event of "territorial disputes" will be final.

Pike only, taken fairly on lures, will be eligible. All weights must be verified before any fish is returned. All fish should be returned as quickly as possible, although short-term retention in an attended pike tube or large purpose designed sack is permissible. Anglers may request assistance with the netting, handling and unhooking of their fish - both from the stewards and fellow competitors, in the interests of safety and pike welfare.

Artificial lures only to be used, e.g. plugs, spoons, spinners, soft plastic baits etc. *Coarse or sea fish, worms or any other natural bait, used in conjunction with artificials or on spinning/wobbling rigs are strictly excluded.* Only one lure to be in use (in the water) at any one time.

The competition will end at (insert time). Any fish hooked before the closing signal will be eligible, provided it is landed within ten minutes.

We are grateful to the management of (insert venue) for the use of their facilities. PLEASE LEAVE NO LINE OR LITTER. Please respect the privacy and property of neighbouring landowners and give due courtesy to the public and other water users.

LURE TOURNAMENTS (BOAT)

Rules as for bank events except that boats will leave the jetty/slipway at a specified time and fishing can commence immediately, unless a staggered start is deemed essential to prevent accidents owing to the layout of the jetty/slipway. Trolling to be permitted if allowed by the fishery. No anchoring within fifty metres of another boat without the permission of the other boat's occupants. No anchoring in the line of another boat's drift.