

## **Course – Lake Guidelines**

All members and juniors must have a valid membership card and a correct rod licence when fishing club competitions or no fishing will be permitted.

A junior member is over 12 years of age and under 16 years of age on the date of joining the club and they must have valid licence for them to fish.

A minor member is over 8 years of age but under 12 years of age on the date of joining the club. Minors do not need a licence to fish but they must always be accompanied by an adult at all times and will share the same swim if both are fishing.

All juniors and minors must have an emergency contact sheet signed by the parent or carer and must be handed to the club organiser before they are allowed to fish.

Scales are to be set up as near to the center of the swims drawn to assist the organizer and to reduce the stress on the fish. The scale swim can be allocated to another member if required but they would be expected to weigh and record all fish caught and stay until the comp ends.

No leaving swims unattended with your lines in the water unless the person in the next swim has agreed to look after it while you are away. They cannot be held responsible for any losses whilst you are away.

Juniors 14 to 16 years old can have their own swim and use two rods if the club organisers and the person who is responsible for them have agreed. Note: they must not wander around lakes once agreed to.

All juniors and minors must be accompanied by an adult when fishing at night. Unless prior agreement is given by the committee.

Landing nets must be used at all times to bank any fish caught, (a large knotless landing nets with any fish over two pounds).

When handling caught fish please wet your hands and use a landing mat at all times. Fish should be returned to the water with care as soon as possible. Please support the fish until they are able to swim away on their own.

Barbless hooks are to be used at all times unless permitted at that venue. Please check.

No keep nets and no stalking fish.

You should check with the event organiser for any rules pertaining to that particular venue. Organisers will make all decisions on the day but any complaints not settled must be put in writing to the committee.

Contact can be made to the Course Organiser via: [ivrbtln@aol.com](mailto:ivrbtln@aol.com)