

Angling Cymru Sea Anglers East Region (ACSAER) Guidelines for juniors fishing Open Competitions & regional events.

- The Health & Safety of the Junior/s is the full responsibility of the parents or guardians during in the event.
- The parents or guardians are responsible to ensure that they & Junior/s are aware of the competition rules.
- Open Competitions will have a separate prize table for Juniors where entry fees are at the discretion of the organising body.
- Juniors may enter the senior prize list & any pools in operation with permission from the parent or guardian, & in agreement with the organising club. In the event of a junior winning a prize in the main table (minus any undersize fish caught) he/she will be eligible to take a main table prize as well as the junior prize on offer. Undersize & in size fish will count in the junior section.
- Casting assistance for less abled juniors is allowed as long as prior permission is agreed with the organisers.
- Reeling in of fish must be attempted by the junior him/her self. Assistance may be given if it is seen that the junior is struggling were the parent/guardian may hold the juniors rod with one hand. On no account should the rod be taken from the junior & reeled in solely by the parent/guardian.
- Sharing of rod rests between the junior & parent/guardian is not allowed. In pegged matches a double peg will be allocated on request.
- Juniors who are less abled or under the age of 14 are allowed to fish in the immediate vicinity of the parent or guardian.
- Weighing fish & signing of a juniors fish card must not be done by the juniors parent/guardian & vice versa. This should be done by the nearest adjacent angler.
- General fishing skills such as casting & baiting up for themselves is a learning curve experience where it is expected they would be able to be proficient in these skills at some stage. There will be exceptions to the rules with some less abled juniors where special concessions should be agreed with the organisers of the event.
- All open competition & events held by clubs & the ACSA East Region are catch & release. In some events under size fish are allowed to be weighed in by juniors within their own prize table & will be stated on the poster. In the case of Seamaster & shore league events where points are allocated to individuals. Juniors who catch in size fish will be awarded points dependant on the position they finish in the main event. I.e. Top twenty for Seamaster legs & top 100 for shore league events. Points will not be awarded for undersize fish & must be removed for the total catch weight of junior before the points structure of the event is allocated.
- The age range for Juniors to enter ACSA/ACSA East Region events is up to their 16th year. E.G. if a juniors birthday falls in June of that year then the junior will be able stay as a junior until the 31st of December of that year.
- For juniors fishing at international level in events run by SALC or CIPS age rules may differ to that above. Contact the Angling Cymru Sea Anglers junior team manger Clive Pearce for clarification on e-mail address. clive.pearce59@btinternet.com.

Note: Contrary to the popular belief Juniors are allowed to win cash prizes as angling is classified as an acquired skill & not regarded as gambling. See attached link.

<https://www.pinsentmasons.com/out-law/guides/running-a-competition>

These rules were reviewed & ratified at the ACSA East Region meeting held on the 1st of November 2024.