

ACSAER GARRY EVANS SEAMASTER & SHORE LEAGUE COMPETITION
RULE.

- Acceptance of the rules is compulsory on entry.
All events run by the ACSAER will be fished to ACSA size limits with the exception of the flowing: Whiting 27cm. Pouting/Poor Cod 18cm. Bull Huss 45cm. Other Club open competitions may fish to other sizes limits but not if they use the Garry Evans Fish cards supplied by the East region ACSA.
- 1. The organising officials reserve the right to inspect all tackle boxes & containers of participants. Refusal of the inspection will result in automatic disqualification from the competition.
- 2. All fishing lines will be out of the water 15 minutes prior to the start of the competition.
- 3. Any in size fish caught before the start of the competition must return to the water. Unless intended to be used as bait (not silver eels and bass) & must be de-tailed prior to the start of the match. In size fish caught during the match with the exception of silver eels and bass may also be used as bait as long as they are de-tailed after being weighed.
- 4. The minimum distance between two anglers rod stands must be **5 metres with exception of less abled anglers & junior's under the age of 14 or by mutual consent of other anglers.** Fishing/casting in front or directly behind a fellow competitor is strictly forbidden.
- 5. **MINORS (UNDER 18's) must be under supervision at all times by a parent or designated guardian whose name must be made known to the event organiser.**
- 6. **IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY**, it is recommended that casting styles of all competitors be undertaken in a manner, which respects the **HEATH & SAFTEY** of fellow anglers in close proximity. The use of shock leader is **COMPLUSORY** where the breaking strain of which should be more than adequate to handle the size of the lead weight being cast. As a guide, it is generally accepted that the shock leader used should be ten times the strength of the weight use. E.g. if the lead used is 5 ozs, and then the shock leader should be a minimum of 50lb breaking strain. All competitors have the right to question the style of casting of another competitor with the nearest available steward. If the style being used is considered to be dangerous, then that competitor will be warned. A second warning will mean disqualification.
- 7. **Wading out to cast or retrieve a fish above knee height** is not allowed. This also includes gaining access to fishing locations such as Sully Island, Sand Spit, Stout Point & St Donats Point. Anyone found guilty of this rule will be disqualified from the competition.
- 8. Putting a spare rod stand by a competitor for him/her self to reserve what would be a considered to be legitimate available fishing space is strictly forbidden. Should a competitor be found guilty of these practise, disqualification from the event along with forfeit of entry fee will be automatic. Provision can be made to reserve a space for an organising official of the event.
- 9. In shore league legs no stands are allowed to be put on the beach in advance of the booking in procedure.
- 10. Foul hooked Fish - Any fish, which is deemed to be caught fairly, can be registered providing that it has been hooked by only one angler. Fish brought in

- with a second rig attached is allowed but must be hooked on the anglers own rig, and that the second rig is not attached to another anglers rod.
11. Except in roving competitions, once a competitor has started to fish, the only movement permitted is up or down the beach, unless it is necessary to move along the beach to land a fish or un-tangle crossed lines. Any movement along the beach to cast is not allowed if by doing so another competitor is passed. No casting behind an adjacent angler.
 12. The practise of two competitors sharing one rod stand is not permitted under any circumstances. Including when fishing with a junior.
 13. When measuring fish, only ridged-calibrated measures should be used & where possible laid on a flat surface. The fish must be laid on the measure with mouth closed/snout touching the end stop of the measure. Holding the fish firmly with one hand straighten the fish with the other hand along the measure. The length should then be recorded when appropriate with the tail closed. In all matches, measurement should be round down to the nearest centimetre. with the tail closed.

Note: Fish must not be measured using paper or cloth tapes, as these are prone to stretching & shrinkage. On no account should a fish be measured with the measure on the top of the fish, this results in inaccurate measurement due the measure following the contour of the fish.

- A maximum of 3 in size fish may be recorded & weighed in at any one time with the nearest angler or opposing team member in shore league matches, at the earliest practicable time. **The one exception to this rule relates to Smooth Hounds, which must be weighed, recorded & released before the anglers next cast.**
- Fish when landed, must be kept completely separate from those caught by other competitors or companions. This includes rock pools or any form of holding apparatus.
- Any competitor found guilty of cheating may be subject to a life ban from all events held under the auspices of the ACSA East Region & may face exposure to higher Angling Cymru authorities, & the media.
- Cars will be parked only in the areas designated for that purpose; this applies in particular to competitions fished at Cardiff Foreshore & Rhoose point.
- For competitions held on Cardiff Foreshore. Any competitor gaining access by car to Port Authority property before the agreed access time will be disqualified. Entrance fees to the Competition will be forfeited. *

Leaving of litter on the beach: The leaving of plastic of any description, glass bottles and tin cans etc on the beach is now banned in all Garry Evans Seamaster & Shore League matches left over bait that is not likely to be engulfed by the incoming tide should be thrown into the sea. Any angler reported via the rules violation procedure for leaving litter on the beach will be fined £20 and issued a yellow card. A second offence in the year will banned from matches for a year.

Complaints Procedure: See appendix 1. Should any competitor feel justified to make a complaint against any one or more fellow competitors regarding contravention of the rules, cheating or leaving of litter. This must be submitted in writing & handed to any official prior to the closing of the scales at the official weigh in. There is a complaints form available at Shore League & Open matches run by the East Region on request. Complainants name will remain anonymous to everyone other than the organisers dealing with the complaint.

Warning, any angler who witnesses blatant disregard for the rules & does not inform the event organiser via the complaints procedure will face disciplinary action.

Fish card completion. Note: It is the sole responsibility of the angler to as to the safety of the card & to ensure the card is handed in at the weight in.

- **Name & Club (if any) to be inserted on the card.**
- **Fish Species section must be completed (no dittos) & legible weight recorded.**
- **All fish must be individually signed with a full legible signature by an adjacent angler in biro or fine line pens. No pencils or felt tip pens allowed.**
- **In shore matches fish cards must be signed by a member of an opposing team.**
- **Accumulative totals of fish weight are not mandatory as each cards will be checked by event organisers.**
- **Failure to comply with the above will result in disqualification.**

APPENDIX 1

ACSAER SEAMASTER / SHORE LEAGUE LEG COMPLAINTS PERFORMA

NAME OF COMPLAINTANT

COMPLAINTANTS NAME WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS TO EVERYONE OTHER THEN THE ORGANISERS DEALING WITH THE COMPLAINT.

BRIEF PRECIS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDING ANY CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE & WITNESS STATEMENTS.

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BY INDIVIDUAL/S/TEAM/S.....

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SIGNATURE.....

Penalties:

Litter violation: Any angler reported via the rules violation procedure for leaving litter on the beach will be fined £20 and issued a yellow card. A second offence in the series will result in a ban from the remaining legs in the series.

Rule Violation: Will result in disqualification from the match and a yellow card. Second offence ban from all remaining legs in the series.

Cheating: Any competitor found guilty of cheating may be subject to a life ban from all events held under the auspices of the ACSA & may face exposure to associated angling organisations & media.

