### THE PARISH GAMES

Organised by Wychavon Parish Games Association - Competition and Community Coming Together

#### **ANGLING**

### SPONSORED BY - THE BAIT BOX, 122 HIGH STREET, EVESHAM, WR11 4EJ

Venue – Hampton Ferry, Boat Lane, Evesham, WR11 4BP

Date – 13th September 2025 Registration – 8am

Draw - 8.30am Fish 10am - 3pm

#### Rule 1.

1.1 All competitors MUST RESIDE in the Wychavon Parish / Ward that they are representing. Where a person

resides between more than one Wychavon Parish / Ward then, they can only represent the Parish or Ward in which they predominantly reside. Being on the electoral Roll does not in itself constitute residency.

- 1.2 Competitors who are studying full time at university or college will be eligible to compete for the Parish / Ward where they normally reside, until they have completed their course.
- 1.3 Where an ineligible competitor has been found to have breached this rule, then the Parish / Ward will forfeit all points gained in that event.

### Rule 2.

- 2.1 The team details must be recorded on the SHEETS PROVIDED prior to the event, this is for Insurance and Health & Safety reasons.
- 2.2 The team sheet must provide the following details for each team member name, address with post code and it must be **SIGNED** by each team member.
- 2.3 For competitors under the age of 18 the team sheet MUST BE SIGNED by their Parent or Guardian.
- 2.4 By signing the team sheet, the team member confirms that he/she is medically able to take part and is doing so at his/her own risk.

# Rule 3.

- 3.1 Where a Parish or Ward has entered an event but then needs to withdraw, they will need to give the WPGA SECRETARY a minimum of 48 hours' notice of their non-participation, to avoid delays on the day.
- 3.2 Any team that fails to take part and has not given the WPGA Secretary 48 hours' notice, then the Parish / Ward will be deducted 2 points from their total points score

# Rule 4.

4.1 Any queries prior to the event should be made to the WPGA SECRETARY before 9pm.

- 4.2 Following the event, any dispute or protest must be made within 24 hours of the event to the WPGA SECRETARY. In the first instance this can be done verbally, but only by the Team Captain, so that the facts can be established.
- 4.3 If the matter is not resolved, then any further protest should be put in writing to the WPGA SECRETARY by the PARISH ORGANISER, within 7 days of the event taking place.

### Rule 5.

- 5.1 Abuse of any of the people identified in the WPGA Abuse Policy will not be tolerated by the Committee. Where there is evidence of any abuse, the person concerned will not be allowed to continue representing that Parish in that event or any other event.
- 5.2 Team Captains must make all team members aware of the contents of this policy which will be included in the pack sent out to them with the rules.

#### Rule 6.

- 6.1 If a team withdraws from an event but then subsequently finds that they are then able to take part, they can request the reinstatement of their entry.
- 6.2 Any decision on these requests will be at the sole discretion of the Committee.

### Rule 7.

7.1 A Team shall consist of 3 Anglers, although a Team may consist of fewer than 3.

### Rule 8.

8.1 Anglers must be a minimum of 16 years of age and must be able to swim.

# Rule 9.

9.1 The competition will be fished on a Team basis on the waters of the River Avon. Meet at Hampton Café.

# Rule 10.

10.1 Parish Captains must confirm to the Secretary, between Saturday 31st August 2024 and Saturday 7th September 2024 that they will be taking part. No confirmation should be made before 31st August 2024.

### Rule 11.

11.1 The river will be split into 3 sections. The Angler catching the most weight of fish in each section will be awarded One Point, the second Two and so on. The winning Parish will be that with the lowest number of points. Where points are equal, placings will be decided by the weight of fish caught by each Parish.

### Rule 12.

12.1 Disabled anglers can be accommodated. However, the requirement for an accessible peg must be stated on the entry form.

# Rule 13.

13.1 All contestants are to be in possession of an Environment Agency Fishing Rod Licence. Licenses for 16-year-olds are free of charge.

### Rule 14.

14.1 Keep nets for retaining fish shall be a minimum length of 6 foot by 18-inch diameter (183mm x 46mm).

### Rule 15.

15.1 Fish of all species may be weighed in, except for Game Fish and Pike. Please Note. A Pike may be retained and kept in a second keep net but will not be weighed in.

### Rule 16.

- 16.1 Competitors shall fish with 1 Rod, 1 Line and 1 Hook only. Spare Rods/Pole may be ready for use and to hand on the bank.
- 16.2 Artificial bait and live bait are not permitted.

### **Rule 17.**

17.1 Before the Starting Signal, no competitor must on any account ground-bait or loose feed the swim, but will be allowed to wet a line, plumb the depth and test the float, mix and wet ground-bait, clear his/her ground of weed or obstruction and position his/her equipment.

#### Rule 18.

18.1 On no account must a feeder be used before the Starting Signal. A ledger weight may be cast to find depth and distance etc. An Angler will have 20 minutes to land a fish after the All-Out Signal.

### **Admin Note:**

Although 'a pot' is organised, involvement in the "Pot" is purely voluntary.

Event Organiser – Evesham Angling Club.

WPGA Secretary – Sue Collins susan.collins483@btinternet.com <u>–</u> 01905 841269 or 07947147030 (Before 9pm).

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