



## **1. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES**

1.1 Club Competitions are scheduled to be held on the first Saturday of each month and are open to all members and guests. Should exceptional circumstances prevail this date may be changed at a preceding general or committee meeting.

1.2 Other Requin Angling Club Freshwater events can be arranged on demand if there is sufficient interest from members to warrant an event. Examples: fly fishing day trip, casting competitions, etc. Catches during these events do not form part of the Requin Angling Club annual points or Freshwater trophies (except for club records).

1.3 Club Competitions are primarily day competitions but some can be deemed overnight competitions if there is sufficient interest from members, if the venue allows it, and if agreed upon prior to the competition.

1.4 Competition times:

1.4.1 Day Competition times:

- Summer months (September – April): meeting and entries at 06h00; competition starts at 07h00 and ends at 15h00 (14h00 for Penkoppe)
- Winter months (May – August): meeting and entries at 07h00; competition starts at 08h00 and ends at 15h00 (14h00 for Penkoppe)

1.4.2 Overnight competition times:

- All year: starts at 17h00 on the Saturday and ends at 11h00 on the Sunday

1.5 Should weather conditions be bad and deteriorate to such a extent that normal angling is no longer possible or safe, e.g. lightning, the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day in consultation with the anglers and upon a majority decision, may shorten or call the competition off.

1.5.1 Lightning:

1.5.1.1 The Club will be in possession of a lightning meter to assist the Officer in Charge (OIC) to determine if lightning or a thunder storm is creating a dangerous situation. When the lightning is 6 - 12 miles/9.6 - 19.2 kms as indicated on the meter, or if the OIC deems the weather as dangerous, the OIC is entitled to halt the competition by giving one long continuous signal. Anglers will be required to move away from the water, even if playing a fish at the time of the signal, and take shelter. Once the OIC deems the conditions as safe again, or the lightning meter indicates the storm is further than 6 - 12 miles/9.6 - 19.2 kms, two short signals will be given



whereby the competition can resume. Any angler that disregards this suspended period and plays a fish whilst the competition is halted will be required to return that fish and any others caught during that period. After the competition resumes, any angler that obeyed the suspended period and has a fish on their line may land it and put it in their net.

- 1.6 Anglers may not fish in the competition area later than 12h00 the day prior to the start of a competition.
- 1.7 Age categories are divided as follows (this is for Requin Angling Club membership and not necessary reflective of the provinces breakdown of categories):
  - 1.7.1 Seniors: male anglers from the year the angler turns 19 years of age upwards
  - 1.7.2 Ladies: female anglers from the year the angler turns 19 years of age upwards
  - 1.7.3 Juniors: male/ female anglers up to and including the full year that they turn 18 years of age
  - 1.7.4 Penkoppe: male/ female anglers up to and including the full year that they turn 13 years of age
- 1.8 Visitors are welcome to participate at Club Competitions but are required to abide by all rules of the Club, venue, and any additional rules set by the OIC of the day. An additional visitors fee is required to be paid by Senior visitors only (juniors under the age of 18 and lady anglers are exempt from paying a visitors fee). All visitors are required to pay the relevant venue fees for the day. Visitors do not pay towards a pool fee and are hence not eligible to win the pool money. Visitors are however allowed to participate in the competition standings. Visitors are deemed members after attending a sufficient number of competitions for that year that pays for their membership fees (for example, if the Membership Fees for the year are R 300.00, and the visitor pays R 50.00 visitors fee at six competitions throughout the year (if starting prior to July), or three competitions if starting after July (for half-year fees to apply)), where after they will need to complete a membership form. There will however be no back-dating of their scores from previous competitions attended for that year. No Visitors Fees will be charged at the first competition(s) in the New Year prior to the AGM. Anyone is eligible to win the pool at such competitions but the pool monies exclude any carry-overs. Any carry-overs from the previous year will be added to the pool of the competition following the AGM.
- 1.9 The competition area will be announced by the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day prior to the start of the competition and anglers are allowed to sit anywhere along the shore within the competition



area. Numbers will be drawn prior to the start of the competition at the time of registration to determine the order of entry to the competition area.

- 1.10 Pegging will be attempted to take place at all competitions. Participants will draw a number and sit at the corresponding peg at the water. Those participants who wish to sit together/ families may be issued two adjacent pegs. The second or third pegs will be issued by the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day and will be a number closer to the center of the competition area. Pegs will be placed a minimum of 15 meters apart.
- 1.11 Anglers are free to pack up and move within the competition area during the competition times as long as this does not infringe or compromise any other angler already set up in the immediate area. In the event of any dispute the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day will determine the merits of the dispute and his ruling will be final. If the event is pegged, anglers may choose to redraw a new peg only once the competition has started.
- 1.12 Wading is allowed at the discretion of the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day and will be announced before the competition commences. An angler or their helper may wade to net a fish or to loosen snagged lines. However, in the process the angler, or his helper, may not wade deeper than his/her armpit and must stay on his/her feet at all times. Whilst wading no other resources (excluding landing-nets) may be used by the angler or his/her helper, e.g., tubes, lifejackets, etc. A junior angler may not wade deeper than his/her hips. As safety is of paramount importance, failing to adhere to this ruling will result in immediate disqualification of the angler from the competition.
- 1.13 With regards to Feeder Fishing, the angler is allowed to place their fishing stand in the water as long as it conforms to the Feeder Fishing rules.
- 1.14 An angler may receive no assistance in casting, striking or playing a fish.
- 1.15 Anglers are required to tidy up at the end of each competition and leave the area in a condition better than what they found it, i.e. removing all litter, closing gates, etc.
- 1.16 No open fires are to be made unless they are in a purpose built container and remain under constant supervision.
- 1.17 Anglers are to obey any ad hoc instructions issued by the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day. These instructions are only valid if it has been announced and accepted and are not in conflict with any of the angling rules mentioned in this document.
- 1.18 Anglers are to obey the rules as set out by the owners of the facilities we use.



1.19 Any disputes can be taken up with the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day.

## **2. TACKLE**

2.1 No angler may at any time angle with more than two rods.

2.2 Each rod must be fitted with a reel and a maximum of two single hooks may be tied to each line.

2.3 No bait boats are allowed during competition.

2.4 No electrical bite indicators are allowed during day competitions, only at overnight competitions, i.e. from 17h00 on the Saturday.

2.5 There is no restriction on the diameter of the line used during competitions.

2.6 Only bait made of organic digestible food may be used.

2.7 Beads may be strung on the main trace line to protect the knots, but may not be strung on the hook line.

## **3. MANAGEMENT OF CATCH**

3.1 Fish are to be kept in keep-nets of which the design is as such as to enhance the safekeeping of the fish, i.e. the fish must have freedom of movement whilst the water must flow through unhampered, and the keep-net should not hurt the fish in any way. The keep-net(s) must hang on a stand or peg so that the fish may move freely in it, and are to be placed to the left of the angler/ outside of a peg in sufficiently deep water.

3.2 Keep-nets should be identified by a name tag that is to reflect the anglers name, club name and SA number if so issued.

3.3 Landed fish must immediately be placed in the keep-net of the angler before he/she may cast again. Contravention of this rule will result in the fish concerned being returned to the water.

3.4 Fish can only be landed by means of a suitable landing net. Fish may not be pulled through the air or onto the bank.

3.5 It is requested that anglers handle fish with care. Requin Angling Club strongly encourages catch and release and general conservation.

## **4. WEIGH IN**

4.1 Weigh in commences 20 minutes after close of competition and closes at the discretion of the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day.



- 4.2 Only fish already hooked before the signal sounds/ competition end time may be kept and placed in the keep-net. After the signal, all anglers are to remove their lines from the water and take their keep-nets or have it taken to the weighing area.
- 4.3 Weigh in will take place at a location along the competition area determined before the competition.
- 4.4 Only freshwater fish which comply with the applicable ordinance per species will be weighed, i.e. compliance with any minimum lengths and weights per species.
- 4.5 No dead fish are allowed to be weighed.
- 4.6 Should two anglers hook the same fish, the fish will be awarded to the angler whose hook is in the fish's mouth. If both anglers' hooks are in the fish's mouth, then the fish will be released and will not be considered for weigh-in.
- 4.7 If an angler needs to leave the competition before the competition is over, the angler can bring their catch to Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day for weighing in and recording.
- 4.8 If the amount or size of fish is excessive for the keep-net, an angler can bring their catch to the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the day for weighing in and recording before the end of the competition, and then release their catch.

## **5. SCORING**

Only paid-up members or members that have made prior financial arrangement will be awarded points towards the years Club standings and awards. Members that have not paid their Membership fees by the AGM (or made financial arrangements) will be deemed Visitors at subsequent club competitions after the AGM, and scores from comps prior to the AGM will be forfeited, i.e. January and February comps. Refer to point 1.8 for Visitors.

There are 2 different points awarded:

### **5.1 Competition Points**

Competition points are calculated by the sum of 10 points per kilogram and 5 points per fish. The Benchmarking and Tracking Tool (BMT) will be calculated by using an anglers competition points for the day. The placing of the angler on the day will be divided by the total number of anglers to give the angler a percentage. E.g. if there are 20 anglers, 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive  $(20/20)*100 = 100\%$ ; 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive  $(19/20)*100 = 95\%$ , etc. if there are anglers that blank or do not weigh in, the last place placing



will be divided amongst these anglers. E.g. 3 anglers out of 20 blanked thus  $(3/20)*100 = 15\%/3 = 5\%$  each.

There is no size limit on any fish caught except yellow fish (minimum 30cm in length, maximum 10 fish).

Competitions will be zoned as follows:

0 – 13 anglers: 1 Zone

14 – 20 anglers: 2 Zones

21 – 30 anglers: 3 Zones

31 and more: 4 Zones

Ladies, junior and penkop anglers form part of the amount of anglers that are used to compile a zone.

Each angler will be allocated their own peg.

## **5.2 BMT**

The total BMT is based on a 12 month event within a calendar year (January – December), with only the 10 best BMT points averaged to determine the annual Club winner.

Anglers that participate in Provincial or National events on the same days as the Club competitions are allowed in the same month to participate in a Promania or Elite Series event and use the results of that BMT as his/her Club BMT for that month (only the first attended Promania or Elite will be eligible). The responsibility is on the angler to submit his/her results to the Records Officer for the out of Club Comp events.

**Note:** Overnight points are calculated on competition points only. Overnight points are not counted towards the Day Competition as these events are run separately.

## **6. CONDUCT**

Anglers are expected to conduct themselves in appropriate manner that is not harmful or offensive to other anglers, guests, the venue or the environment. Members need to comply with the rules of the club and those of the competition venues. Any misconduct/ damage to property may be subject to disciplinary action and expulsion from the club at the discretion of the committee.

## **7. AMENDMENTS**

**REQUIN ANGLING CLUB**  
**FRESHWATER HOUSE RULES**  
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These rules may be amended at a General Meeting by a majority vote if such an amendment appears on the agenda. Such proposed amendments must be circulated to all members by the secretary prior to the date of the next meeting and included in the agenda.

**8. DISCLAIMER**

Members, guests and their families participate at their own risk and on the understanding that Requin Angling Club and its committee accepts no responsibility and/or liability for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property.