



As match anglers and organisers, we're delighted that we've managed to get match fishing back so early, but it's imperative that each and everyone one of us follow the guidelines and fish a safe match.

The following must be adhered to at all qualifiers and comes directly from our match fishing Best Practices, which can be found at bit.ly/ATCompsCovid19 which are approved by government.

- Anglers must remain 2m apart at all times- no exceptions and fisheries have the right to remove anglers if they are seen to be flouting this.
- × No sharing of equipment including any weighing apparatus (further explanation of procedure to follow)
- × No congregating at the start or the end of the match- Both the draw and results will be issued on Angling Trust Competitions Facebook page and shared with fisheries.
- × If you have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 do not attend matches under any circumstances, more details on the virus can be found at ↵ <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

DRAW

- Anglers will be drawn live on Angling Trust Competitions Facebook page the evening before the qualifier.
- Anglers will be drawn in the order they paid for their tickets.
- The draw will also be sent out via email that evening to the email used to purchase the ticket.
- There will also be a hard copy at the venue.

We're aware that the pre-draw process could give potential for anglers to 'bait up' the evening before. Please stick to the dedicated timings provided for each qualifier in terms of when they can arrive on the morning.





This will be policed by fisheries and I ask that all anglers also remain vigilant for cheating. The digital draw is by far the safest way to allocate anglers and thus we hope that all will keep within the spirit of the competition and anyone proven to be flouting this rule will be banned, no exceptions.

POOLS

- All pools will be taken on the online system at www.anglingtrustevents.net.
- To buy pools search for Fish'O'Mania and then find the dedicated POOLS for your qualifier. Click 'View Event' and then scroll down to buy the pools.
- Pools will close at 16:00 the day before a qualifier, after which no pools will be accepted.

Following the results, the Angling Trust will be in contact with both the section winners and the overall placers to get their bank details for BACS transfer of their winnings.

- × **No pools will be taken by cash on the morning, no exceptions so please follow the above procedure.**

WEIGHING IN

With the re-opening of Fish'O'Mania 2020 the Angling Trust has had discussions with all the fisheries surrounding weighing procedures and they all have assured us that they will be compliant with a self-supporting or socially distanced weigh system.

- Anglers will be required at the end of the match to stay on their pegs and wait for the weighing official to arrive.
- Once the weigh officials have placed their weighing equipment and given verbal clearance, anglers are to gather up their keepnets and place their fish into the self-supporting weigh system
- The Angler is then required to vacate back to their box (at least 2m) and wait for instruction for any further nets.
- The Weighing team weigh the fish and declare the weight to the angler.
- The Weighing team then place them back in either an adjacent peg or where it is practical at least 2 meters away.





- This process is repeated if multiple weighs are required and weight written down by second weighing official.
- After the weighing officials vacate the peg, an angler must return to their vehicle.
- × There is to be no gathering of anglers at any point.
- × Anglers must not follow the scales under any circumstances.
- × Capture shots with the fisheries weighing equipment are also prohibited and are advised against in anglers keepnets.

These weighing procedures will be new to all of us and we thank you for your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times.

Weighing may be longer than usual due to the increased amount of provisions in place, but plan ahead, have extra water, food, etc.

RESULTS

There will be no official results ceremony at the venue, which although is a huge shame it is the safest way in which we can run the qualifiers. Results will be collated by our officials from the weigh team and posted on the Angling Trust Competitions page.

- × No gathering of anglers of any sorts to see results from the day

Anyone seen to be in breach of these rules and regulations runs the risk of being evicted from the fishery for breaching social distancing.