**Angling Trust Winter League 2020/2021**

Due to the effects of Covid-19 the following rule modifications will be applied for the 2020/21 Winter League Competition

Rule Modifications 2020/21

1. Number of Teams in a League

Where leagues cannot recruit the minimum of 5 teams to compete within a local league, the minimum number of teams to constitute a league will be reduced to 4 teams. The number of teams qualifying for a place in the Winter League Final will be allocated as follows.

4 teams = 1 place in Final

5-8 teams = 2 places in Final

9+ teams = 3 places in Final

1. Number of Fixtures per League

In the event a League organiser cannot organise and deliver the required 6 league fixtures due to restrictions on access to venues, organisers may apply for special dispensation allowing the league to run with 5 league fixtures.

Applications must be submitted to INSERT NAME before INSERT DATE and must outline specific reasons for the request

**2019/2020 Rule Updates and Key Reminders**

* All teams are required, where necessary to provide weigh stewards at both venues (Drains & Decoy). This will be allocated on the weigh sheets and anglers are expected to perform these duties, unless they can provide a suitable reason why they can’t to the Lead Organiser.
* Registration/entry fee to the Winter League has increased by £10 to £80 this year. This is in line with increased costs of the competition and will keep the well received pay out structure.

**2015-2019 Rule Updates and Key Reminders**

* League scoring – tie will be determined firstly on cumulative match points, secondly by match wins, 2nd’s and 3rd’s and if tie still exists on total weight across full series. Qualification from leagues of up to 8 teams (2 teams go through), 9 teams or more (3 teams go through).
* Leagues are permitted to implement local rules, however they must not conflict with AT Winter League or venue rules. If local rules are used, then they must be submitted to Angling Trust and shared with all Team Captains before the League begins.
* Team sizes in local leagues will be determined by captain’s vote.
* Draw system for local matches can be random or engineered to ensure end pegs are shared evenly.
* Team captains to submit Team Entry Form and payment direct to Angling Trust by 25th September and submit copy to League Secretary.
* League secretary to provide weekly Results Summary and Cumulative Results to Angling Trust.
* In the event of severe weather and or unfishable conditions at a venue (high water/flows) it is at the discretion of the league organiser to cancel a match on health and safety grounds.

This match should be re-scheduled before the 31st January and a date selected by the majority vote of the teams in the contest.

If no one date can get a majority vote (over 50%) then the series will be reduced by the number of unfishable matches.