

Angling Trust Boddington Classic Rules 2024

1. All anglers must use rod and line only with use of a reel. No poles or whips allowed.
2. All matches will be 5hrs in duration.
3. Every competitor must setup within one metre either side of their designated peg. They may fish as far as half the distance between their peg and the pegs on either side. Where competitors are drawn on opposite banks, the limit of the swim is the line midway between each bank.

In an extreme situation e.g., snagged tackle or a snagged fish, an angler must seek permission from their neighbour/s before moving from their designated peg to try to remedy the situation.

A competitor must not cause annoyance to or seek to interfere with another competitor during the course of the competition and must act in a sporting manner at all times.

4. No competitor may move their peg, exchange their peg, or draw card with another competitor.
5. No competitor shall buy more than one entry ticket for themselves per qualifier, and this must be strictly restricted to one draw. Tickets are not transferable and there is no secondary market for the sale of tickets. If competitors are unable to fish a qualifier, they must notify the Angling Trust via email **only at refunds@anglingtrust.net**. **Please note** there is a 3-day policy for obtaining a refund which must be adhered to. Competitors who cancel outside of the three-day refund policy will not be entitled to a refund.
6. Competitors must retain all fish in keepnets which comply with the relevant EA (Environment Agency) Byelaws. Competitors must take every practicable step to keep their fish alive and, after weighing them, must ensure their careful return to the water. If, for any reason, fish are seen to be in distress, a competitor or match official has the right to demand that they be weighed immediately and returned to the water during the course of the match.
7. Keepnets should be laid out on the bank and not positioned in the water until 15 minutes prior to the start signal.
8. Competitors will require a minimum of four keepnets (one for silvers **ONLY**) with the other fish split evenly between the remaining nets with a maximum of six carp or under 100lb in a net. Any net over 100lb will be knocked back to 100lb. (Please note, it is suggested that six nets are taken to any summer qualifiers at Boddington)
9. A competitor shall have in use one rod and one line with one single hook at one time but may have other rods or poles and tackle assembled for use in position behind them.

10. Any bait, subject to local rules, can be used except live or dead fish or artificial lures.
11. 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.
 - Test the float.
 - Mix, or wet ground bait.
 - Clear their fishing ground of weed or obstructions.
 - Position their equipment.

You cannot:

- Cast a feeder - a bomb must be used.
 - Ship out any form of pot (pole-mounted or cupping kit) over the water.
12. All groundbait may be thrown in by hand, or by use of one or two handed catapults, throwing sticks, swim feeders, bait droppers and bait cups, but no other mechanical means of projecting groundbait is allowed. No bait shall be introduced with a pole cup or bait dropper attached to an extra rod/pole whilst continuing to fish. **NO SPODS TO BE USED. (This includes SPOMBS).**
 13. Braid Hook lengths are not allowed.
 14. Maximum permitted length of poles is 16 metres.
 15. Floating poles are not permitted.
 16. Floating baits either hookbait or feedbait are not permitted (Pop ups are allowed BUT baits MUST be NO LESS than 18 inches below the surface).
 17. A competitor must strike, play, and land his/her own fish.
 18. Hand lining fish is not permitted.
 19. No bait/equipment to be passed between anglers during the match. Anglers' assistants may help them during setup, however, can play no part once the match has started.
 20. A competitor may wade provided that the water does not extend above the knees, unless they can touch the bank, in which case the water can extend above the knees. The same principles apply to platforms and knee depth is to be taken at the front of the platform. No box legs may extend beyond the front of the platform.
 21. A competitor must cease fishing at the finishing signal. Should they still be playing a fish hooked before the signal is given, they will be permitted fifteen minutes to land the fish.
 22. All fish caught are eligible for weighing with the exception of pike, zander, game fish, and crustaceans.

23. Weighing duties on the day will be allocated at the draw to the first and last angler within the sections. If an angler is unfit to perform such duties, they should notify the organisers of their condition at the draw and the re-allocation of weighing in duties will work its way up the section.
24. Each competitor will be responsible for ensuring the correct weight of their catch is recorded and sign the weigh sheet to that effect. In any dispute the decision of the weighing in team and the organisers will be final.
25. All fish must be weighed at the competitor's peg. Unless the bankside terrain renders impossible, no catch shall be carried more than ten yards to the scales.
26. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their pegs are clear of litter and no competitor may have his/her catch weighed in who has litter lying on the banks of his/her swim.
27. Any objection to an angler's conduct, for whatever reason, must be lodged in writing within one hour of the end of the match. In all cases the objector shall inform the offender of their intentions at the time in order that they may speak in their own defence. Should an offender after receiving such a warning leave the match scene, the objection shall be deemed to have been sustained and the match organisers must inform them of their findings and punishment (if any) within seven days.
28. All the foregoing rules are subject to the byelaws of the Environment Agency, and any local rules applicable to a fishery which can be found here on the CRT page [here](#).
29. Any angler proved to have been in contravention of these rules will be disqualified.
30. Qualification to the final will take place across 8 x 6 person sections, per qualifier, with the angler with the greatest weight from the 6 anglers proceeding to the 40-peg final. If an angler cannot make the final date, they should inform the Angling Trust at least seven days before the final and the second-place angler in the section will be offered the place.

CHECK

Check your equipment, boat, and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

CLEAN

Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to areas that are damp or hard to access. Use hot water if possible.

DRY

Dry everything for as long as you can before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for over two weeks in damp conditions.