

PADDLE FISHING COMPETITION RULES 2008:

General Rules

1. Entry is open to all and will be fished on Saturday 5th July 2008 on the Brighton Marina East Arm
2. The competition will be fished between 6pm till 00.30
3. Registration is from 4.15 pm and is at the East Arm gate.
4. Walk off rules apply. All competitors will draw a number at registration and when registration is complete will be called to walk off to their chosen position in number order.
5. Late arrivals will only be permitted to fish the competition at the organisers' discretion. Late arrival may mean the angler misses the prize draw
6. Competitors will be free to move their fishing location after the competition has started providing that they do not encroach on a fellow competitor's first choice of site.
7. Entry is £10. this includes your first raffle ticket and entry onto the East arm.
8. All due care, attention and respect must be shown to other users of the arm and surrounding water
9. No responsibility is accepted by the organizers for personal injury or damage to equipment throughout the event or whilst travelling to and from the event.
10. In the event of any disputes the decision of the organisers will be final.
11. Please remember that this a friendly event and is about having fun, meeting new people and raising money for charity also presenting an honest, ethical approach to angling
12. To obtain raffle tickets for the prize draw anglers must obtain sponsorship for the event and every £5 raised will entitle them to a raffle ticket
13. The prize draw will take place at 5.00pm before the comp starts after all anglers have registered ,handed in their sponsorship forms and sponsorship money and received their raffle tickets
14. The overall winner of the competition will receive the hand crafted trophy at the presentation at the PRTP Village, Hove Lawns on Sunday 6th July
15. The first prize in the raffle is the Perception Fishing Kayak. This will be handed over at the presentation at the PRTP village, Hove Lawns on Sunday 6th July. The winner is responsible for arranging collection of the kayak.

Measure and Release Rules

1. The competition will be fished under measure and release rules.
2. Each entrant will be provided with a score sheet and length to points chart a pen and tape measure will be provided. The length to points chart is calculated on the basis of 10 points per 100 grams.
3. All measured fish must be measured **DOWN** to the nearest cm and all fish over 18cm count.
4. Fish must be taken to an adjacent competitor to be measured, witnessed and recorded, after which the fish must be returned to the sea immediately in view of that competitor.
5. Any fish to be kept for personal consumption must comply with NFSA size limits and be despatched at this point. A small portion of the tail must be removed to ensure the fish is not counted twice.
6. Fish species, length, points and running total must be signed for by the adjacent competitor before the next cast is retrieved. No signature will result in a non count towards the final score.
7. All score sheets and tape measures are to be handed in at the end of the competition and the winners will be verified and announced by the organizers
8. All competitors must fish within the designated limits. These will be the East Arm on the outside only.

9. The heaviest weight as expressed in points will win the competition
10. Only 2 rods per angler are to be used with a maximum of 4 hooks and all baits are permissible.
11. Lures and feathers may not be used unless notified otherwise on the day.
12. Limits for mackerel and garfish will be notified on the day of the competition.
13. Weevers, shad and sea trout do not count towards entrant's final score
14. Eels are to be retained and weighed at the end. Weight will be converted to points at 10 points per 100grams.
15. Fish landed on retrieved crack offs do not count.