



1 Match Rules 2022 / 2023 Season

1.1 SCAC Inc. Base Rules

1. The SCAC. Inc. is solely a catch and release club.
2. All fish caught in fresh waters are to be considered "Coarse fish".
3. All coarse fish will be released.
4. Any method of angling used must be an effort to hook fish in the region of the mouth.
5. If fish are to be kept for later release, the use of a soft knotless mesh keep net and landing, net is required.
6. Litter must not be left behind after a club venue has been fished. Failure to comply with rule 6 will result in
 - a. Non-angling litter - suspension for three months.
 - b. Angling litter - expulsion for twelve months,
 - c. Re-admittance at the discretion of the committee.
7. The term "coarse angling" will be understood to mean, "Bait fishing"
8. The use of lures or flies will not be allowed in the vicinity of any club member using bait.

1.1.1 SCAC Inc. Match Rules

1. The match will start and end on the whistle.
2. All species of fish are accountable, except Gambusia & Nepean Herring.
3. The angler's swim will be as follows.
 - a. **Still water**, midway between themselves and the angler on their right-to midway between themselves and the angler on their left.
 - b. **Running water**, from a point one meter upstream of their peg to a point one meter upstream from the next downstream angler.
4. The scales man will weigh in the fish at the peg and when recorded, will hand the fish back to the captor for release.
5. The water will not be broken before the whistle. (Except for wetting of ground bait, clearing of swim (at the discretion of the match secretary), arranging keepnet, and plumbing of depth). (Use of weed drags is not permitted unless approved by the match secretary).
6. One rod with one hook only to be used at any one time (more rods may be set up but not baited).

It is **NOT PERMISSABLE** to feed using a bait dropper /feeder /pole pot or to plumb depth/or check rigs while another line is in the water.
7. No fly fishing or spinning will be permitted.
8. The following baits are not allowed.
 - a. Live fish baits
 - b. Dead fish baits
 - c. Crustaceans
 - d. Artificial baits
 - e. Artificial worms and casters are not to be used in matches.
 - f. Artificial bread, corn, and maggots can be used.
9. The angler will not allow his / her feed to enter swims either side of him/her.
10. The angler must fish and play fish within one meter inside the boundary of his / her swim.
11. Any angler that wishes to leave his / her peg for any reason whatsoever must first remove their tackle from the water.



12. Anglers may continue to play a fish for fifteen minutes after the final whistle. If the fish is landed after the fifteen minutes has elapsed, then the fish is not eligible for weighing. The angler in this position must declare, "Fish on" when the final whistle is blown.
13. All SCAC matches are considered as a dead fish venue (allowed) unless the match secretary declares otherwise.
14. Anglers fishing the same venue as the intended match venue within 24-hour period prior to the match will be disqualified from competing in the match.
15. Any angler leaving litter will be disqualified.
16. Any fish must be hooked, played, and landed by the same angler.
17. Match pegs shall be a minimum of 15 paces apart where possible; the decision of the match secretary is final.
18. Any angler who is not happy with their peg should make this known to the match secretary prior to the all in. There must be a legitimate reason for-the-complaint. The decision of the-match secretary-is final.
19. All anglers must stay at a reasonable distance from the water prior to and during the peg draw.
20. At the discretion of the match secretary a platform or box and wading to the platform or box is allowable at any venue provided that the angler can touch the bank with a 13-foot match rod from the final platform or box position. Secondary to this rule is that the positioning of the keepnet should enable the top of the keepnet rings to be covered by water (for the protection of the fish).
21. On an occasion where a match is affected by a thunder (electrical) storm the following will apply >
 - a. More than half the match complete, result stands as at the time of the storms beginning, or restarted following the storms passing, as long as the match is completed within the usual hour time period i.e., 9am to 3pm.
 - b. Less than half of the match complete match abandoned or restarted after the passing of the storm as per 6-hour rule.
This rule will be invoked at the discretion of the match secretary following attention being drawn to the storm by another angler.
Please Note > any angler failing to comply with rules 5 through to 16 will be automatically disqualified.
22. Club matches will be a point's score on a sliding scale of 30 to 1.

Heaviest weight = #30pts	# 2nd = 29pts	# 3rd = 28pts
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23. To avoid a blank an angler presenting an un-weighable fish will be awarded 1 point and register a weight of 0.01g, if more than one angler presents an un-weighable fish each angler will be allocated the same points.
24. The Match Champion (The Deans Shield) will be awarded to the angler amassing the most points for his or her best results from scheduled matches for a period of no more than 12months.
If two or more anglers amass the same points and weight the Championship will be decided on the number of match wins from the season. If still tied dual championship winners will be declared.
25. Wire traces can be used in matches.
26. Hessian sacks for the keeping of eels may be used.
27. A match program will be made available to all members at the Beginning of the season (subject to change) and the onus is on the individual angler to determine details.

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28. Any angler wishing to fish a match must contact the match secretary or alternate committee member no later than 48 hours prior to the match to book their peg. If an angler does not comply with these rules, they will not be allowed to fish the match. If an angler books their peg and does not attend the match they will be required to pay their match fee.
29. If an angler allows a hooked fish to enter another angler's swim and a complaint arises that is witnessed, then the offending angler will be disqualified by the match secretary. An agreement may be reached prior to the beginning of a match between anglers negating this rule.
30. As a guide, the draw time will be 7.15 am, to allow 90 minutes setup.
(The draw and setup times are at the discretion of the match Secretary, with the proviso that all anglers notified of the draw time if there are any changes).
31. Matches will be of 6 hours duration unless interrupted by a storm.
32. The club tripod and scales should be used for match weigh-ins.
33. Members booking a peg for a match will be responsible for the Match fees if they do not show up and fail to notify the match secretary of their intended absence.
34. Match tables where possible will be produced following each match.
35. The use of electronic fish finders (including depth) during any part of an SCAC match is not allowed.

Match Fees	
<i>A minimum of 5 anglers is required for an official match.</i>	
Members	\$15
Non-Members	Match Fee + \$15
Club Membership	\$40 Per annum