



International Team Selection Rules

UK Shore Team Trials

(SALC Rules)

1. Fishing will be from a peg allocated by draw. Competitors must fish from their allocation peg. For landing big fish, the competitor may go into a neighbouring competitor's area.
2. Competitors must not cast a line in the water for a period of 20 minutes before the start of the competition.
3. Start and finish of the match will be signalled by whistle.
4. Every competitor must have their own bucket, filled with fresh sea water. All fish caught, must be put into the bucket with or without the trace attached before the next cast can take place.
5. All "power casting" styles must use appropriate shock leader.
6. Competitors can only wade up to their knees in the water to cast and must return to the shore immediately after casting.
7. All matches will be fished on a catch & release basis. A minimum length of fish caught and countable, to be 15cm minimum length. Fish will be given 1 point per cm plus 5 points per fish. No points for undersized fish.
8. The following species **will not count**: - Mackerel, Weaver, Sea Trout, Shad.
9. Competitors are permitted to have one rod in use, with a maximum of 3 hooks attached, and as many spare rod made up to include reel and line running through the rings, but **no** trace attached. The spare rods must be at the back of the competitor facing away from the sea. They can be prepared with a link, clip or swivel attached to the mainline/leader, but no trace or lead.
10. The choice of reel is free, but it must not be motorised
11. Maximum length of rod is 5 metres.
12. Unlimited spare traces are allowed.
13. Only single hooks of any kind are allowed. Hooks with a minimum gape of 7mm can be used; these are normally a size 6. Hook sizes may be checked by the match organiser.

14. The match organiser may randomly check boxes and bags and sign off the competitor's cards. This can include checking contents of boxes/bags for non supplied bait, hook size check, hook gape check, bead size check, before or after the match.
15. Weights have to be attached to the body of the rig. Weighted floats are not allowed. 50gr leads are the minimum weights to be used. In extreme weather conditions heavy grip leads should be used so not to disturb neighbouring competitors.
16. The maximum of three floating beads/material with a maximum of 15mm diameter in any direction are permitted per rig, but no floating beads/material is permitted on the rig body, only on the hook lengths. The use of sliding hooks on the main line is not allowed.
17. Assistance may be obtained to land a fish, but except for safety only the competitor may handle the rod.
18. Foul hooked fish are allowed, but any deliberate attempt to foul hook a fish will result in disqualification.
19. Fish hooked by 2 competitors, are allowed and the competitor who has their hook in the fish's mouth takes the points. If a fish is hooked in the mouth by both competitors, it is disqualified. Fish retrieved on lost traces are not eligible.
20. During a competition, the competitors may retrieve their line quickly or slowly, but the action of snatching or jigging during retrieve is strictly forbidden. Competitors are not allowed to hold their rods for any extended period of time if they are moving their lead around and not retrieving their line.
21. At the end of a competition, the competitor must retrieve his/her line quickly, unless he/she is playing a fish just before the end of the competition – 5 minutes will be given to retrieve such a fish.
22. Permission to leave the sector peg for a short time can be given by the steward, in this case the competitors line must be retrieved and not left in the water.
23. Only bait supplied by the match organiser is permitted to be used.
24. The use of bait additives (colouring or odorous substances or salt) is not allowed
25. The rod stands are not allowed to be positioned in the water. They should be positioned approximately in the middle of the angler's allotted area.