

PREDATOR FISHING

These recommendations are to ensure the safety of fish and anglers.

All equipment used must be suitable for the species being targeted.

Pike.

1. Pike are delicate and need to be handled with care and spend as little time out of the water as possible.
2. No live baiting is allowed on any of the club's waters as per rule 6 General Fishing Regulations.
3. If using two rods both rods should be used for pike.
4. Single or treble barbless/micro-barbed hooks are recommended.
5. A 15lb minimum breaking strain main line – mono or braid (30lb recommended).
6. A 36ins minimum triangular/30ins minimum round specimen landing net (42ins recommended) must always be carried.
7. A large unhooking mat or cradle (20mm minimum thickness) should always be carried and used.
8. A 12ins/30cm minimum wire trace (20lb+ recommended) to be used when using spinners, plugs etc.
9. A 16ins/40cm minimum wire trace (30lb+ recommended) to be used when fishing with dead baits.
10. A 16ins/40cm minimum wire uptrace (30lb recommended), or extra-long hook trace, should be used when float fishing.
11. A reliable audible and visual alarm should be used when dead baiting.
12. At least one pair of long forceps (12ins/30cm minimum) should always be carried.
13. A pair of long nosed wire/hook cutters must always be carried.
14. It is recommended that an unhooking glove and first aid kit be carried.
15. No sacking or retaining of pike in keepnets.
16. All pike must be returned alive to the water as soon as possible as per rule 5 Rules.

PERCH

1. No live baiting is allowed on any of the club's waters as per rule 6 General Fishing Regulations.
2. Single or treble barbless/micro-barbed hooks are recommended.
3. All hooks should be barbless/micro-barbed if using fluorocarbon main line or hook lengths.
4. When using barbed/micro-barbed hooks a wire trace (8lb minimum) should always be used for any method that might include pike as a by-catch.
5. Anglers must be equipped to safely land and return any pike caught.

If you need a few tips, help or advice then just ask; we don't bite but hopefully the fish will.
Coaching sessions can be arranged.