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1. **Fishing Festival Rules**
   All competitors must have tickets before commencing fishing and must produce them at the weigh in.

2. **Entrance Fee**
   Each shore competition may have a different entrance fee. The match entrance fee is to be printed in the brochure. Roll up and optional superpool for each competition (optional Superpool is open to all classes).

3. **Tickets for Shore Matches**
   Tickets for shore matches may be obtained from
   COSO'S TACKLE SHOP Unit 9 Quay Street Scarborough YO11 1PL
   KEITH'S SPORTS 31 Milton Street Saltburn TS12 1DN
   FOORDS HOTEL Queens Street Filey YO14 9HE
   DIXONS DISCOUNT WAREHOUSE 5-11 West Avenue Filey YO149AA

4. **Fishing Times**
   (a) Each day's event shall commence at the time stated in the programme and, Immediately prior to the starting to fish, the baskets of all competitors may be examined by a member of the Committee.
   (b) No fishing to be done on the same day as any match except anglers entering boating competitions.
   (c) The decision of the Official Weigher In regarding time is final.

5. **Competition Rules**
   (a) No competitor may have fitted up at the same time, more than one rod with reel and running line, and not with more than two hooks attached (i.e trebles and pennel rigs both count as one hook). Any competitor may, however, in lieu of using a rod, reel and line use a hand line with not more than two hooks.
   (b) Float, bottom and artificial fishing allowed.
   (c) Any person may cast for a competitor who wishes for their assistance, but no one except the competitor may handle the rod after the cast has been made. Drone, kites, rockets, etc to be banned as a casting aid. Anything else will come under the committee decision.
   (d) Competitors may receive the help of any person to gaff, or assist him or her in landing a fish, but they must not handle the rod in doing so.
   (e) Juvenile age limit 8 years up to 16th birthday. Juveniles who are under 16 or who have their 16th birthday after the first day of the Festival will be classed as Juveniles and fish the Juvenile Class for the duration of the Fishing Festival.
   (f) There will be a separate class for Juveniles. The entry fee for this class will be £1 both shore and boat competitions. North of England match £2. Points to be awarded:
   1st - 3 points, 2nd 2 points, 3rd - 1 point.

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Juveniles may only enter Juvenile Class and Superpools. Juveniles take Class1 prizes alongside Juvenile and Superpool. Juveniles can also take class 1 prizes.
(g) Visitors Prize - can only be won by a competitor who permanently resides outside 25 mile radius of Filey.
(h) Superpool -single fish or heaviest AGG depending on days event.
Superpool pays out 2 prizes -2/3rd and 1/3rd .
(i) One prize per competitor in heaviest single fish matches (except special prizes).
(j) The winner of any Trophy shall be allowed to hold the same until 31st August the following year and shall give guarantee that or other security, satisfactory to the Committee for the safe custody thereof in the meantime, and for the safe return thereof on or before that day.
(k) All winners of trophies to have them engraved at their own expense.

6. Fish Sizes and Weighing in

(a) In the interest of conservation the F.B.A.S. minimum fish sizes shall be: CONGER 91 cm, SKATE, RAY 46cm, COMMON EEL, GARFISH 38cm, COD 36cm, COALFISH (BILLET), POLLACK, HAKE, BRILL, TURBOT, WITCHES, WRASSE 35cm, BASS 42cm, WHITING 31cm, MACKEREL, HADDOCK 30cm, LEMON SOLE, PLAICE 27cm, LING, 63cm, COMMON SOLE, DAB, POUTING 25cm, SMOOTH HOUNDS 70cm, DOGFISH 40cm, BEARDED ROCKING 25cm. Measurements from the tip of the jaw to the tip of the tail, all fish other than above 25cm. (Any competitor who presents a fish to the scales that has been man-handled (stretched) to be disqualified from that competition.)
Would all anglers please note that to comply with current regulations only 2 Bass per angler, per day, to be brought to the weigh inn.
(b) Each competitor must weigh-in their own catch not later than the time mentioned in the programme together with their ticket for that day. Weigh-in venues as stated in the programme. All fish to be free from mud, grass, sand and hooks etc. No ticket- no weigh-in of fish.
(c) All fish to be weighed in by the Official Weigher-In or his deputy.
(d) Only 20 Mackerel allowed in any boat or shore event by each competitor.

In the interest of conservation and the future sport of the society, we request that all fish under DEFRA size limits be returned to the water alive if possible.
See 6. (a) Above

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7. Festival Boundaries

(a) West Pier, Whitby to South Pier, Bridlington. River Esk out of bounds, fishing only seaward side.Bempton Bird Sanctuary out of bounds (northside Dyke End entire cliff top out of bounds) during Filey Fishing Festival week. Any breaking of this rule will lead to disqualification
(b) For safety reasons the cliff descent/ascent known as Bird Ash is out of bounds.
(c) During Festival shore matches access to fishing grounds by boat, kayak, rubber dingy or any other waterborne craft will not be allowed and will lead to disqualification.
(d) Any angler competing in any match are requested to TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME. Competitors ignoring this rule will be disqualified.

8. Legal

(a) In all matters relating to the Festival, the decision of the Committee is final, and the Committee may delegate their power to Judges or Stewards appointed by them. The Committee reserve the right to reject any entry and in any such case the entry fees paid by anyone so rejected shall be returned.
(b) Neither the Committee nor the Filey Brigg Angling Society shall be held responsible for damage loss or injury by any person in connection with the Festival. Many venues within the festival boundaries are considered to be high risk venues due to access and the nature of their surroundings. Only anglers who are experienced and familiar with these venues should attempt to fish them and even them the utmost discretion should be used taking into consideration the prevailing conditions.
(c) The Angling Festival and the Committee accept no responsibility for those wishing to access or fish such venues and strongly recommends that all anglers have club or personalliability and injury insurance.