

# **BEDFORD WINTER LEAGUE RULES**

## **FROM 2024- 25**

1. Rules may only be added or changed at the AGM or in certain circumstances by captains vote.
2. All member teams must send at least one representative to the AGM or have no say in committee/venue choice.
3. Each team has one vote only at the AGM.
4. New membership to the league will be considered at the AGM and voted on by the teams present. Late applications will be considered by the committee on merit. New teams are very welcome at the AGM but do not have a vote until such time as they have fished. They will also not be stewards during the first season.
5. Each team should supply a set of scales for each match if possible. (League has 2 sets).
6. Each team will consist of 4 anglers
7. Six matches make up the league series, dates, venues and stewards decided at the AGM.
8. Stewards on the match day are responsible for pegging and weighing.
9. Matches are pegged in 4 sections, length determined by no. of teams
10. All matches are 5 hours, 10am to 3pm unless pre agreed at draw. Draw at 8am.
11. Decisions on cancelling matches should be made by 12.00 on the preceding Thursday and local tackle dealers informed. If late cancellations are to be made team captains will be asked to vote. If due to conditions then an alternative venue is sort or a reserve date/venue is used.
12. All trophies should be returned to the Secretary before the last match.
13. Bloodworm is banned by the league. Any angler found with bloodworm in his possession will disqualify his team from the match the offence occurred.
14. Pike and Zander will not be weighed in.
15. There will be no practice sessions on Beds WL match lengths after midnight on the Tuesday of the week before the match
16. Matches are fished on Sundays as decided at the AGM.
17. Team Points – each angler gains points for the position he achieves in his section. These points are totalled to give the team points. If 2 or more teams get equal points in a match then the higher weight will obtain higher points. For example if 2 teams tie 1<sup>st</sup> place on 24 points, the higher weight team will be awarded 8 points (if an 8 team league) and the team with the lower weight will get 7 points. Likewise for other tied match points positions. The points a team wins at each match are totalled to give their league position, at the end of the 6 match series the team with the highest amount of points wins the league. In the event of a tie on league points, the winner will be decided by the highest total aggregate of match points for the series. Should

this also be equal then the highest total aggregate series weight will be the winning team

18. Individual Points - The Chris Fuller Memorial Trophy – This is decided on section points. These points are totalled through the 6 matches. The angler with the highest number of points at the end of the league series will be the individual winner. In the event of a tie on points anglers concerned will have each of their weights totalled, the angler with the highest weight will be the individual winner.
19. Knock Out – Fished in Conjunction with the league series. The number of teams entering the league decides when a draw is made to match teams to fish against each other ending in a final during the last match.
20. The Tony Welch Memorial Trophy – Fished for in the 3rd match. Awarded to winning team.
21. Team Pools – Team pools are paid to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams in a ratio of 60% and 40%. In the event of 2 or more teams drawing on points the team concerned will have their team members weights totalled to determine their positions for pools payouts.
22. Individual Pools – These pools are paid to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed anglers in each match at a ratio of 40%, 25%, 20% and 15%. In the event of a tie on weight the prize money is shared between the anglers concerned.
23. Section Pools – These are paid to the highest weight in each section. An angler who is placed in the “Individual Pool” cannot win the section pool. In this case the next highest weight is used to decide the section winner but if no other angler catches in a section then the section money will be paid to the individual placed angler from that section. In the event of a tie on weight the prize money is shared between the anglers concerned. In the case of no angler catching in a section then the section money will be added and shared to the other section prize monies.
24. Pools Money – Pools are £20 per angler per match, split as follows; Team Pools £4, Individual Pools £11 and section Pools £4
25. League Subs - £40 per team
26. Peg Fees – Peg fees are £4 per angler per match, unless more expensive venues are booked.
27. Guess The Weight – Is paid to the angler who guesses or whose guess comes closest to the winning weight. This is included in the £20 pool.
28. All cups, trophies and shields are presented at the last match.
29. League subs and peg fees for all 6 matches are to be paid at the draw of the 1<sup>st</sup> match. Pools are to be paid at the draw of each match.