

# National Sea Fishing Committee

## Policy Document

Policy Area	Sponsor for the policy	Date Decision Made	Agreed/ Declined	Review Date	PSUK Agreement Required Y/N
Sea angling boat rules					

1. Policy Area

To clarify the rules for sea boat fishing competition.

2. Benefit of the Policy

To ensure that competitors are aware of the rules that will be implemented for all sea fishing boat competitions.

3. Agreed Policy

The competition shall be held annually and in accordance with the Angling Trust (Marine Division) Guidelines and others decided by the Committee, copies of which are held by the National Committee.

Competition shall be confined to members of affiliated clubs, who have been sworn in as paid constables, paid police support staff, paid Cadets, retired police officers and retired members of police support staff, as defined in Rule 39 of the Police Sport UK Constitution.

Each Police Sport UK Region may enter four teams of four anglers per team. However, if the holders of the Kent Shield, or the host Force, fails to qualify in regional competitions, they will each be entitled as a matter of right to enter one team in addition to the four teams representing the Region. In the event that the holders of the Kent Shield are also the host Force this automatic right of entry is restricted to one team only. The Kent Shield will be presented to the team, which has accumulated the least number of boat points.

Competitors to use no more than three hooks. Triple or triangular hooks count as three Double hooks as two.

Fishing by ROD and LINE only. No HAND LINING except where unavoidable due to the breakage of rod or reel.

Competitors to have no more than three rods assembled with line through rings but trace only attached to one.

Bait packs will be provided by the host force for the use of all competitors. These packs can consist of all live baits, worms, fish strips, squid, peeler, crab etc. It is not permitted for a competitor to supplement these packs with any additional bait. Any bait fish caught before the competition commences must be shared between competitors on that boat. Any bait fish caught during the competition can be retained for the use of the competitor. Feather or artificial lures (including scented lures) are permitted.

Competitors will bait their own hooks, catch and play their own fish, but may request assistance in boating a fish if they so desire.

The number of points scored will be used to determine the respective individual positions of competitors on a particular boat. In determining the respective positions of the teams competing; the team with the highest aggregate percentage score after combining the percentage (not points) scores of their members will be considered to be the winning team and awarded the Kent shield. In case of a tie then a count back via fish points will take place. If still equal then trophy to be shared.

With regards the individual trophy the competitor with the greatest number of fish points will win. Again count back via number of fish if still equal trophy to be shared.

Angling trust specifications regarding the minimum sizes of fish will be adhered to at all times. (See Rule 17).

Boats will be permitted to fish at anchor or drift. At the discretion of the skipper.

Where two or more anglers hook and land the same fish, unless one by the mouth fairly and the other(s) by foul hooking, the fish shall be disqualified.

It is the responsibility of competitors to show consideration to other competitors on the boat and not put them unnecessarily at risk through their actions. Casting from a boat puts other competitors at risk of being struck by a lead or caught by hooks in the terminal tackle particularly when up-tiding. To minimise risks associated with casting, competitors in PSUK events are not permitted to cast their rod when the lead and terminal are within the confines of the boat. Casting when the lead and terminal tackle remain outside the boat at all times is permitted.

The Police Sport UK Sea Angling National Committee shall have in place a procedure for dealing with matters of complaint, discipline or grievance arising out of the activities of the Sea Angling Section. Such matters will always be notified in writing at the earliest opportunity. An aggrieved person shall have a right of personal hearing before a panel comprising not less than three members of the committee before any final decisions are made. In all cases the Rules of natural justice shall apply.

Any breach of the rules may render a competitor liable to disqualification at the discretion of the Committee.

Prior to the presentation the organising committee will have the scores/results ratified by the National Committee.

Any variations of the rules to meet local requirements may be made by the organisers for approval by the PSUK National Committee and before publication. Such changes will be known as local rules.

In the case of cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances a competition will be deemed to have been held, if any fish have been caught after the start. If prior to the start the competition can be replaced by a shore competition.

Double patting is permitted, however fish caught must be dealt with prior to the competitor's next drop. Either returned to the sea or if being retained they must meet relevant size limits and be gutted.

The Council of the Police Sport UK has taken a limited liability Personal Injury Policy of Insurance to cover any Competitor, Official or Committee Member of Police Sport UK aged between 16 and 75 years, who is participating or officiating at any Championships organised on behalf of the Police Sport UK, and who as a result of receiving serious bodily injury, dies or is permanently disabled resulting in their being retired from their Force. A condition of the Insurance Policy is that notice must be given to the Insurance Company of any Injury which might give rise to any claim, as soon as reasonably practicable and in any case within 21 days of the occurrence. In order to comply with requirements both the organisers of the National Championships and the Police Sport UK Office must be informed of any such incident immediately. These conditions must be brought to the attention of all Competitors by their inclusion in Entry forms for the Championships.

4. Equality Assessment

There are no equality issues to address.

5. General Data Protection Compliance

There is no personal data within this document.

6. Access and disclosure restrictions

This is an open document and there are no access or disclosure restrictions.

