

Girling AS – Contest Rules 2021 - iss. 1.

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1.0: Contest dates.

The dates of the club competitions to be decided by the committee, but will generally be as follows:-

<u>Match Series</u>	<u>Match/ Trophy</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1.1: Winter Pools (WP)	1 st Contest.	3 rd Saturday in Jan.	Local Pool
WP Trophy	2 nd Contest.	4 th Saturday In Feb.	Local Pool
Pairs Trophy (Pools)	3 rd Contest.	4 th Saturday in Mar.	Local Pool
	4 th Contest.	Last Saturday in Apr.	Local Pool
	5 th Contest.	Last Saturday in May.	Local Pool
1.2: Spring League (SL)	1 st Contest.	2 nd Saturday in June.	Commercial Fishery
SL Trophy	2 nd Contest.	2 nd Saturday in July.	Commercial Fishery
Pairs Trophy (Pools)	3 rd Contest.	4 th Saturday in July.	Commercial Fishery
	4 th Contest	1 st Saturday in Aug.	Commercial Fishery
	5 th Contest	4 th Saturday in Aug.	Commercial Fishery
1.3: Canal Series (CS)	1 st Contest.	1 st Saturday in March.	Canal
CS Trophy	2 nd Contest.	3 rd Saturday in March.	Canal
	3 rd Contest.	3 rd Saturday in April.	Canal
	4 th Contest	1 st Saturday in May	Canal
	5 th Contest	3 rd Saturday in May	Canal
1.4: Aggregate & Pairs:	1 st Contest.	2 nd Saturday in Feb.	BAA River venue
Agg. Trophy	2 nd Contest.	1 st Saturday in April	BAA Canal venue
Pairs Shield (Rivers)	3 rd Fladbury Cup.	1 st Saturday of season	Fladbury
	4 th July Contest.	1 st Saturday in July	BAA River venue
	5 th Contest PW Trophy	3 rd Saturday in July	Fladbury
	6 th Lou Greatrex Shield.	3 rd Saturday in Aug.	Fladbury
	7 th Annual WW Shield.	1 st Saturday in Sept.	BAA River venue
	8 th Contest	Last Saturday in Sept.	Fladbury or Venue exchange
	9 th Fur & Feather.	2 nd Saturday in Oct.	BAA River venue
	10 th Chris Green Mem.	2 nd Saturday in Nov.	Fladbury
1.5: Cutters Cup:	JT Cutter cup	3 rd Saturday in Sept.	Fladbury
1.6: Winter League (WL)	1 st Contest.	3 rd Saturday in Oct.	Fladbury
WL Trophy	2 nd Contest.	Last Saturday in Oct.	Canal
	3 rd Contest.	3 rd Saturday in Nov.	Canal
	4 th Contest.	1 st Saturday in Dec.	Fladbury
	5 th Contest.	3 rd Saturday in Dec.	Fladbury

2.0: Subscriptions / Pools / Prize money

2.1: All members must have a minimum of half of the annual subscription paid at the AGM & fully paid by the 3rd Aggregate match in June at the start of the river season to be eligible to compete in club matches.

2.2: A contestant can opt out of the pools, bonus peg or winner-take all, although, contestants entering the pools can then also enter the Bonus peg. The current pools contribution is £8.00.

2.3: All club prize money will be paid at the end of the season, pools will be paid on the day of the contest. The Fur & Feather contest prizes are seasonal fare.

3.0: Series formats.

3.1: The Aggregate cup is applicable to all aggregate matches, omitting the individual's two worst results (8 from 10).

3.2: The WP, SL, CS & WL are all 5 match series omitting the individual's worst result (4 from 5).

3.3: Both Pairs competitions shall be applicable to all 10 matches in the series & judged on combined weight.

3.4: The Roach Cup is applicable to all matches on the venue list within the calendar year (Jan.–Dec.).

4.0: Bonus Peg.

4.1: The Bonus Peg (BP) is applicable to all matches on the venue list except for the Cutters Cup. There is separate BP for (1) the Aggregate & Winter League, (2) the Spring & Winter Pools series and (3) The Canal Series.

4.2: Where there are less than six members fishing on the day, the BP shall not be included.

4.3: New members or members who have not contributed cannot fish for a BP whether currently accruing or capped however, new members can compete for a current BP after a one match contribution. See sec. 2.2.

4.4: In the event of a tie on weight the BP's shall be paid out.

5.0: Scoring – All Match Series.

5.1: For all match series points shall be allotted as one point for a win & two points for second place etc, in the event of not weighing in the competitor shall receive one more point than the last to weigh. Non turnout will be deemed as match turnout plus one point.

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6.0: Pre-Match

6.1: Members wishing to compete in any contest must inform the secretary or in his absence a committee member at least two days prior to the date of the contest.

6.2: All Girling AS members must hold a current River Authority license and all Girling AS full members must hold a current BAA card when fishing on BAA venues, checks will be made on re-newal dates.

6.3 Members must abide by BAA bylaws on BAA venues, and local commercial fishery rules.

6.4: Any bait may be used except for live or dead fish, spinning bait or artificial lures, wasp grub or cake & bloodworm. On commercial fisheries, local fishery rules must be adhered to.

6.5: The "Winter Pools" Series uses "Natural Baits" only which includes Maggots, Castors, Worms, Corn & Bread Punch, liquidised bread and silver fish ground bait. Pellets, Boilies, Meat and Carp additives are not allowed.

6.6.1: Draw time is 9am, match duration can be decided on the day.

6.6.2: From June 2020 following Government Guide Lines on Social Distancing a Committee Member will make the draw for all competitors.

6.6.3: Competitors are allowed one draw only & must fish the peg drawn, unless the match organiser or a committee member agrees, that the circumstances render the peg un-fishable. See a committee member to agree a replacement peg.

6.6.4: Being "double banked" before the whistle is deemed cause to change pegs, but you must move to the nearest available peg. See a committee member to agree a replacement peg, see 6-9-3.

6.7: The competitors positions to be no less than 15 yards apart - if possible.

6.8: Plumbing the depth, wetting of ground bait, setting up of keep nets is permissible, but no bait to be introduced before the start.

6.9.1: The Bonus Peg shall be drawn before the match or in the event of known latecomers after the match.

6.9.2: Where there is more than one BP, the drawn peg number shall be returned ensuring that all anglers have a chance of drawing all BP's contributed to.

6.9.3: A competitor that draws a bonus peg before requesting a replacement peg shall forfeit the Bonus Peg.

7.0: During the match

7.1: A competitor may have other rods assembled un-baited on the bank ready for use, but must use one rod at a time.

7.2: Keep nets must comply with water authority by-laws & commercial fishery rules.

7.3: All fish to be retained for weighing including, Grayling, Zander and Pike, Trout & Salmon to be returned immediately,

7.4: Walking the bank during contests is allowed but not if this is obtrusive to an individual or detrimental to the fishing. A list of members who do not wish to be disturbed during matches will be held by the Secretary.

7.5: At the conclusion of the competition, all lines must be removed from the water & fishing cease. In the event of a fish being hooked prior to the finishing signal the competitor will be allowed to play the fish up to a maximum of half an hour after the signal providing that he makes other members aware.

8.0: After the match

8.1.1: Any full member can assist with weighing in although a committee member must be present.

8.1.2: From June 2020 the "Weigh In" process requires "Social Distancing", members must stay in their peg, the weigher will put the bucket down and the angler will put the fish in the bucket. The weigher will put the bucket on the scales, record the weight and return the fish, this will be repeated until all of the anglers Fish are weighed. Following the "weigh in" is not allowed.

8.2: Competitors will be responsible for clearing all litter from their peg. Defaulters will be disqualified at the discretion of the committee present on the day of the competition.

8.3 In the event of a tie the prizes will be shared or mutually decided.

8.4: In the case of a tie in points for the result of all Match Series overall weight will decide.

8.5: Any complaints must be submitted to a committee member on the day of the competition.

8.6: In the event of issues arising not covered by the contest rules, the decision of the committee members present shall be final.