



Bewl Water Kayak Fishing Challenge Rules

These are the rules which must be adhered to during the Bewl Water Kayak Fishing Competition.

- 1) Fishing must cease during thunderstorms.
- 2) Anglers must hold a valid EA rod license.
- 3) The event organizer or Bewl Water management may stop the event at any time.
- 4) Once your trout is caught for the competition, targeting trout must stop.
- 5) Only artificial lures are allowed. No live or dead bait, organic bait, or fly fishing.
- 6) No trolling from kayaks is permitted, but drift fishing is allowed.
- 7) Trolling motors are prohibited.
- 8) Use an unhooking mat when handling large fish. Fish can be taken to the nearest bank for safe measurement if help is needed.
- 9) Pike, perch, and trout must not be removed from the water.
- 10) Wire traces are mandatory when targeting pike.
- 11) Multiple rods may be on the kayak, but only one rod can be in use at any time.
- 12) All boat fishing rules apply.
- 13) Juniors aged 10 and over may fish if accompanied by an adult over 21 and must remain within 20 meters of the adult.
- 14) Life jackets/PFDs are mandatory and must be worn before entering the launch area.
- 15) Anchoring is prohibited, but drogues/parachutes are allowed.
- 16) Keep a 50-meter distance from banks, fishing boats, nature reserves, and other reservoir structures.
- 17) Kayaks must maintain a 50-meter distance from each other during the competition.



- 18) All kayak fishing must stop if winds exceed force 5 (19 mph), and participants should return to safe mooring areas.
- 19) Participants are responsible for securing their kayaks in designated areas.
- 20) In case of emergency, raise the alarm via the provided phone numbers.
- 21) All fish must be uploaded via the Angling Live app.
- 22) Participants must have a landing net, unhooking mat, and proper measuring equipment (not printed on the mat).
- 23) Measurements must be taken using a wide measuring board with a visible scale, and the fish must be photographed on its right flank.
- 24) A unique competition sticker must be visible in the photograph; no sticker means the catch is invalid.
- 25) **Format:** Each participant must catch 1 Trout, 1 Pike, and 5 Perch (no minimum size) per day. The total length of all fish caught over both days will determine the winner.
- 26) Participants must have insurance (third-party public liability).

Camping:

Competitors requiring camping must follow Bewl Water site rules. Please keep the area tidy and maintain quiet after 10:00 PM.

