



Events & Conferences in East Yorkshire

EOBC – GENERAL RULES 2010

(applicable to both days of competition)

Definitions:

- a) The name of the organisation is the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC)
 - b) The Organisers means “ EY EVENTS”, which is also the Championship Committee.
1. Bottom and artificial fishing allowed.
 2. No competitor may have fitted at the same time, more than one rod with reel and running line and no more than three hooks attached. One treble counts as three single hooks.
 3. Any competitor, other than registered disabled, must cast his or her own rod. No mechanical casting aids of any description are allowed to be used in the competition.
 4. No competitor is allowed to fish in the 24 hours prior to the start of the competition. Pre-competition fishing will be allowed, ONLY when participating in the FUN FLATTIE BASH MATCH in the designated area.
 5. No fishing is allowed from rocks, piers or man-made constructions in the sea i.e. drains etc. When it is high tide, fishing is allowed from promenades (eg. Hornsea and Withernsea) and cliff tops (eg. Barmston and Ulrome).
 6. Competitors may receive the help of any person, to assist him/her in landing any fish, but must not handle the rod in doing so. The use of gaffs to land fish is prohibited.
 7. The minimum distance between two anglers fishing on the beach must be **10 metres or 12 yards**. *Any angler, not adhering to this safety rule, will be disqualified.*
 8. All rod rests and rods on the beach must be attended at all times. No competitor is allowed to reserve space on the beach with unattended tackle. Unattended ones may be removed.
 9. All competitors must have tickets before commencing fishing and must produce them if requested by official stewards.
 10. All competitors are required to act as stewards and must only, when witnessed the catch, sign in other competitors' fish, caught on the day, on the back of the official ticket, giving clearly name and entry number.
 11. All competitors must weigh in their own catch and not later than the times mentioned in the competition rules. Competitors must allow themselves plenty of time to travel back to the weigh-in and to get parked. **No allowances of any kind will be made for any competitor arriving back late.**

General Rules (continued)

12. Fish sizes: no person shall land, sell, expose or offer for sale or have in his/her possession any fish of the following description of less than the following measurements:

Pouting:	10" - 25 cm
Plaice, Dab, Sole, Flounder, Pollack:	12" - 30.5 cm
Mullet:	13" - 33 cm
Whiting - Turbot	14" - 35.5 cm
Cod, Coalfish, Haddock, Eels:	16" - 41 cm
Bass	17.5" - 45 cm
Ray and Skate (across the wings):	18" - 46 cm

(Rays and Skates are classed as round fish)

Note: Lesser Spotted Dogfish, Spurdog, Smoothhound, Tope, Blennies, Dragonets, Mackerel, Rockling, Scorpion Fish and Weaver Fish or any Shellfish will NOT be weighed in.

The competitor must retain all fish brought to Weigh-In for one hour after close of weigh-in in case of appeal.

Any breach of this particular rule (FISH SIZES) will be brought to the attention of the Appeals Committee at the Weigh-in and their decision will be final.

12. **Any competitor, breaching any of the Championship rules, will be disqualified for the whole event.**
13. The ERYC may take legal action against any competitor in breach of the rules.
14. **IN THE EVENT THAT THE ORGANISERS CONSIDER THAT A FRAUD HAS BEEN OR IS BEING PERPETRATED, THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ASK THE POLICE TO INVESTIGATE.**
15. Neither the ERYC nor the Organisers shall be held responsible for any loss, accident or damage, incurred by any person in connection with the Championship.
16. Cancellation: in the event of bad weather and/or in the interest of safety, the Organisers have the powers to cancel the Championship. In such case, entry fees, less any legitimate Championship expenses, such as printing and mailing costs etc. will be returned.
17. In all matters, relating to the Championship, the decision of the Organisers is final and the Organisers may delegate their power to the Appeals Committee.
18. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry without explanation and will in such case return all entry fees.
19. Any objection must be submitted to the Appeals Committee within half an hour of the results being posted. A fee of £ 10.00 must accompany the objection and is returnable if the objection is upheld.
20. Each entry to the European Open Beach Championship is binding in honour only.