

Verulam Angling Club

Record Fish Claims Rules

References: VAC Rule Book, Current EA Guidelines and Practises, Rulings and Guidelines of the Specialist Committee.

- a) All fish registered for a VAC record, must have come from any one of the current listed VAC waters.
- b) Records are claimable on all current VAC waters in all species present for that given venue; there will not be one record in each species to cover all waters in the VAC water listings.
- c) All fish for which claims are made must have been caught using recognised and approved hook and line methods. (Refer to above references)
- d) Fish that are being photographed and weighed in preparation for a record claim MUST be treated with the utmost care and attention and NOT kept out of the water for a protracted length of time.(For sacking/keep net rules refer to above references).
- e) All record fish claimants must use the VAC recognised format to record and submit a Record Fish Claim. A " Record Fish Claim Form" has been compiled and posted on the Club website. This form may be downloaded and used to record details or used as a guide for the members own submissions. Claims may either be emailed or posted, along with the required photographs to The Record Fish Compiler. (Name, e-mail, address and Tel No's at the bottom of the rules.)
- f) Along with the required information as requested on the Record Fish Claim Form, the fish's measurements can be added, but this is not a requirement.
- g) Claimants for any VAC Record fish must be in possession of a current VAC membership and current EA Rod Licence, and not be in any contravention of any VAC/EA rules at the time of capture. Failure to comply will lead not only to a non ratified claim, but may also be followed by any disciplinary action taken by the General Committee that might be thought commensurate with the offence committed. (Refer to above references)
- h) Witnesses must be in possession of a current VAC membership and in preference be independent, although this, it is understood, is not always possible, therefore they can be either friend or relation. They must also not be in contravention of any VAC/EA rules at the time of capture (refer to rule (g) for consequences).
- i) Scales should be of the best quality available at the time of capture, and should any question as to the weight of the fish arise, these should be held ready for an inspection and or comparison, to check weight for ratification purposes.
- j) Photographs required (see Claim Form) should be of the best available quality at the time of capture and clearly show a) the fish's body in as much detail as possible, b) be in the best possible light at the time of capture and c) show the captor as a comparison to the fish, or be photographed next to a rod or if available a tape measure.
- k) The requirement for a picture is waived if the capture is made during an official VAC match, and is witnessed by a member of the VAC Match Committee, unless it is a species i.e, Carp, Barbel, Pike, that can have recognizable features.
- l) A Captor may wish to remain anonymous from any publication on the VAC Web Site or the VAC Forum, and should they so wish a signed note should be added to the claim form. Their name and details will however be held on the VAC Specialist Committee Record files for reference.
- m) All claims ratification are the sole province of the Specialist Committee, whose elected members will meet on the first Monday (where possible) of every month. Therefore claimants of ratified/ non ratified claims will be informed as such as soon as possible thereafter, either by e-mail or telephone or the preferred method of the claimant.
- n) Any ruling of the Specialist Committee appertaining to the ratification or non- ratification of a record fish claim will be final.

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