



CARP CARE

1. Members must practice and promote carp care at all times.
2. Each member must have available and use the following carp care equipment:
 - a. A carp-friendly landing net with soft fine mesh knotless netting. (Large ones preferred).
 - b. All anglers must carry and use a good quality unhooking mat meeting the requirements for size (1.2m x 0.8m x 40mm)
 - c. A good quality weigh sling or bag, strong enough to hold large fish.
 - d. A disgorger and/or forceps to remove hooks that are difficult to remove.
 - e. Anti-bacterial solution suitable for treating hook holds and other wounds on the fish.
3. The use of keep nets are STRICTLY prohibited.
4. All FISH MUST be released.
5. Always use an unhooking mat spread out on a flat surface. An unhooking mat on an uneven or sloped surface could cause the fish to slide off the unhooking mat causing injuries to the fish.
6. The unhooking mat and weigh sling must be freshly wet before the fish is lifted from the water. The fish must be kept wet at all times. Keep a container with fresh cool water at hand at all times to wet the fish on the mat.
7. Never leave a carp on the unhooking mat unattended.
8. Remove your watch or any other piece of equipment / clothing that could injure the fish, before handling the fish.
9. The carp should not be kept out of the water for an excessive period of time. Unhook, photograph and return the fish within the shortest period of time.
10. Always have the unhooking mat directly below the carp when lifting it for a photograph. Support the carp properly, keep the carp as close as possible to the unhooking mat, and never stand up with the carp in your hands when taking photos. If the carp is dropped at this height it could sustain fatal internal injuries!
11. Always transfer the carp back to the water in a sling or enclosed mat.
12. Never drop or throw carp back into the water!
13. When releasing a carp, support it carefully in the water until it is strong enough to swim off by itself.
14. Always use carp safe rigs that puts the carp's safety first, especially in the event of a break-off.
15. Only 1 hook per rod must be used.
16. Only anti-tangle tubing or lead core must be used to prevent line from picking up the fish's scales during the fight.
17. Your tackle must be up to standard and must be sufficient to land large carp safely.
18. Sacking of carp is not recommended. With today's camera technology it is not necessary to sack a carp.
19. Never leave your rods unattended at any time.
20. Particles to be used for angling must always be prepared correctly (soaking & boiling) before it is used, no peanuts.
21. Tackle inspection will occur
22. 3 Rod limit per angler

MEMBER CONDUCT

1. All members must conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner and observe good angling etiquette. Always show consideration towards other anglers and water users. Respect other anglers by minimising bankside noise, shouting and using bad language, shining bright lights on the water, and avoid angling in a way which interferes with other water users. Do not cast across swims, preventing other people from using swims next to you. Park your car considerately.
2. Be aware of any specific rules relating to the dam you are visiting. Observe and abide by them.
3. Do not damage the property of the venue that you are angling. The SA Carp Society will not be held liable for damages.
4. Theft of any kind will not be tolerated.
5. Alcohol abuse will not be tolerated.
6. A life-jacket must be worn at all times when using a boat. Safety first!
7. Uphold the image of the SA Carp Society by always keeping your swim / angling area clean, and clean up afterwards before leaving. Dispose of your refuse in provided rubbish bins, or otherwise take it with you when you leave.
8. Members must always be polite and helpful towards other anglers / members.

ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

1. Do not litter or discard tackle on the bank. Discarded line is hazardous to wildlife. Discarded hooks are hazardous to humans and wildlife.
2. Discarded line should be burnt or cut into short lengths before disposal to avoid entangling wildlife at waste bins.
3. When your fish or line is snagged up, make use of a boat or any other safe means to unsnag and retrieve your fish / line. "Pulling for a break" from the bank should be your last option.
4. Respect the environment and minimise disruption to waterside wildlife.
5. Light fires only in designated braai areas or in portable braais. NO open fires (on the ground) are allowed. Bring your own firewood.
6. Lakeside vegetation and trees should not be damaged.
7. Wound in rods must not be left unattended without the hook bait being removed. These food items could be picked up by birds or animals.
8. An angler must adapt and fit into the surrounding environment, not dominate it.
9. The toilets provided must be used at all times. At venues where toilets are not provided, anglers must carry and always use a trowel or suitable trenching tool.