

----- GENERAL BYLAWS -----

1. Any person fishing on a Club fishery must be in possession of the current Environment Agency rod licence, which permits a maximum of two rods to be used by members at any one time. Note: two rods allowed unless governed by fishery rules allowing one rod only. **Associate and Junior members may use one rod only.**
2. All enclosed waters will be closed from **1st April until 30th April inclusive.**
All RIVERS will be closed from **15th March until 15th June inclusive.**
3. Keep nets shall be of a minimum depth of six feet with a main ring diameter not less than eighteen inches and shall be of knotless material.
4. Under no circumstances shall specimen fish from the Club waters be retained in keep nets of whatsoever size but must be returned to the water as quickly as possible after weighing and/or photographing. By specimen fish it is meant bream over 4lbs., carp over 4lbs., tench over 4lbs., roach and rudd over 2lbs.
5. All members shall at all times honour the Country Code, all gates to be closed, all crops to be avoided, all wildlife to be undisturbed, other people's property respected and trees undamaged.
6. You are requested to fish from properly constructed swims where provided, thereby preserving the bank side vegetation.
7. The use of hand held or head mounted torches with dry cell batteries are allowed on club fisheries. Wet cell batteries e.g. car batteries are not allowed.
8. Any person found fishing on a Club water with litter in or around their swim will be held responsible for that litter. Any person not removing such litter will be reported to the Committee and may in any event be asked to leave the fishery.
9. All types of portable radio, compact disc, tape cassette players (except those used with headphones) & all televisions are barred from all Club fisheries and on all Club events. All noise to be kept to a minimum on, around or approaching any Club fishery. For example please keep volumes down in cars while waiting for fisheries to open.
10. No firearms, catapults, etc. shall be permitted on Club waters with the exception of recognised bait propellants.
11. Except where indicated in the Club handbook, all cars must be parked in the official car park where one is provided and all gates to fisheries to be locked after entry and exit. Under no circumstances may cars be parked on roads adjacent to fisheries.
12. Groundbait may be used in moderation on all Club waters where the Riparian Owners do not object.
13. All members are expected to act as bailiffs and challenge politely every person on Club fisheries not known to them. When a member challenges another person he shall first produce his own membership card and then request to see the other person's membership card. Any member challenged by another member or an official bailiff shall produce his membership card and if requested by a bailiff also his Environment Agency rod licence.
14. Any signs of misconduct, or pollution must be reported to the Fishery Officer and/or General Secretary immediately.
15. Any member called upon for assistance by an official bailiff shall render, if capable, same immediately.
16. Unless by prior permission of the Committee no person other than a Club member, no matter what the age or relationship, if any, to the member shall be allowed on any Club fishery, whether they fish or not. Non-members may drop off or pick up Club members from the car parks if required but must leave immediately. A member who cannot produce a valid membership certificate will be deemed a "non-member".

17. No member shall introduce any fish of any species whatsoever into any Club water nor may fish be moved from one fishery to another or from one water within a fishery to another except under Committee instructions.
18. All fish must be returned to the Club water from which they were caught or taken, unless written permission to remove, keep or cull fish has been given by the Management Committee.
19. No unauthorised fires to be lit on any Club fishery. Proper cooking appliances are allowed but must be constantly monitored. For the sake of safety no barbecues are allowed.
20. No swimming on or at any Club fishery.
21. Sweetcorn, luncheon meat or any other form of canned bait must not be taken to the waterside in the container in which it was purchased e.g. tin can, glass etc.
22. No prebaiting is allowed prior to a fishing session on any Club water.
23. No bait of any variety is to be deposited in the water or on the banks after a fishing session. Please take surplus bait away.
24. All members are requested to fish their swim i.e. not too close to the next angler and not over half way towards any angler on the opposite bank.
25. No member shall fish deliberately in any reed bed on any Club water.
26. No member is to be allowed on any Club fishery during an official closed period except at the discretion of the Management Committee.
27. No camping (recognised angling shelters, bivouacs, brolly tents are allowed).
- 28.a. No boats or water craft of any kind or size allowed on Club waters without consent of the Committee. This means even the kind which are used for the placing of baits.
b. No aerial remote-controlled device (e.g. drone) is to be used on Club waters.
29. No unprepared particle baits to be used as loose feed or bait on any Club fishery.
30. The use of peanuts as a bait or loose feed is banned on all Club fisheries.
31. Unless prior permission is granted by the Committee all new waters (not in handbook) acquired by the Club are CLOSED until an official announcement is made.
32. Anglers can only occupy and/or fish from one swim.
33. Only **BARBLESS OR MICRO-BARB** hooks to be used on Club stillwaters.
34. No angler should leave their swim unattended for more than three hours in any twenty-four hour period.
35. An unhooking mat is to be used at all times whenever a fish of any size is to be placed on the ground.

ADDITIONAL RULES RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL FISHERIES ARE TO BE FOUND ON: -

- a) THE MEMBER AND RULE HANDBOOK PAGE FOR EACH FISHERY

And / or

- b) THE NOTICE BOARDS DISPLAYED AT EACH FISHERY

ANY INFRINGEMENTS OF THE BYLAWS OF THE CLUB SHALL BE DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE AS LAID DOWN UNDER RULES 26 AND 27.