

# **SUMMARY OF CLUB RULES**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Only Full Members who reside within the club's boundary may vote at an A.G.M. or Extraordinary Meeting.
2. Members must produce their membership card on request of a bailiff, or other member on production of their own membership card.
3. Bailiffs may be appointed by the committee to supervise the interests of the club on any waters. All bailiffs carry official authorisation.
4. (a) The committee will expel any member for conduct that, in their opinion, is damaging to the club, members of the club, its objects or angling.  
(b) The expelled member shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership, but shall remain liable to pay any debts or duties which become payable, or are incurred before the date of expulsion.  
(c) Any member ejected by a Bailiff is immediately suspended and must appear at the next Committee Meeting to explain their actions, prior to any further action being taken. Failure to appear will result in an immediate ban being imposed.
5. Members, and visitors under permit, must hold the E.A. rod licence.

## CONDUCT

6. The conduct of angling shall be carried out in a fair and sportsmanlike manner using conventional tackle and methods.
7. The following points to be strictly adhered to:
  - No alcohol permitted on any club water
  - No fires to be lit
  - No portable barbecues.
  - Recommended fire precautions observed.
  - Access to be made through recognised ways only, with any gates being closed.
  - No interference or damage to boundary fences, hedges, trees or notice boards.
  - All paths to be kept clear of obstruction at all times.
  - If anyone enters a water through a locked gate it is their responsibility to ensure they can get out.

## GENERAL

8. Waters may be restricted to members for a period of 24 hours, after 24 hours of formal notification.
9. On competition days swims must be vacated **three hours** before commencement of the match.
10. Junior anglers are not permitted to fish during the hours of darkness, unless accompanied by a senior member. Maximum ratio of 2 juniors to 1 senior.

11. No fishing far banks at Lightmoor and Plump Hill.
12. Night fishing is permitted at Steam Mills & River Wye only. Permits will be endorsed at Forest Tackle or Wye Angling on the payment of a £5 levy.
13. Vehicular access to, and parking at, all club waters is entirely at members 'own risk' and no responsibility is accepted for any loss or damages incurred.
14. Two pegs at Plump Hill, between white posts, are designated for training and **must be vacated** as and when required.

### **ON THE BANK**

15. The maintenance of club waters i.e. weed clearing, may only be carried out by permission from the committee.
16. All fish are to be handled with care and returned to the water unharmed, except as stated under Appendix 1, or as the committee may direct.
17. Two nets are required for fishing at Lightmoor. Carp and silver fish **must not** be mixed in one net.
18. No keep nets to be used at Lightmoor between the hours of 12-1 pm and 6-7 pm. (matches excluded). Keep nets may be used on other club waters, with the exception of Plump Hill, but must be of a regulation size in accordance with E.A. bye-laws and made of a knotless mesh, well braced and not filled to over-crowding.
19. Fish are not to be held in keep-nets for over 5 hours.

20. Fish 4lb and over **may not be held in keep-nets** but must be returned to the water immediately (matches excluded).
21. A two-net rule will apply, for all matches, from the beginning of this season.
22. Net dips to be used if provided.
23. Tins are not allowed on the bank.
24. **All members must remove litter from their swims before and after fishing.**
25. Any member using obscene or offensive language will be subject to expulsion.
26. Members should not make, or permit, unnecessary noise.
27. The riding of bicycles and motorcycles is not permitted in the vicinity of any club water.
28. The use of boilies is permitted, but only if PVA bags or stringers are used.
29. No cereal groundbait to be used on enclosed waters, with the exception of Steam Mills Lake.
30. **All** floating baits are banned.
31. Bloodworm is banned during matches.
32. The use of lead is restricted to those sizes permitted by the Environment Agency bye-laws.
33. All nuts are banned.
34. All anglers must be in possession of a landing net and disgorging, at all times.
35. Barbless hooks must be used at all times.

36. Only two rods to be used at any one time, with the exception of Steam Mills Lake, where 2 rods per permit may be used (a maximum of 4 rods only).
37. No rod to be left unattended whilst being fished.

### **NOTE**

38. No trophies or prize monies will be issued at Presentation Night, unless recipients or their Representatives are present.
39. The committee may apply new rules, as required by any new or altered lease.

### **LOWER LYDBROOK**

40. All barbel to be returned to water immediately.
41. No cutting steps into bank or pruning overhanging trees.
42. Night fishing for members only with endorsed permit.
43. No worms.
44. No car parking in Legg Meadow.
45. Permit holders only.

Appendix 1 - Any species of fish which is found to be badly injured, deformed or diseased, should be killed instantly in a humane way.

Appendix 2 - The Environment Agency rod licence must be included in Members' tackle.

### **LITTER – Rule 24**

Litter left on any pegs should be picked up before you start fishing. It is our duty, as club members, to remind others who abuse this rule. Anyone found with litter on their pegs (even if they are not directly responsible for it could be asked to leave the water). This is an ongoing problem for the club and we would ask that you remain vigilant. **It is the responsibility of all members!**

