

ADVENTURE ANGLING SOCIETY

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ALWAYS CARRY YOUR PERMIT WITH YOU.

BYELAWS

1. Members only on society waters. Non-members are strictly forbidden, except for invitation by the committee.
2. Picnic parties, dogs, boats, naked flames, inflammable liquids, stoves, fires, radios or other noise emitting equipment (other than proprietary audible bite indicators [see rule 11.i]) and bathing are forbidden on all fisheries.
3. Parking areas are designated on all fishery maps. Do not park in woods or in a position that will block any gateway, entrance or right of way.
4. No fish, or fish eggs shall be introduced to or removed from any society waters without prior permission of the committee.
5. Trespass, digging for bait, cutting or damaging trees, vegetation and other property is strictly forbidden.
6. Glass containers (excluding vacuum flasks) are banned from all fisheries.
7. Riparian owners' wishes and Water Authority byelaws are to be strictly adhered to.
8. Only one rod to be used at any one time on any Adventure Society Waters (see byelaw 11 h.). Other rods may be set up behind the angler.
9. No terminal tackle to be left unattended in the water and all bait to be removed from the hook.
10. Additional byelaws for Willow Pool.
 - a. Junior members may only fish if supervised by a senior member.
 - b. All hooks shall be **BARBLESS and of MAXIMUM SIZE 10**. Terminal tackle may be inspected.
 - c. Only a single hook can be used and this hook to have one point. Terminal tackle may be inspected.
 - d. Members may only fish one of the 40 made up swims. No fishing between the swims. On no account dig away the banks.
 - e. Apart from access in and out the main gate is to be kept shut at all times.
 - f. Only one rod to be used from March 1 to September 30 at any time. Two rods may be used from October 1 to February 28.
 - g. Audible bite alarms are only permissible from October 1 to February 28.
 - h. Members must not enter into the woods or enter land around the embankment, or either side of the track.
 - i. The permissible hours for fishing are from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. Members must be off the venue 1 ½ hours after sunset.
11. When a match is being fished on society waters, vacant pegs may be fished by other members only after the start of the match, and at the discretion of the Match Secretary or his representative on the day.
12. The society discourages the use of keep nets, however where members require to use a keep net then carp must be kept separate from other species. The use of two keep nets in these circumstances will be required. No keep nets during the period March 16 to June 15.
13. Landing nets. Anglers may fish only if they have a landing net set up and with them at any swim they fish.
14. No Boilies.

15. All nets, slings, unhooking mats etc. must be fully immersed in the dip tank before setting up tackle.
16. It shall be an offence:-
 - a. To fish a swim which has, within a five metre radius, littersuch as empty tins, bottles, discarded tackle, bags etc. whether deposited by the member fishing the swim or not, which is not contained in some manner and will be removed from the venue on departure.
 - b. To leave any form of litter on a swim or venue.

RULES

1. The name of the society shall be Adventure Angling Society.
2. The general objects of the society shall be to provide the facilities of an angling society for its' members, including the organisation and provision of angling, and to promote the interests of angling and anglers.
3. **TRUSTEES.**
 - a. There shall not be less than two or more than three trustees of the society, save that a corporate body may be a sole trustee. The committee shall be the corporate body who shall be the trustees of the society.
 - b. Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by resolution of the committee.
 - c. All property of the society (except cash, which shall be under the control of the treasurer) including leases shall be vested in the trustees to be dealt with by them as the committee shall from time to time by resolution direct.
 - d. The trustees shall be indemnified out of the assets of the society against any risk and expenses incurred by them in pursuance of their office.
4. **MEMBERSHIP.**
 - a. The society shall consist of the following classes of membership, viz:-
 - i. Ordinary members (including ordinary junior members, OAPs and disabled).
 - ii. Associate members.
 - iii. Honorary members.
 - b. Membership in any class may be limited by the committee subject to confirmation at the next general meeting.
5. **ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP.**
Admission to ordinary membership shall be by election of the committee, who may refuse any application without stating a reason.
6. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.**
Admission to associate membership shall be by election of the committee, who may refuse any application without stating a reason.
7. **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.**
Honorary members may be elected at any general meeting of the society for such period as the meeting shall determine upon a two thirds majority vote of the membership present and voting.
8. **ORDINARY JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP.**
An ordinary member shall be deemed a junior providing that he shall be under the age of seventeen years on June 16 of the current season.
9. **SUBSCRIPTION.**
The annual subscription payable by all members shall be a sum as determined by the general committee (the committee). It shall become payable on application to the society. Subscriptions shall be returned to those applicants refused membership of the society.
10. **EXPULSION.**
The committee shall expel from the society any member for conduct which in their opinion is injurious or tends to be injurious to the interests of the society or its objects or its members or angling, but before expelling a member the committee shall inquire into his conduct and he shall be given a reasonable opportunity to defend and justify himself by appearing before the committee. The committee's power to expel shall be on the majority vote of those present at the inquiry.
11. **RESIGNATION.**
A member may resign his membership at any time by notice in writing to the general secretary. A resigned member shall forfeit all monies paid to the society.
12. **MANAGEMENT.**

The management of the society shall be vested in the committee (except otherwise provided by these rules).

13. OFFICERS.

The officers of the society shall be:- president, vice president, chairman, general secretary, permit secretary, treasurer, match chairman, match secretary, match treasurer, fisheries officer.

14. THE COMMITTEE.

- a. The general committee shall consist of the chairman, general secretary, permit secretary, treasurer, match chairman, match secretary, match treasurer, senior team manager, junior team manager, fisheries officer, trustees, RDAA delegate and Basingstoke Canal Angling Association delegate, and shall have the power to co-opt members and may in their discretion invite any persons, whether members of the society or not, to attend any committee meetings.
- b. The match committee shall consist of the match chairman, match secretary, match treasurer and any *bona fide* member who wish to attend.
- c. The match committee shall meet at least eight times a year.
- d. At the annual general meeting each year, the committee shall retire from office, but shall be eligible for re-election when every ordinary and honorary and *bona fide* member shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled, and in the case or two or more candidates for a vacancy receiving an equal number of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- e. The committee shall meet at least five times each year to examine the accounts and to arrange the affairs of the society, and minutes shall be taken of every meeting.
- f. Any committee member who fails to attend three consecutive committee meetings without apology and just cause shall be deemed to have resigned from the committee.

15. BYELAWS.

- a. The byelaws set out in the appendix to these rules and any byelaws made under paragraph 15 b. shall be binding upon the members until repealed by the committee or by a resolution of a general meeting subject to any amendment made under paragraph 15 b.
- b. The committee shall from time to time make, repeal or amend all such byelaws as they deem expedient (provided that they shall not be inconsistent with these rules) to take effect unless set aside at a general meeting.

16. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the society shall be held in October or November of each year to receive and consider the audited accounts and annual balance sheet presented by the treasurer; to appoint officers; to fill vacancies on the committee; and to decide on any resolution submitted by the committee or under rule 18 b.

17. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

A special general meeting may be held at any time that the committee shall determine, and the committee shall call a special general meeting upon the requisition in writing of any twenty members for a purpose stated in the requisition, and upon receipt of such a requisition, unless they shall determine the purpose to be frivolous, the committee shall call the meeting within forty days of the receipt by the general secretary of the requisition.

18. NOTICES OF GENERAL MEETINGS AND RESOLUTIONS.

- a. Notice of the time and date of every general meeting, stating the last time for submitting resolutions, shall be sent to each member of the society at his last known address at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.
- b. Notice of any resolutions to be moved at a general meeting, unless recommended by the committee, shall be submitted in writing to the general secretary at least seven days before the meeting and signed by the proposer and seconder. Any such resolution, unless withdrawn, shall be included in the business of the meeting, Amendments to any published resolution to be submitted, in writing, before the start of the meeting, to be included in the meeting.
- c. Accidental omission to give notice, or non-receipt of notice by any member under paragraph 18 a. and 18 b. shall not invalidate any of the proceedings of the meeting.

19. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS.

- a. Ten members shall form a quorum at any general meeting.
- b. Except as otherwise provided by these rules, a majority vote of the ordinary and honorary members present and voting shall carry any motion or resolution, save that no rule of the society may be made, repealed or amended on a vote of less than two thirds of the members voting.

20. INDEMNITY.

All members of the society and any person accompanying them (with or without the society's permission) enter upon and use the society's waters, facilities and activities entirely at their own risk. No liability of any kind is accepted by the society, its officers or riparian owners.

21. DATA PROTECTION ACT.

On 2 May 1986, the members in general meeting agreed to the society holding its membership records on disk for use on a word processor for the ease of producing newsletters and other such mailings, and thenceforth any application for membership of the society would imply agreement to this method of holding records, provided that the information kept and the uses to which it was put shall not differ substantially from that to which the manually kept records had hitherto been put.

22. INTERPRETATION.

- a. The committee shall use their sole authority for the interpretation of the society rules and byelaws, and the decision of the committee upon any question or interpretation or on any matter affecting the society not provided for in these rules, or byelaws, shall be final and binding upon all members.
- b. In the society rules and byelaws, where the context permits, words importing the masculine shall include the feminine, and words importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa.

SOCIETY MATCH RULES

A. MATCH PEGGING FEES.

Any member booking into and failing to attend a match may be liable for the pegging fee and any day ticket monies. Subject to availability and local rules the society welcomes guest anglers. Guests wishing to fish AAS matches must be sponsored by a member, who shall be liable for the pegging fee and any day ticket monies should the guest fail to attend the match.

B. GENERAL RULES.

2. In the event of a peg being un-fishable (which can only be decided by a match official, whose ruling shall be final), the competitor will receive another peg. Alternatively, in the interest of safety, a competitor with the agreement of a match official may move his peg downstream on flowing water, or in the direction agreed with a match official on still waters, to a more appropriate position.
3. Any competitor caught fishing in any other place will be disqualified.
4. In all competitions, one rod and one hook only to be used at any one time; other rods may be carried and assembled. Whilst fishing feeding with the use of a pole pot is permitted.
5. Competitors may shot floats and plumb the depth of the water, position keep nets and rod rests take water from the venue for wetting ground bait and bait before the starting signal. Competitors must not ground bait the swim prior to the starting signal.
6. All coarse fish in season, except pike and zander, to count. Local fisheries byelaws and riparian owners' wishes must be strictly adhered to on all occasions.
7. Pools, if entered, must be paid before the peg is drawn. Competitors will be eligible to draw pegs only on payment of the pegging fee,
8. Allocated swims on society waters used for a match shall be closed to all members other than those competing in the match. Vacant pegs can be used only after the start of the match, at the discretion of a match official.
9. The scales men will be nominated by a match official.
10. Only specimen fish caught on AAS matches to count towards AAS specimen trophies.
11. All litter within 5 metres of the peg must be removed prior to being weighed in.
12. When a competitor leaves his peg during a match , all terminal tackle shall be removed from the water and any bait removed from the hook.
13. Failure to comply with any rule will mean instant disqualification from the match.
14. The match committee shall, from time to time, have the need to make rules about everyday business of the match section; these rules shall be known as silent rules. Silent rules may be amended, altered and deleted by a simple majority vote at official match committee meetings. All such discussion of any rule shall be at the discretion of the match chairman.
15. The decision of the match official on the day is final, subject to main society rule 22.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All matches to be pegged, unless specifically designated otherwise by a match official.
2. A swim shall be defined as:- on flowing water, one yard upstream of the peg to one yard upstream of the next peg downstream. On canals and still water, half way to the peg either side and to the far bank, except when there are pegs opposite and then to the centre of the venue.
3. A match official is defined as the match secretary, match chairman, match treasurer and the nominated scales men.