

ANDOVER ANGLING CLUB
RULES 2005 to 2006 season

1. Name:

The name of the club shall be the Andover Angling Club.

2. Objects:

The general objects of the Club shall be to provide the facilities of an Angling Club for its Members, including the organisation and provision of angling, and to promote the interests of angling and anglers.

3. Officers:

The Club's business shall be in the hands of a President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Membership Secretary, Fisheries Officer and six Committee Members.

4. Committee:

The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Membership Secretary, Fisheries Officer and six Committee Members. To be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

- a) The Committee shall hold a meeting when necessary. Any Committee Member failing to attend three meetings in succession, shall after receiving due notice, cease to be a Committee Member, unless prevented from attending by a prior engagement or illness. Casual vacancies will be filled by the Committee.
- b) No committee member shall take part in any debate or vote on any matter in which that member has a personal, financial or other significant involvement; and at the start of any proceedings on such a matter such a member shall declare the interest and withdraw from the debate or vote.
- c) Any Member holding an official position in any other Angling Club will not be eligible to hold office within the Andover Angling Club.
- d) Committee Members who wish re-selection must have attended at least two thirds of the previous year's meetings.

5. Management:

The Management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. The Committee shall promote the interests of the Club and shall have power to take and defend legal proceedings which may further the Objects of the Club. Such power may only be exercised solely after a resolution has been duly proposed and carried in Committee by two thirds of those present and voting. Any expenditure of the Club funds for the purpose of litigation must be shown in the Club Accounts and be ratified by a simple majority at the next Annual General Meeting after the termination of such litigation.

6. Membership:

The Club shall consist of the following classes of membership: Full Members, Associate Members, Junior Members and Honorary Members

- a) Full Members shall be 16 years of age or over, before 1st. January of the current season.
- b) Associate Members shall be persons residing outside a 12 mile radius of Andover. Associate Members will have full fishing and competition rights, but without voting, proposing, and seconding powers on any Club business.
- c) Junior Members shall be between 12 years of age before and 16 years of age on or after 1st. January of the current season. Junior Members applying for membership or membership renewal *must* provide a birth certificate or other proof of birth date.
- d) Children under the eligible age for membership may fish free of charge only when accompanied by a Full Member. (Aged 16 years or over). The Member will be responsible for the safety and conduct of the child fishing.
- e) All Honoraria and Complimentary Permits will be paid or issued in arrears defined by the Committee, and shall pay no Subscription.
- f) It is an offence for Members to allow their Membership to be used by any other person.

7. Rules:

The rules of the Angling Club shall only be those in the current rules and any rule passed by the Committee since the last AGM, and subsequently ratified at the next General Meeting.

8. Joining Fee:

A joining fee of £10 will be charged, except for juniors where no fee will apply.

9. Night Permit:

A night permit will be required for all those Senior, Associate and Honorary Members who wish to fish club waters at night. This permit will entitle the holder to fish between 1 hour after sunset and 1 hour before sunrise throughout the year. The night permit is not available

to juniors, however Adult Members of 21 years or more holding a night permit may accompany a Junior in an adjacent peg. The cost of this permit will be £6

10. Lapsed Members:

Members who have let their Membership lapse for one complete season or more shall rejoin as a New Member.

11. Work Parties:

Work parties may be called at any time for maintenance of Club waters, etc. Members attending work parties shall have their names recorded, and shall be eligible for a 5% reduction per work party in their subscription for the following season. Maximum reduction in any one season will be 25%.

12. Expulsion:

a) The Committee shall expel from the Club any Member for conduct which in their opinion is injurious to the interests of the Club, or its Objects or its Members. But before expelling a Member, the Committee shall enquire into the angler's conduct and the angler shall be given a reasonable opportunity to defend and justify themselves either in writing or by appearing before the Committee as the angler shall elect. The Committee's power to expel be on a majority vote of those present at the inquiry.

b) An expelled Member shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership immediately upon expulsion, but shall remain liable for any dues or debts to the Club which became payable or were incurred before the date of expulsion. The expelled Member shall forfeit all claims to prizes etc.

13. Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held during the second week of April. Voting shall be on presentation of a current Membership Card subject to rule 6b).

a) Any addition or amendments to the rules shall be made at the AGM. (Subject to rule 7). A notice signed by not less than three Members should be received by the Secretary 21 days in advance of the AGM. Members who wish to be nominated for office should also give notice to the Secretary with three Members nominating them. Agendas for the AGM will be made available to Members on request, from the Club Secretary or Treasurer.

14. Day Tickets:

Day Tickets may be sold to and used by Adults over 16 years of age only. John Eadie Sports, Union Street and Challis Tackle, Mylen Road are accredited Agents.

15. AGM Attendance:

A £2 fine is to be levied on all Members not attending the AGM which will be collectable with the following year's Membership Fee.

16. Accounts:

The Club's Accounts are to audited by an accredited outside source.

BYE-LAWS.

1. Club General meetings are held on the first Monday of July, October and January at the Central Club, East Street, Andover.
2. No Televisions, Radios, Tape Recorders, CDs, MP3s or similar devices to be used on Club Waters.
3. Any Angler(s) found with litter in their swim, by a Club Official, can at their discretion, order the angler(s) off the Water.
4. Members are asked to check any other person fishing Club Waters whom they have reason to believe may be fishing illegally, for their Membership Card or Day Ticket. Please inform a Club Official of any misuse or trespass on Club Waters.
5. Subscriptions are due annually and Membership will run from 16th. June until 15th June the following year.
6. No Angler shall fish club Waters unless their subscription is paid up to date.
7. Persons fishing may not leave unattended, any fishing tackle with bait attached in or out of the water. It is an offence to be more than 2 metres away from a baited rod and line. No more than two rods shall be used at any one time in the same swim.
- 8a. Single hooks only to be used except when spinning or dead-baiting, when treble hooks, appropriate to the bait, may be used.
- 8b. Hooks is sizes larger than size 12 (i.e. 10, 8, 6 etc.) must be either barbless or have a crushed barb.
- 9a. All fish to be returned to the water at the end of the day's fishing. All distressed fish to be returned immediately. No Carp to be kept in nets except when Match fishing, when carp under 5 lbs may be retained. All larger carp to be weighed and returned immediately.
- 9b. Carp sacks are not allowed to be used during daylight hours unless for photographic purposes.

- 9c. Whilst fishing for Carp and Pike, anglers must be in possession of an unhooking mat.
- 9d. No fish to be retained for a duration of more than 12 hours.
10. All fishing shall cease on Club Waters for six weeks during the year, dates to be decided at the Committee's discretion.
11. All Members must carry their official Membership Card when fishing Club Waters. (A Club Badge is not sufficient).
12. No Boats allowed on Club Waters without written permission from the Secretary.
13. Members are advised to obtain a valid Environment Agency Licence.
14. Members fishing waters on a Permit or an Exchange Book must abide by the Rules of the water they are fishing.
15. Landing Nets must be set up prior to fishing. The use of a Keepnet is not compulsory.
16. All Members must be in possession of a Disgorger and / or Forceps whilst fishing.
17. Specimen Tickets will only be accepted if witnessed by a Senior Club Member and handed to the Club Secretary within 14 days of capture. Tickets handed in after 14 March will be forwarded to the following year.
18. Tin Cans of any description must not be used on the bankside.
19. The use of Nuts and Chrysoidine Dyed Maggots as bait or Groundbait is forbidden.
20. The use of Bloodworm and Joker is permitted between 1 October and 14 March only.
21. No person shall take up Swims on Club Waters earlier than 18:00 on the day prior to the respective Opening Days. (See Rule 10), when an organised walk-off will be arranged.
22. There shall be no defacing or disfiguring of any Peg in any manner.
23. That the Lake shall be closed to Non-participating Members from midnight before the Draw of any Match to be held on Club Waters with the exception of Evening League Matches when non participating anglers shall be off match pegs one hour before the draw.
24. The Members agree to the Club holding its Membership Records on disc for the use of Word Processing for the ease of producing Newsletters and other such mailings and that in future any application for Membership of the Club shall imply agreement to this method of holding the Records, provided that the uses to which the manually kept records have hitherto been put.
25. All continuous Bright Lights (i.e. Tilley Lamps) are banned from club Waters, a Torch or Cap lamp being sufficient.
26. No one Angler to have more than 2 Kg of Coarse / Carp Pellet Bait in any 24 hour period. Trout Pellet is outlawed from all Club Waters.
27. Any Angler deemed to be acting in a detrimental way to either fish or the environment will be asked to leave the waterside by a Club Bailiff. The breaking of this Law may lead to suspension / expulsion from the Club.

MATCH RULES.

- Fishing shall generally be to NFA Rules, unless contravening the Club Rules on whose Waters we are fishing.
- Competitors must fish within 1 yard either side of their pegs.
- On flowing water, the limit of a Competitor's Swim shall be 1 yard of his peg to within 1 yard of the next competitor's Peg, in the direction of the flow.
- When fishing in a Roving Match, the Members will fish at a distance from each other as decided by the Steward unless by mutual agreement with the next Competitor.
- On still waters, the Competitor's Swim shall be a line mid-way between the Pegs on either side.
- Plumbing of depth, shottng of Floats and positioning of Keepnets may be carried out prior to the start of all Home Matches.
- A Competitor shall have in use only 1 Rod, Line and Hook at the same time, but may have other Rods assembled ready to sue.
- Any Competitor leaving his Peg, must withdraw this Tackle from the Water, and Hooks must be not left baited on the Bank.
- Catapults, Throwing Sticks, Swim-feeders and Bait-droppers may be used, but no other artificial aids.
- All Fish must be kept alive in a Keepnet at least 6 feet in length.
- All Fish shall be eligible for weigh-in, Salmon, Trout & Crustaceans

- Any Bait may be used, except live or dead Fish, Spinning or Artificial Lures, subject to Bye-law 19.
- All Competitors must play and land their own fish. Fish hooked prior to Finishing Signal may be weighed if landed within 15 minutes of the finish.
- Each Competitor's Fish shall be weighed up to the nearest ounce. The Winners shall be judged on the highest weight of fish.
- If a Competitor has a complaint on his Peg, it must be made to the Steward before the Starting Signal. The Steward's decision will be final.
- Movement on the Bankside is allowed providing there is no interference to other Anglers.
- Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their Pegs are clear of Litter and no Competitor may have his Catch weighed-in who has Litter lying on the Banks of his Swim.
- All Holders of Trophies must on presentation of them, give a Written Guarantee for their safety and shall undertake to return the same in a clean and presentable condition when requested by a Club Official. In the case of a Team trophy, all Members of that team are obliged under this Rule.
- Any complaint regarding the Stewarding of the Match, must be put in writing to the Committee within 7 days.
- All details relevant to the Match must be made known to the Competitors by the Steward prior to the Draw.
- Pools Money will be paid as follows:
Up to 15 People Fishing: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. only.
Up to 25 People Fishing: 1st, 2nd, 3rd. & 2 Sections.
Up to 35 People Fishing: 1st, 2nd, 3rd. & 3 Sections.
Up to 45 People Fishing: 1st, 2nd, 3rd. & 4 Sections.

