



CONSTITUTIONAL

RULES

OF THE

GUILDFORD ANGLING

SOCIETY

ESTABLISHED 1883

COMMITTEE

The Society shall be called the '**Guildford Angling Society**' and shall be run between Annual General Meetings by a Committee

1. The Chairman will be the longest serving member of the Committee and Vice-Chairman the second longest serving and, when the Chairman steps down, the next longest serving member will take the Vice-Chairman and the Vice-Chairman becomes Chairman.
2. The Committee shall consist of 6 Officers' jobs and 9 other ordinary Committee members. The Officers' jobs are:-Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Head Bailiff, Fisheries Officer and Match Secretary. Before being eligible to serve on the Committee or as an Officer the candidate must have been a member for five years except in exceptional circumstances.
3. To be proposed as the Head Bailiff you must have been a bailiff for Guildford Angling society for at least one year
4. All Committee members and Officers shall be elected for a **five**-year term and out-going Committee members can be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. These will be held on the first Week of April each year at 7.45pm at the Society Headquarters.
5. The Committee will meet on the first Week of each month. Five members shall form a quorum. Any member of the Committee failing to attend two successive meetings will cease to be a Committee person unless a written apology is received and accepted. Vacancies occurring thus, or by resignation, to be filled by another member of the Society whose appointment will be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.
6. At all Committee meetings the Minutes of the previous meeting shall be accepted as true and signed by the Chairman (or in his/her absence by the Vice-Chairman).
7. If an Officer resigns or leaves his/her post they are automatically removed from the Committee and their place can be filled by a new candidate.
8. Committee Members or Bailiffs who are issued with complementary permits will either return or submit payment in full for their membership should they resign from their post during the season of the permit issued. In the event of pending disciplinary action, the permit will be suspended until the issue is resolved
9. All monies received for and on behalf of the Society by anyone shall be paid to the Head Bailiff, Membership Secretary or Treasurer who shall issue a receipt and pay the same within a reasonable time into the Society's Bank account. All cheques paid out by the Society shall, after being sanctioned by the Committee, to be signed by the Treasurer and two nominated Committee members. The Treasurer shall produce the Pass Book to the Committee when called upon to do so, notice having been given at previous meeting
10. A procedure is set-down at the end of this Constitution regarding a 'No Confidence' action re an elected Officer or Committee Member
11. The Club have a welfare Officer in places now
12. The Committee shall have power to deal with any occurrence not provided for in these rules during the current season

13. All Committee members to become Trustees of the Club if they wish to be as long as insurance is in place to cover them.
14. GAS will take every reasonable step to remove from all their published documents any details of resigned or dismissed Committee Members and Officers. The Society will not remove any details from the printed permit once they have been produced for that year. Any such details will be removed from the permit at the time of the next printing
15. When the Committee put in a temporary rule in place during the season they have to ratify it at the next AGM where the members can have their say.

A.G.M.

1. No permanent alteration of the rules shall be made except at an Annual General meeting. Alteration of Rules shall be given to the Secretary in writing by 1st March each year for the April AGM. Such proposed alterations to be first submitted to a meeting of the Committee, which shall then make their recommendation at the Annual General Meeting.
2. All Members wishing to be a Committee member or Officer must have been a member for five years except in exceptional circumstances.
3. Members wishing to be considered for vacant Committee and Officers' jobs have to be Proposed and Seconded. Written requests for these positions must be forwarded to the Secretary by the 1st March before the A.G.M. in April
4. To be proposed as the Head Bailiff you must have been a bailiff for Guildford Angling society for at least one year
5. At the Annual General Meeting when the Honoraria and Officers' pay is being discussed and voted on, they must leave the room whilst this is taking place.
6. No junior under 15 years is allowed to vote at an AGM.
7. A qualified accountant shall examine the accounts and certify to their accuracy. A copy of the year end Accounts may be obtained from the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
8. The rate for Day ticket for the River will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
9. The Annual Subscription, (the amount of which shall be changed only at an AGM.
10. All members have the right to place a No Confidence vote in any Committee member or an Officer of the club. It has to be sent to the Chairman in writing and must be proposed and seconded by the 1st March for the next AGM.
11. Members have to vote all Committee members or Officers into the jobs at an AGM. The Committee member or Officer will hold that job for a five year period.
12. All members have the right to ask questions regarding the Club at the AGM.

MEMBERS

1. A procedure is set-down at the end of this Constitution regarding a 'No Confidence' action re an elected Officer or Committee Member.
2. Any member of the Society wishing to appeal against a decision of the Committee, or to call a Special General Meeting for any cause whatsoever, may call a General Meeting by a requisition signed by at least 25 members besides himself/herself within 14 days of the Committee's decision concerned but, shall first pay a deposit of £100.00 as part of expenses incurred which shall be refunded if the meeting decides in his/her favour.
3. The membership fee shall be paid before a ticket and rulebook are issued or a member becomes entitled to the privileges of the Society and must be carried by members at all times when fishing the Society's waters.
4. All members must be fully conversant with the rules of the Society.
5. If your permit is lost there will be a charge of £5.00 to replace it.
6. No one under the age of 16 shall be allowed to purchase a full ticket. Juniors between the ages of 8-15 years may fish the Society's waters. They can also obtain a Junior Night Fishing permit as long as they have a Disclaimer Form completed by a Parent or Legal Guardian whose signature must be on the form. This must be signed by the Chairman as well so that a record can be kept. Junior members on reaching their 16th birthday may surrender their Junior Card for an Intermediate Card, paying the difference on application to the Membership Secretary.
7. All tickets must be produced when demanded by an authorised person the Head Bailiff or a Bailiff and an Officer of the Club. Such authorised persons are also empowered to examine any member's catch.
8. Any member wishing to fish a competition on Society water other than those listed on the current fixture list must first notify the Committee and obtain their permission.
9. No complaints from members shall be considered unless put in writing and signed and sent to the Secretary within 7 days of the occurrence.
10. Exchange tickets can only be used for three days in a row, and then a break of fourteen days must be adhered to. Exchange ticket holders, must also be in possession of the relevant permits prior to fishing
- 11.

All members must abide by the club rules at all times. Non-compliance will result in disciplinary action to be decided by the Committee

NATIONAL TRUST GUIDELINES

River Wey - Wey Navigation

Close all gates

Cross fields by authorised routes only

Keep to the river bank at all times

Take no dogs

No camping at all

Light no fires at all

If you accidentally hook onto a boat and the line snaps please make a note of the name of the boat and then contact the NATIONAL TRUST 01483 561389

The National Trust rules relating to members fishing this water are as follows:-

- 1 No parking is available in the adjacent property; access will be by foot only from Tilt hams Corner Road.
- 2 No fishing permitted when the river is in flood.
- 3 No **lead** weights to be used and no live fish to be used for bait.
- 4 The adjacent land is used by agricultural tenants and graziers and for public access.
- 5 Day tickets are available at local shops and from the bailiff.
- 6 Leave no litter and it is essential that all line, hooks and tackle is removed when you leave.
- 7 No temporary structures, markers or pegs to be used.
- 8 No clearing of vegetation or damage to banks.

Disregarding these rules will result in immediate expulsion

1. Day Tickets for the river allowing fishing in the Society's waters can be obtained on application to the Bailiffs to be issued at their discretion. The person to whom one is issued will be responsible in all cases for any damage by his/her acts. The rate for Day ticket will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
2. Angling clubs or Societies wishing to fish Guildford Angling Society's waters must apply in writing to the Secretary before the 1st February in respect of the following season.
3. Where the Society is acting as host in a Competition with another Angling Society under reciprocal arrangements, all such anglers shall be allowed to fish Society's waters for the period of the competition free of charge.
4. On days when parts of the Society's waters are allocated for a Guildford Angling Society competition, or a competition involving outsiders for whom the Society is the host or has another Society use the water under

reciprocal arrangements, these waters will be closed to all members except those in the competition.

5. All foul-hooked fish must be returned to the water immediately.
6. Fish except for carp, pike and barbel, may be retained for a reasonable while in a Keepnet of a size sufficient to avoid damage to fish kept therein. Minimum size under Thames Conservancy Bye-Laws: length 6 feet. Rings 12-inch diameter or 12 inches by 9 inches if rectangular
7. All fish taken from Society's waters must be carefully returned thereto except for dead, badly diseased or badly injured fish, which should be humanely destroyed.
8. No member of the Society shall fish within 50 metres either side of the electricity cable that crosses Stoke canal and also No fishing 50 metres of either side of every lock. The Society Accepts No Responsibility for any Damage or Injury Suffered as a result of a breach of this rule.
9. No cutting of trees or bank side vegetation on any Society waters
10. No firearms whatsoever allowed on the Society waters
11. NO Pike or Barbel to be retained in keepnets or sacks
12. No illegal Drugs to be used on society waters
13. Alcohol is not permitted on any Guildford Angling Society waters. Any member or guest of a member found in possession of Alcohol will result in the member being expelled from the club
14. Any member breaking any part of these rules, or by his/her actions elsewhere bringing the Society into disrepute, will be called before the Committee and be liable to expulsion from the Society, his/her membership card being withdrawn.
15. No member shall
 - A leave any litter
 - B does or permits any damage whatsoever, especially to grass, crops and banks
 - C take any dog onto any of the Society's waters whilst they are fishing.
 - D fish with more than two rods at any time
 - E use bank runner or dead line
 - F use any tackle that does not allow hooks to be extracted and the fish returned alive to the water.
 - G sell, or expose for sale, any fish caught in Society's waters without prior permission from the Secretary.
 - H molest the eggs or nests of waterfowl or other birds
 - I cause annoyance to other anglers or members of the public by excessive noise, etc.
 - J Park in front of the gate to the track leading to Triggs lock, obstruct free passage of lorries along Runtley Wood Lane or impede any other access to towpaths, etc.
 - K fish in river Wey or the Navigation canal during the hours of darkness
 - L obtain access to the banks other than by the authorised way.
 - M fish in the immediate vicinity of any lock, or from any lock approach, landing stage or bridge.
 - N light any fires
obstructs the free passage of boats and craft along the Navigation Canal.

- P break any rule or bye-law of the Environment Agency, the National Trust, Surrey Wildlife Trust or Local councils while at or in the neighbourhood of the Society's waters where such Rule or Bye-laws apply.
- Q no radios or TVs to be used (condition of Leases)
- R not to obstruct or impede access at any time to footpaths used by walkers, pushchairs and wheelchairs.
- S no angler must impinge upon another's swim.

- The object of the Club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of angling.
- Membership is available to all applicants on payment of subscription.
- The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in these rules and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club.
- In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies: 1. A registered charitable organisation 2. Another Club which is a registered CASC 3. The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports.
- Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of angling as a particular sport.
- The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority vote

BRITTENS POND

1. The maximum number of anglers at Brittens Pond per night is 14 and 1 Bailiff apart from when the Club have an organised event or matches. You must book in through the night phone for a place.
2. Adult members require a night permit to fish nights or after sunset
3. No juniors to fish between sunset and sunrise unless a form has been signed. See Rule 38.
4. No carp to be retained in keepnets or sacks. Fish must **NOT** be kept in landing nets. They must be returned before any re-casting.
5. All Anglers must have their OWN landing net of at least 42in and a CRADLE OR WALLED MAT
6. All hooks to be MICRO BARBED OR BARBLESS
7. Fish Care is required by all anglers
8. All braided main lines banned on all lakes
9. Two rods (no more) may be used at any one time provided the appropriate EA rod licence is held
10. All anglers must fish and bait from their designated swims only

11. The 'Method' and ground bait around leads and Spodding and Spombing is banned on all Society waters. Plus 1kg of ground Bait per Angler per Session .with the Exception of Boilies
12. Alcohol is not permitted on any Guildford Angling Society waters. Any member or guest of a member found in possession of Alcohol will result in the member being expelled from the club
13. No illegal Drugs to be used on society waters
14. No Dogs
15. No Litter
16. No angler must impinge upon another's swim
17. No glass containers.
18. No playing of radios or TV's on society waters.
19. No standing whilst handling fish.
20. No Bivvies or bed chairs to block pathways.
21. No camping – specialist green equipment only to be used.
22. No nut baits
23. No tinned baits are to be taken to the water in their tins
24. No bait boats to be used.
25. No fixed leads. Must be free running or be in a position for the lead to eject itself.
26. No member may reserve a swim by positioning rod rests, tackle etc there
27. No firearms whatsoever allowed on the Society waters
28. No cutting of trees or bank side vegetation on any Society waters
29. No motorcycles/mopeds allowed to be taken to the banks – must be left in the car park.
30. No bicycles to block pathways
31. No wading in Brittons pond except for **BAILIFFS ONLY**
32. Not to obstruct or impede access at any time to footpaths used by walkers, pushchairs and wheelchairs.
33. Do not trespass on private land around the pond.
34. Anglers are not to be more than 2 swims from there swim on the bank they are fishing. The banks are **FRONT, BACK, WALL, RAILWAY SIDE**
35. Any member with litter in the vicinity of his/her swim shall be deemed to be responsible for it..
36. Any member breaking any part of these rules, or by his/her actions elsewhere bringing the Society into disrepute, will be called before the Committee and be liable to expulsion from the Society, his/her membership card being withdrawn
37. Non compliance will result in disciplinary action to be decided by the Committee.
38. Juniors wishing to stay overnight must complete the appropriate paperwork and have the signed consent of their parent or
39. nominated legal guardian and Club Chairman.
40. All members must abide by the club rules whether they are fishing or not.
41. All foul-hooked fish must be returned to the water immediately
42. ANY UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY WITH A CATAPULT WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC REMOVAL OF PERMIT
43. All Anglers to be off the pond by **7am** on the day of any match
44. Anglers entering into any competition will not be permitted to fish the night prior to the match

RULES FOR FURZE FARM FISHERY

1. All landing nets & weighing slings to be dipped in the tanks before fishing
2. Gate to be locked at all times
3. The OMC TWIG is Banned on all Society Waters
4. Anglers are not to be more than 2 swims from there swim on the bank they are fishing
5. Two rods (no more) may be used at any one time provided the appropriate EA rod licence is held
6. All Anglers must have their OWN landing net of at least 42in and a Cradle or Walled Mat
7. Fish Care is required by all anglers
8. Fishing and baiting from designated swims only
9. No standing whilst handling fish
10. Fish must **NOT** be kept in landing nets. They must be returned before any re-casting
11. No carp to be retained
12. Any unlawful activity with a Catapult will result in Automatic Removal of Permit
13. All braids used as main line are banned
14. All hooks to be Micro Barbed or Barbless
15. No fixed leads. Must be free running or be in a position for the lead to eject itself
16. No Alcohol is permitted on any Society Waters
17. No glass containers
18. No nut baits
19. No bait boats to be used
20. No Dogs
21. No tinned baits are to be taken to the water in their tins
22. No surface baits or 'The Method, Spodding. or Spombing to be used
23. No Camping. Bivvies only for night fishing
24. Do not trespass on private land around the pond
25. Keep clear of all fences
26. No cutting of vegetation at all and all wildlife must be respected at all times
27. No illegal drugs to be used anywhere on the lake
28. No loud shouting allowed and noise to be kept at a minimum to respect the neighbours
29. No playing of radios or TV's on society waters
30. No Litter
31. Any member with litter in the vicinity of his/her swim shall be deemed to be responsible for it.
32. Adult members require a night permit to fish nights or after sunset
33. Night fishing is limited to 2 nights only in seven. Wednesday being the start of the week.
34. Night fishing prior to a daytime match. **YOU MUST BE OFF BY 7AM**
35. No motorcycles/mopeds allowed to be taken to the banks – must be left in the car park.
36. No wading into the Lake except for **BAILIFFS ONLY.**
37. **NO under 18s are permitted to fish unless accompanied by an ADULT (18+) who must be a member of the club**
38. No Juniors to fish between sunset and sunrise unless a form has been signed. See Rule 39
39. Juniors wishing to stay overnight must complete the appropriate paperwork and have the signed consent of their parent or nominated legal guardian and Club Chairman.

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PROCEDURE

FOR A NO CONFIDENCE

IN AN

ELECTED OFFICER/COMMITTEE MEMBER

BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER OR OFFICER

1. A written account detailing the nature of the Officer/Committee Member's shortcomings must be submitted to the Committee, signed and dated by a Committee member and any other supporting Committee members.
2. The Officer/Committee Member concerned will be notified in writing that a motion of No Confidence has been moved against him/her and will be tabled at the next normal Committee meeting.
3. The matter will be discussed during this Committee meeting with the Officer/Committee Member present, at which time the Officer/Committee Member can defend himself/herself.
4. A secret ballot will be taken by the Committee members present and the majority vote will stand.
5. Failure by the Officer/Committee Member to attend this meeting will result in the process being followed in his/her absence regardless.
6. The Officer/Committee Member concerned will be informed at the meeting of the Committee's decision. This will be formalised in writing within 7 days of the decision.
7. The Officer/Committee Member will have the right to appeal. This appeal must be supported by a written defence and submitted 7 days in advance of any appeal hearing.
8. The appeal hearing which will take place at the next normal Committee meeting.
9. A final decision will be made.

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1. A written account detailing the nature of the Officer/Committee Member's shortcomings must be submitted to the Chairman, signed and dated by a member and any other supporting members.
2. The Officer/Committee Member concerned will be notified in writing that a motion of No Confidence has been moved against him/her and will be tabled at the next AGM meeting.
3. The matter will be discussed during this AGM meeting with the Officer/Committee Member present, at which time the Officer/Committee Member can defend himself/herself.
4. Failure by the Officer/Committee Member to attend this AGM meeting will result in the process being followed in his/her absence regardless.
5. The members of the Society can have their say and a discussion will follow from all members
6. A Vote will be taken by the members present and the majority vote will stand.
7. The Officer/Committee Member concerned will be informed at the meeting of the members' decision. This will be formalised in writing within 7 days of the decision.
8. There is no appeal because the Members vote the Committee and Offices into their jobs at an AGM **THE OUT COME STAND**