

Safety Rules

If you are fishing alone, always tell somebody where you are going, and approximately what time you will be back.

An adult should always accompany youngsters

Carry some form of identification, including your home telephone number
Remember hooks are sharp. Before you cast, make sure there is no one behind you.

Don't fish within 30 metres of overhead cables or wires. It is extremely dangerous as the cables carry very high voltages, which leap surprising distances. Assume that all cables carry electricity and avoid them.

If you cannot already do so then learn to swim. Contact your local swimming pool for information or if you are at school see your teacher.

All Anglers fish POHAS waters entirely at their own risk.

Club Water General Rules

KEEPNETS are not allowed, except during official matches organised by the Committee.

Other vessels used for retention of fish will be regarded as a keepnet and will be dealt with accordingly.

GROUND BAIT, liquidised bread and mashed bread may not be used in any circumstances.

Loose feeding of maggots is acceptable (Max 1 pint per session). No other groundbait.

BOILIES may not be used in any circumstances.

SPINNING, FLY-FISHING & LIVEBAITS are prohibited

LANDING NETS (Carp friendly), are compulsory and should be used only for the purpose of landing fish and not to retain fish and should be used to net all fish, no swinging to hand.

REMOVAL OF FISH from the water is not allowed, except for the purpose of unhooking, which must be done as soon as possible, with the fish being returned immediately to the water. Under no circumstances shall rags or clothes be used to handle fish.

NIGHTFISHING. All tackle must be removed from water no later than dusk, and the waters vacated 30 minutes later. Fishing may not start before sunrise.

LITTER must be removed or placed in the bins provided. This will include any litter that was present upon arrival. No tins or bottles to be taken on to the Society waters. Anything other than litter must be done in agreement with the Society Committee.

LICENCES a valid licence and EA Rod Licence must be available at all times whilst fishing Society waters. Failure to present them when asked by an official will mean exclusion from fishing.

ALL PETS to be kept on lead whilst on club grounds.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES shall there be any interference to the pond, surrounding areas, fish or fauna. If any problems occur, please report to the bailiffs on duty, a club official via phone or e-mail, or come along to the Society meeting held on the 1st Thursday of every month at 'The Hoop & Mallet' Pub, Callands. Anyone found contravening this rule may be excluded from the club and referred to relevant authorities.

MISSILES of any description shall NOT be thrown into or around the ponds.

CLOSE SEASON not applicable to POHAS waters, generally applicable to River, streams & drains in England & Wales, also SSI's (Special Scientific Interest sites).

ROD LICENCE Environmental Agency rod licences must be held by all members of eligible age, obtainable via the post office or on-line.

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ROD One rod, one hook at any time. No unattended tackle in water.

DAY TICKETS will not be issued. Each person fishing must be a current member, and must present their licence when requested to do so by an official of the Society.

BARBLESS HOOKS are compulsory on all Society waters, as per pond leases (amended 04/02/98).

ANY MEMBER may challenge anglers using the Society's waters to produce a valid licence. All waters are regularly monitored by Society bailiffs and on occasion via Environment Agency Bailiffs.

JUNIORS it is advisable that Juniors are accompanied by an adult.

CONCESSIONARY PRICES for senior citizens will only be given on production of adequate proof, ie, Pension Book or other recognised form of ID.

HOOK SIZE maximum size 12, barbless.

LINE STRENGTH maximum 6lb. No braid or Fireline.

DISGORGERS are compulsory.

NET DIPS to be used where available.

NO floating food and/or baits (inc Bread) to be used on club waters.

UNUSED bait to be taken home.

ALL ANGLERS fish entirely at their own risk at all times.

ALL FISHING is to be conducted from platforms only

ANYONE Club Member, or otherwise known to cause nuisance or vandalism on any club waters will be dealt with accordingly and where deemed necessary by legal proceedings.

Additional Rules for Junior matches

These rules are in addition to rules detailed elsewhere on this page and in club licence.

Inappropriate language, actions or behaviour will lead to expulsion from session and review by committee which may lead to withdrawal of membership

Attending Adults, Parents and Carers - Rule reference inappropriate language above is applicable, anyone contravening this will be asked to leave

Alcohol and/or Smoking is not permitted at Junior matches/coaching sessions/on club waters

Competitors must undertake all necessary actions and procedures during match. Verbal coaching only is allowed.

Club Water Bait Rules

In the interest of maintaining water quality and the Health of our fish, we ask you to observe the following bait rules:-

NO GROUNDBAIT of any description

NO liquidised or mashed bread

NO floating food and/or baits including Bread

NO Boilies

NO HALIBUT or **TROUT** pellets

NO loosefeeding of **LUNCHEON MEAT** or any other meats

NO CAT MEAT, DOG MEAT or pet foods

NO plastic baits

Maggots, Casters, Worms, Corn, Luncheon Meat, Prawns, Hooked Bread and Coarse Pellets are allowed

ONE PINT limit on Maggots, Casters, Worms, Corn and Coarse Pellet as loosefeed in any one fishing session

TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME or place in bins provided.

OUR FISH ARE YOUR FISH, LOOK AFTER THEM!
Please report any problems to a Bailiff
Or club official, in person/by phone/email

Match Rules (on non-club waters)

Match Referee has complete charge of match and communicates with fishery manager on any queries.

Fishing will be confined to one rod or pole, line & hook. Several rods may be set up, but only one used at a time.

Fishery rules take priority over those listed, if applicable these rules still apply.

If fishery dictates own pellets, it is up to the individual angler to decide, any comeback is on the individual not POHAS.

Pegs will be numbered before the match, each competitor will proceed to his or her peg immediately after drawing a number.

No competitor will fish the water at least 24 hours prior to the match.

Competitors must bait their own hook, assistance with landing fish is allowed.

All fish to be kept in an approved 'Carp friendly' keepnet and returned to the water immediately after weighing in.

Any fish found to be weighted, will result in immediate disqualification.

The exchanging of peg numbers between competitors is strictly forbidden.

Competitors are responsible for all litter on their peg. Any found after the match will result in anglers disqualification.

Spinning, live and deadbaiting, lures and treble hooks are banned during any match.

Failure to comply with these rules and/or fishery rules may result in a ban from future matches.

It is each competitors responsibility for checking the fishery rules and regulations inclusive of bait bans prior to fishing.

Competitors should be prepared for conditions prevailing on match day.

Any issues will be referred to match referee for ruling.

Match referee has final decision on all match rulings.

Baiting up can only be done from your peg

Keepnet weight limits as per fishery rules, if none available Match Referee to issue instruction (eg 50lb)