



# Rules and Regulations

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## 1. General Rules

### A) Season, times and access

- (i)** On still waters, fishing will be 12 months of the year except on The Fisheries where the closed season will be 1st April to the 31st May inclusive. During the closed season on The Fisheries members will be allowed to fish on one day a week, which will be rotated Monday to Saturday inclusive e.g. in the first week of the closed season members will be allowed to fish on the Monday, in the second week of the closed season, members will be allowed to fish on the Tuesday, in the third week of the closed season, members will be allowed to fish on the Wednesday and so on. Members will not be allowed to fish on any other days of the closed season or any Sunday of the closed season, as these will be reserved for maintenance work parties. The dates available during the closed season will be on the website and the notice board.
- (ii)** Access to current members is allowed on all waters from dawn until dusk, except for night permit holders (see separate section), junior members (see separate section) and fishing at Grafham Grange (see separate section).
- (iii)** Only members and authorized guests are allowed on the properties owned by the Society or leased by the Society.
- (iv)** Members must carry their membership credentials with them at all times whilst on waters owned by or leased by the Society and must show their membership credentials to owners, bailiffs, tenants, or members if asked to do so.
- (v)** Members and their guests fish on the Society's waters at their own risk although they are protected by a 3rd party liability insurance (see separate section).
- (vi)** The Committee / Head Bailiff may in exceptional circumstances temporarily close one or more venues. In such circumstances notices will be placed at the access points of the venues affected and a notification will be put on the website.
- (vii)** Relocation of fish between venues or ponds within the same venue without the permission of the Committee is prohibited.

**(viii) Junior Member Rules:**

- a) Juniors may fish unaccompanied at the Fisheries, 6.30am (dawn if accompanied by a Full member) till dusk but they must tell a parent or guardian exactly where they will be and for what length of time.
- b) On all waters except The Fisheries, juniors must be accompanied by a Full member without exception.
- c) A maximum of two juniors can be under the supervision of one Full member.
- d) Under 12s must be accompanied by a Full member whose permit contains the name of those 12's.
- e) Juniors may only fish The Fisheries 2<sup>nd</sup> (a.k.a. "Carp" /"Specimen") pond unaccompanied by a Full member after showing they are capable of handling large carp. Contact the Committee for details.

**(ix) Night fishing**

- a) This is available to Full members of the Society only (no Juniors no guests)
- b) Night fishing is allowed only on The Fisheries.
- c) Night fishing is allowed on any day of the week during the open season.
- d) No more than 4 anglers in total will be allowed to night fish.
- e) Night fishing must be booked at minimum 1 day before fishing but no more than 7 days in advance. This to be done with the Head Bailiff so that a check can be kept on numbers fishing.

**(x) Guest permits**

- a) Guest permits are available for The Fisheries only.
- b) Prices for guest permits are available on the website.
- c) Guest permits will only be issued on production of a current membership & minimum 24 hrs notice before you want to fish.
- d) Guest permits can only be issued by the Chairman of the Society or the Head Bailiff of the Society.
- e) Full members can have up to 2 adult (aged 16+) or Junior (aged 12 to 16) guests. Max two guests in total..
- f) Junior members are not permitted guests
- g) Members are responsible for the behaviour of their guests and must accompany them at all times. Any infringement of the Society's rules by the guest will result in the member being subject to disciplinary procedures as if the member had infringed the rules himself/herself.

**B) Fishing Methods and Tackle**

- (i)** No form of organised fishing competitions will be allowed on the Society's waters.

- (ii) In order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, all landing nets, keepnets and unhooking mats must be bone dry before commencement of fishing.
- (iii) Only one rod or pole to be used on all waters until the 1<sup>st</sup> of October after which 2 rods may be used from the same swim. The exception being The Fisheries 2<sup>nd</sup> Pond (a.k.a. "Carp Pond", "Specimen Pond") where two rods may be used at all times from the same swim.
- (iv) Only one single hook to be used on any rod in use. **All hooks are to be barbless.**
- (v) When feeder fishing or ledgering free rigs to be used. **No fixed rigs are allowed.**
- (vi) Baited hooks (whether in the water or on the bank) must not be left unattended..
- (vii) Keepnet rules
  - a) No Carp (except Crucian Carp), Bream or Pike to be retained in keepnets or carp sacks except when a specimen fish is being retained for official weighing.
  - b) Keepnets must conform to Environment Agency standards and be at least 8ft in length and 18 inches in diameter.
  - c) In the interests of fish conservation all keepnets must be emptied at 12 noon and 4.00pm.
  - d) In periods of adverse weather, the Committee / Head Bailiff may prohibit the use of keepnets. In such circumstances a notice will be displayed at the venue(s) affected.
- (viii) A suitable sized landing net must be assembled and to hand while fishing.
- (ix) On all waters an un-hooking mat should be available and to hand and used should a fish need to be placed on the ground for unhooking.
- (x) Appropriate tackle must be used relevant to the type and place you are fishing and the species you are fishing for..
- (xi) No boats of any description including bait boats or drones to be used at any time except for fishery maintenance.
- (xii) Pike fishing rules:
  - a) Pike fishing is only allowed from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> March inclusive
  - b) No live baiting is allowed- only marine deadbaits or artificial lures are be used
  - c) Mainlines must be a minimum of 15lbs breaking strain.
  - d) Wire traces of at least 15 inches in length and 20 lb breaking strain must be used between the bait (deadbait or artificial) and the mainline.
  - e) When using a paternoster rig a wire uptrace must be used.
  - f) A maximum of two BARBLESS treble hooks per bait / artificial bait.
  - g) An unrolled unhooking mat of dimensions 32 inches x 20 inches x 1 inch deep must be used at all times when unhooking the fish.

- h) A landing net with a minimum of 36 inch arms must be at hand at all times.
- i) Anglers must be in possession of and use suitable unhooking equipment (e.g. forceps ,long-handled wire cutters etc.). Such equipment (and the unhooking mat) must be directly at hand and ready for use prior to commencement of fishing.
- j) The use of pike gags is prohibited.
- k) When fishing a static deadbait, a bite alarm which can register both run and drop-back bites must be used. Please ensure that runs are struck immediately in order to prevent the problems associated with deep-hooking.

### C) Members Behaviour

- (i) All members are responsible for any litter in their swim.
- (ii) Courtesy and good behaviour **must be shown** at all times to other anglers and owners of our neighbouring properties and of our leased waters.
- (iii) No bait tins allowed on the bank, please prepare baits at home.
- (iv) Firearms, air guns, portable music players (except where earphones are used), dogs and the lighting of fires are strictly prohibited.
- (v) Swimming, bathing and wading in the Society's waters are prohibited, except for fishery maintenance.

## 2. Specific rules relating to the Society's waters

### A) The Fisheries

- (i) Entrance to be via the gate at the end of THE DRIVE. Please ensure you are not blocking any of the resident's access points or passage of emergency and utility vehicles along The Drive. The gate will be fitted with a combination padlock. The combination for the year will be given with your membership.  
USE OF LOCK - Enter correct combination number, reading from left to right, Once entered squeeze shackle back to the base and release, lock will fall open. To re-lock jumble numbers and snap shut.  
Combination for the current year will be shown in the back of your membership credentials..
- (ii) Bicycles may be brought inside the gate but not leant against the fences. No motorcycles to be brought into the property.
- (iii) For the 2<sup>nd</sup> pond (a.k.a. "The Specimen Pond" or the "Carp Pond"):
  - a) No lines under 8lb (3.6kg) breaking strain to be used.
  - b) A suitable unhooking mat must be used when unhooking fish.
  - c) A specimen sized landing net with a minimum arm length or diameter of 24 inches or 20" Dia must be assembled and to hand.
  - d) When roaming between swims, if it is the intention to weigh fish caught, anglers should carry scales and a suitable weigh sling with them around the pond..

**(vi) All other General Rules of the Society apply.**

## B) Grafham Grange School

- (i) Access to the property is purely for the purposes of angling – no recreational walking / pre-visiting is allowed.
- (ii) Before fishing at Grafham Grange school lakes **you must**
  - a) Ensure the car registration number of the vehicle you intend visiting the site in has been registered with the Membership Secretary (if you have not done so previously) and
  - b) **book in** with either the Chairman of the Society or the Head Bailiff of the Society at least 24 hours before you intend to fish.. **If you are not booked in you are not allowed to fish.**
- (iii) There is a limit of 6 Anglers at any one time.
- (iv) **Fishing or admittance is not allowed until after 5 p.m. during weekdays during term times.** At weekends fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk.
- (v) Dates will be given yearly when members can fish dawn to dusk during school holidays. These dates will be on the website under “Grafham Grange School holiday's - the weekdays you can fish on”
- (vi) Fishing is permitted on both the main lake & the smaller lake further up, however entry must be through the gate at the bottom of the main lake from the field; **the school and its grounds are strictly out of bounds.**
- (vii) Location: on A281 between Nanhurst & Bramley. When you enter the drive parking is inside the gate on the left by the oak tree and roped area. Enter a combination that will be given to you when you book in for the first time into the combination lock on the gate and press button at the bottom of the lock to unlock it. Please lock after entering and exiting. To lock gate snap the clasp shut & jumble numbers.
- (viii) Officials from Grafham Grange School (GGS) have the right to challenge members and ask them to leave the site immediately if requested.
- (ix) All landing nets to have a minimum arm length or diameter of 24 inches or a 20" Dia carp landing net and must be assembled and to hand, also please use unhooking mats when handling fish. If it is your intention to fish for Carp or Pike on these waters then a minimum 36 inches arm length landing net is to be used.
- (x) Do not leave litter of any kind or cause damage to any school property.
- (xi) **The rules above are strict stipulations of our agreement with GGS, and any contravention is liable to lead to the Society losing the rights to fish at this venue and instant dismissal from the Society for those responsible.**

**(xii) All other General Rules of the Society apply.**

### 3. Exchange tickets

#### A) General Regulations

(i) Exchange tickets are available from the Chairman or the Membership Secretary of the Society for the following clubs:

- Petersfield & District Angling club
- Guildford Angling Society
- Horsham & District Angling Association
- Haslemere Angling Society

(ii) On collection of exchange tickets, you are to hand over your CAS membership credentials & these will be returned to you on return of the exchange ticket.

(iii) Should other exchange tickets become available the Head Bailiff will hold these and the membership will be informed via the Cranleigh web-site.

### 4. Anglers Liability Insurance

All claims must be made to the Treasurer of the Society.

### 5. Trophies

#### A) General Regulations

(i) All trophies remain the property of the society and must be returned to the society by 1st March. If trophies are not returned in good time, you may forfeit winning any further trophies in the future.

#### B) Trophies Awarded

(i) We award specimen trophies for the following species:

- CARP - The John Surman Cup
  - TENCH - The Peter Sprake Memorial Trophy
  - BREAM - The Argentine Bream Cup
  - PERCH - Specimen Perch Cup - B.Lade Cup
- . Specimen trophies will be awarded only for fish caught before 1st March on the Society's own waters and weighed in on verified scales.

**PLEASE NOTE – ANYONE FOUND BREAKING ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS LAID DOWN IN THE SOCIETY'S CONSTITUTION**