

ADROIT ANGLING CLUB RULES

1. The organization shall be called ADROIT ANGLING CLUB (herein after called "the club").
2. The management of the club, its funds and any property owned by the club shall be vested by the committee.
3. The Club membership (including Committee Members) shall not exceed 24 members unless (by exception) and which has been voted for at the AGM. In the event a new member wishes to join and the club has reached its limit of 24 filled with existing members a reserve list shall be established on a first come first served basis, the list shall be maintained by the Chairman.
4. The committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall be constituted as follows: -
 - a. Club Chairman,
 - b. Club Treasurer,
 - c. Club Secretary,
 - d. Match Secretary,
5. Where there are insufficient club volunteers to fulfill these roles the roles may be combined.
6. The club committee must include a Chairman and Treasurer (as a minimum).
7. The Treasurer's role must be independent from that of Club Secretary.
8. Where there are not enough members to form a committee of four elected officials (rule 4) the duties can be split between elected officials and ordinary club members as agreed and voted on at the AGM.
9. An attendance of 4 members (or more) shall constitute a quorum of the club committee but must include (as a minimum) two elected officials and two ordinary club members.
10. The Club Chairman has the casting vote in the event of any tied vote made by the club committee.
11. The Club Chairman shall:-
 - a. Convene and help organise the coordination of the AGM meeting, record the minutes (with support from a nominated ordinary member) for recording purposes
 - b. Conduct any correspondence on behalf of the club.
 - c. Organise matches by booking venues and co-ordinate affairs with help from ordinary club members on the day of each match (e.g. Pegging out, organize the draw, pools collection etc.).
 - d. Be responsible for maintaining contest results over the year, (this duty may be delegated to an ordinary club member) approved at the AGM
 - e. The Chairman will (at the AGM) request help from ordinary members of the club to organise and plan any social events i.e Xmas meal, end of year bash etc.)
12. There will be no more than 10 contests per annum (from 2015 onwards) with future venue numbers recommended by the Club Chairman and confirmed at the AGM. This will include which venues (if any) are to be fished on canals or rivers and if there is to be a late afternoon competition.
13. The Club Secretary shall at all-time act in accordance with the instructions of the club committee.
14. The Treasurer shall :-

- a. Receive all monies payable to the club, issue receipts and pay all liabilities of the club.
 - b. Keep financial records of the club and prepare the annual financial statement of the club for the AGM.
 - c. Hold all items belonging to the club and receive any expenses incurred through club business.
 - d. At all times act in accordance with the instructions of the club committee.
15. Committee or ordinary members may claim expenses (travel or other) genuinely incurred when undertaking the club's business, **but only** where these expenses have been approved at the AGM or has had the prior approval of the club committee. Expenses must be supported with receipts.
 16. The AGM shall take place no later than the last Sunday in January of each calendar year.
 17. Club rules may only be altered at the AGM. Any member wishing to propose a rule change must give 14 days' notice in writing or on email to the Club Chairman.
 18. Any questions that arise which are not provided for in these rules must be put before the club committee for resolution.
 19. All elected committee members must attend the AGM in January as there are NO other planned committee meetings throughout the year for general day to day duties.
 20. Where required the committee made up of Club Chairman, Club Treasurer plus at least 2 ordinary members of the club shall organise an interim committee meeting at their own convenience.
 21. Nominations to join the club must be proposed by an existing club member before they can apply for membership to the club.
 22. Only fully paid-up members shall be eligible to vote at the AGM.
 23. Only fully paid-up members shall be entitled to share in the assets of the club in the event of the club's dissolution. Only those club members with 36 months continual service or more (prior to the club's dissolution decision) shall be entitled to a share of the clubs assets. Assets are shared on an equal basis amongst all eligible club members after any residual liabilities have been met (as notified by the Treasurer).
 24. A decision on the clubs dissolution and distribution of assets can only be made at the AGM (or a special AGM) if called by the committee and be subject to a vote including ordinary members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

25. Upon joining the club, a new member will be required to pay immediately the sum of £5 registration fee and the equivalent part of the annual subscription value already paid by existing members.
26. Subscriptions can be paid to the Club Treasurer at AGM at start of the year, or (at the latest) well before the draw of the first club match. Members wishing to pay on the day of the first match must do so with the prior agreement of the Treasurer.
27. Members failing to comply with rule (26) will not be allowed to fish any club match until any subscriptions due have been paid in full.
28. The annual subscription value is voted on at each AGM following a recommendation made by the Club Chairman. The value is set taking into account the club finances (Treasures Report), the cost of future venues, club payouts, other expenses, liabilities and projected club income.
29. REFUNDS on annual subscriptions are generally NOT given should any member choose to resign from the club. Only in unique and exceptional circumstances the club committee (at their discretion) may choose to discuss a particular resignation, the individual circumstances and vote on a particular resignation

CONTEST RULES

1. Contests are fished "Coarse Fish Only". The following species of fish are barred: - Minnows, Sticklebacks, Bullheads and Stoneloach (Note: Salmon, Trout and Grayling are game fish and are therefore also barred.)
2. Contests can be booked on any type of water, whether they be free-flowing or of a static nature.
3. The time between the draw and the start of the contest shall be decided upon on the day of the contest by the Club Chairman after pegging out. No contest shall last longer than 5 hours, but the actual match duration shall be decided upon on the day of the match and made clear to each and every member at the draw.
4. The Club will generally fish to Venue rules and this will be notified by E- mail in advance by the Club Chairman.
5. Any Bait Bans/special conditions such as "fishery own pellets" will be notified by E mail/announced at draw.
6. No Surface Baits are allowed to be fed, or USED on the hook on the surface regardless of venue rules. Striking any bait off to get around the above is also not in the spirit of the matches. Pop up hook bait are allowed as long as fished sub SURFACE.
7. Members are NOT allowed to feed with a pole mounted cup whilst fishing the tip. You can feed by hand but no two rods/poles can be used at the same time or it will result in a disqualification. For the avoidance of doubt if feeding by pole cup your other rods must be clear of the water etc.
8. The first 3 pegs (starting with lowest numbers) shall form the Match Committee on each individual contest. In the event of any match queries, disputes or breach of the contest rules (on the day of the match) they shall be referred to the Match Committee for resolution.
9. The Match Committee shall be responsible for weighing-in of fish + recording the results. Match weights shall be recorded in Decimal "Pounds" for ease of recording the scores electronically.
10. Weighing in shall commence from the highest peg first and finish on the lowest peg drawn on the day.
11. Any guest who fishes the contest shall draw their peg from those remaining in the bag after club members have drawn their pegs.
12. Only the people who peg out are allowed into pegs before the start of the contest.
13. After drawing their pegs, members shall proceed to the water and make ready. They shall not break the surface of the water in any way until the starting signal of the contest except to-
 - a. Wet groundbait.
 - b. Plumb the depth
 - c. Put their keep net in the water.
 - d. Set the float.
 - e. Set a line clip with a bomb. (but not a feeder).
14. Members may assemble any number of rods but may only use **one rod** at any one time

15. Members may wade out into the water to a maximum of thigh depth. They must be in a straight line from their peg and they must not impede any other angler. For the avoidance of doubt wading out into the water is not permitted on commercial fisheries.
16. Members are allowed to leave their pegs during the contest but must not unduly disturb other members. Any members causing a disturbance should be reported to the Match Committee.
17. Members may leave their pegs at the end of the contest but must be ready to weigh their catch in at their own peg. Members must remove ALL keep net spikes and attachments for the scalesman.
18. Members must provide their own keep nets to comply with the relevant River Authority standards and retain all fish in the said keep net. If any member has dead fish in their keep net, which in the opinion of the match committee is due to a sub-standard keep net or has not been caught by rod & line, they shall be disqualified.
19. Fish should not be rolled down the keep net one of the lower rings should be pulled through.
20. All fish (except Eels) must be returned to the water as carefully as possible after the weigh - in. **Under no circumstances are fish to be thrown back.**
21. **Zander must not be returned to the water alive under any circumstances.**
22. It is the individual member's responsibility to ask the Match Committee "Scalesman" for the "Largest Fish" to be weighed on the day.
23. Pools inclusion on each competition is optional and not mandatory
24. Pools money shall be paid out winning members on the day of the contest after the match, or another angler can pass it to the successful member directly if they have left the venue.
25. Pairs teams are to be drawn at the AGM.
26. Where there is an odd number of club members (for inclusion in the pairs knock out and pairs aggregate competitions), the member who is drawn by themselves shall have a secondary partner drawn at the AGM to give them a more even chance of progression to further rounds. This will mean this "additionally drawn" secondary partner will in effect be in two pairs teams.
27. For the avoidance of doubt (rule 25) does not apply to pairs where one of the team members does not turn up for a contest.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Club Prize Money (Not Pools)

The prize money for all club contests is set as follows:-

- 1st Place - £15.00
- 2nd Place - £10.00
- 3rd Place - £5.00

Club prize is in addition to any pools money and is refunded back to winning members (as a discount of the annual subscription) when the member rejoins the club at the next AGM. In the event the club member does not rejoin but is due prize money a cash equivalent will be paid by the Club Treasurer following the next AGM.

Where there is a 10th match this would be classed as an additional “Fur & Feather” whereby:-

- Pools would be optional on this match
- It is compulsory for members to fetch a prize with a **minimum** value of £10.00

2. Club Trophies

There are 14 trophies awarded each year to the winners of the following contests:

1st Bye	Cup
2nd Bye	Cup
3rd Bye	Cup
4th Bye	Cup
Teal Cup	Cup
Spring Trophy	Plate
Jubilee Cup (D. Tierney Memorial)	Cup
Annual	Cup
Fur & Feather	Rose bowl
Pairs Knockout	Wood/Cox Salva
Individual Knockout	The Dean Cup
Largest Fish	Cup
Individual Aggregate	Cup
Pairs Aggregate	Shield

3. Points

All matches are scored and count to both the individuals and pairs aggregate scores.

Points for the **Individual Aggregate** are awarded as follows:-

- The best 8 out of 10 contest positions will be used for the aggregate competition.
- Points are awarded on the position of the contest (e.g. 1 point for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place, etc.) In the event of equal weights the relevant contest positions are added and then divided by the number of members that have equal weights.(e.g. 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th all have equal weights and their points positions amount to 26 points. This is then divided by the 4 members who have caught the same giving each member 6.5 points towards their aggregate total.)

- Members that do not turn up to fish a match receive 28 points number of individual aggregate members in club (currently 23) + 5 penalty points. This shall be reviewed at each AGM when the club membership (total numbers) for the coming year is known, including any members who do not intend to enter the individual or pairs aggregate or competitions. This will then set the penalty points for the coming year as shown below.

Club membership – (Club members not entering the individual aggregate or pairs competition) plus 5 points

Eg. - (24 -1) + 5 = 28

- Anglers that turn up but do not manage to catch a fish are DNW (come last but do not incur 5 penalty points)
- Anglers that catch but choose not to weigh i.e. FTW are deemed as DNW as there is no proof of caught fish.
- To get accredited proper points you MUST weigh in your fish on the day or leave your nets to be weighed by agreement with the Match Committee.

Points for the **Pairs Aggregate** are awarded as follows:-

- The Pairs aggregate is fished and scored over all Club matches.
- The Pairs Aggregate teams shall be the same as those drawn out for the Pairs Knockout Competition.
- The weights of each team member are added together to give a total aggregate weight. The team with the highest aggregate weight for the contest receives 1 point; the teams with the second highest aggregate weight receive 2 points and so on.
- DNW and DNF count as 0.00 weights in the pairs knockout and aggregate.
- No additional penalties points are added.
- In the event of teams having equal aggregate weights the rule as for the Individual Aggregate competition above will apply.

4. Pairs Knockout

The Pairs teams are drawn out at the AGM. The competition is a straight forward knockout where the heaviest combined weight of the two team members wins the round. In the event of equal weights, the tie will go to the next contest unless mutually agreed by participating members to do otherwise.

The pairs knock out final will be fished at Match 8.

5. Individual Knockout

The competition is a straight forward knockout where the heaviest combined weight from the two members wins the round. In the event of equal weights, the tie will go to the next contest unless mutually agreed by participating members to do otherwise.

The individual knock out final will be fished at Match 9.

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