

CHARFIELD ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Constitution and Fishing Rules

CONSTITUTION

1 TITLE

- 1.1 The Association shall be called the Charfield Angling Association hereafter to be referred to as "the Association" and shall be affiliated to the Angling Trust and Fish Legal.

2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To foster and promote the sport of angling at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation.
- 2.2 To manage the fishing on the Associations waters to the benefit of members.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership of the Association shall be open to any person completing a membership application form and paying the relevant subscription/joining fee as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

- 3.2 Prospective members are required to apply for membership using an application form available from the Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary will only provide the prospective member with a form if there are places available. If no places are available then the Membership Secretary may offer a place on the waiting list. It is to be noted that this does not constitute an offer of membership, only that an application form will be sent to the prospective member should a place become available. The prospective member is to be proposed and seconded by 2 current full members who must sign the application form in the appropriate place. The completed application form is to be sent to the Membership Secretary with the relevant subscription. If the prospective member cannot get current full members to propose and second them then they must contact 2 of the Officers and request that they act as proposer and seconder.

- 3.3 Membership of the Association will be limited to 100 members, comprising the following classes of membership:

Senior Members (50 maximum);
Junior Member (Under 16 years of age);
OAPs (Over 65 years of age);
Renishaw Social Club Members;
Guests.

Note 1: For the purposes of this Constitution, wherever Full Members are mentioned, then this includes Senior, OAPs and Juniors – it does not include Guests or Renishaw Social Club members.

Note 2: Renishaw Social Club members are entitled to reduced membership fees, at a rate to be agreed annually by the Management Committee.

Note 3: Juniors, OAPs, Renishaw Social Club members and Guests will make up the balance of the 100 members.

- 3.4 Full Members may obtain a one-day Guest Membership ticket for friends and family. The number of Guest Memberships in any one-year will be limited by the constraints of 3.3 above. Applications are to be made to the Membership Secretary at least one week prior to fishing.

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- 3.5 Annual club membership will run from April 1st to March 31st. After 30th April, persons on the waiting list (to be held by the Membership Secretary) will be invited by the Membership Secretary to join, taking up places of members not having re-joined by 30th April. Membership tickets (renewals) are to be issued by the Membership Secretary by the 1st May.
- 3.6 All Senior Members are expected to attend at least one working party a year.
- 3.7 All members (Senior, OAPs and Juniors, Guests and Renishaw Social Club members) are required to submit a Catch Return for the previous year with their application to the Membership Secretary for membership renewal. Members who fail to provide a return for 2 consecutive years may have their membership suspended, in which case they will be added to the waiting list. It is the responsibility of the member to enter onto his return, any fish caught by their Guest (See 3.3).

4 **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1 Members of the Association whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the Rules may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Management Committee where their subscriptions may be forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the Management Committee with regard to any decision affecting them, provided that notice of such appeal is submitted to the Membership Secretary, in writing, within seven days of notification of the decision to expel.

5 **OFFICERS**

- 5.1 The Executive Officers of the Association shall be as follows:

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
General Secretary
Membership Secretary
Treasurer

- 5.2 The General Secretary will handle all non-membership matters relating to the Association, bringing these to the attention of the Management Committee as necessary. The Membership Secretary is responsible for managing the membership of the club in accordance with the Constitution.

6 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- 6.1 All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, from, and by, Full Members of the Association.
- 6.2 All Officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office or another office the following year.

7 **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 7.1 The affairs of the Association shall be controlled by a Management Committee comprising of the Executive Officers of the Association and up to 7 (seven) other Full Members elected from, and by, the Full Members of the Association. The Management Committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.
- 7.2 The duties of the Management Committee shall be:
- 7.2.1 To control the affairs of the Association on behalf of the Membership.

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- 7.2.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Association through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by Members and should be audited before every Annual General Meeting. The Association shall maintain a Bank or Building Society account and the following Officers shall be authorised to sign Association cheques - two from; Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and General Secretary.
- 7.2.3 To co-opt additional members to the Management Committee as the Management Committee feels is necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on the Management Committee.
- 7.2.4 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

8 **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 8.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held before the end of March each year. 14 clear days written notice (including an Agenda) shall be given to Full Members, of the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member by email or at their home address and posting the notice on the Association website. Full Members must advise the General Secretary in writing of any business, including proposed rule changes, to be moved at the Annual General Meeting by 1st February.
- 8.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:
 - 8.2.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.2.2 Receive the audited accounts for the year from the Treasurer.
 - 8.2.3 Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Chairman.
 - 8.2.4 Elect the Officers of the Association (i.e. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, General Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer) other Management Committee Members and appoint an Auditor.
 - 8.2.5 Review Association subscription rates and agree them for the forthcoming year.
 - 8.2.7 Transact such other business received in writing by the General Secretary from Members.
- 8.3 Special General Meetings may be convened by the Management Committee, or on receipt by the General Secretary of a request in writing, from not less than 10 Full Members of the Association. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.
- 8.4 Nomination of candidates for election of Officers should be made in writing to the General Secretary by the 1st February, in advance of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations can only be made by Full Members and must be seconded by another Full Member.
- 8.5 At General Meetings, the chair will be taken by the Chairperson, or in their absence, by the Vice Chairperson or a deputy appointed by the Full Members attending the meeting.

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- 8.6 Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those Full Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.
- 8.7 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 10 (ten) Full Members of whom 2 (two) must be Officers of the Association.
- 8.8 Each Full Member of the Association shall be entitled to 1 (one) vote at General Meetings.

9 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION OR RULES

- 9.1 Any proposed alterations to the Association Constitution or Rules may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the Association and seconded by another Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Full Members present at the meeting, providing that a quorum has been achieved.

10 DISSOLUTION

- 10.1 If at any General Meeting of the Association, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Association, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Association to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- 10.2 If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Members present at the meeting, the Management Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Association and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Association.
- 10.3 After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Association, the remaining assets shall not be paid to or distributed amongst any Members or Officers of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation having objectives similar to those of the Association.

11 FISHING RULES

- 11.1 All Members must be in possession of a valid and appropriate Environment Agency Rod Licence and abide by local Environment Agency bylaws. Members are to use only 1 (one) rod and line and 1 (one) single hook whilst bait fishing.
- 11.2. During the period 18th March to 15th June, only fly and free lined worm to be used. The use of artificial spinning lures, plugs and the like (lures which can be cast without a fly line) is prohibited at all times. Fishing Seasons: Trout -18th March to 7th October. Coarse -16th June to 14th March.
- 11.3. No keep nets to be used
- 11.4. All fish are to be returned with the exception of rainbow trout. The policy of the Management Committee regarding Rainbow Trout is that wherever possible they should be removed, regarding bylaw restrictions relating to the close season for Trout and size limits. However, it is up to the individual angler to decide whether to release Rainbow Trout.

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- 11.5. Members must fasten all gates, must not damage banks, fences or any growing crops, must not light any fires, leave litter or take any dogs or guns to the fishing grounds. Cars are to be parked carefully, ensuring they do not obstruct access to fields and property etc..
- 11.6. No fishing to take place while working parties are in progress.
- 11.7. No litter, discarded tackle etc. must be left at the fishing grounds.
- 11.8. Only barbless hooks shall be used.
- 11.9. The Association will not accept responsibility for any accident that may occur to any member or their company whilst on the Association's waters.
- 11.10. Members must carry their current membership card at all times whilst fishing and produce same on request from any other member showing their current membership card.
- 11.11. All members shall display whilst fishing, the CAA windscreen card (issued with membership cards annually, which may double as a 'Catch Return'), in cars parked off the public highway (Avening Green, Wooden Bridge).