

Club rules 2019/2020

It is your responsibility to read these rules and obey them. Failure to obey the rules will result in you being reported to the committee who, using the agreed disciplinary procedures, may decide to ban you from the club for a period of time. All anglers are expected to obey the club and EA rules.

1. Members are provided with this booklet as proof of membership. **The member's full name, address and club agent stamp must be clearly recorded. You must sign the book, agreeing to the club rules. Unsigned booklets are NOT VALID.**
2. Members failing to observe the club rules may be called before the committee. The disciplinary procedures are explained in this booklet.
3. Members have the right to request any other angler on a club water to produce a valid club membership booklet. Club booklets must be carried when fishing club waters and produced on demand.
4. Club bailiffs and officials hold a warrant card which they must produce as evidence of their authority to challenge anglers fishing club waters.
5. Persons found taking fish from club waters will be prosecuted. All fish must be returned unharmed to the water. Fish must not be transferred between waters.
6. All members must have a valid rod licence and be aware of EA fishing rules.
7. Specimen fish may only be retained for weighing and photography. Carp may only be kept in a suitable carp sack for photography purposes. Catfish may only be retained in a tube or similar device if they are to be photographed. Members must ensure that all captured fish are treated with respect and not harmed. Fish must be returned ASAP.
8. Members must respect the environment. **No dogs** are to be taken onto club waters. Crops must not be damaged. Camping tents may not be erected. Firearms or other weapons may not be taken onto club waters. No fires may be started. Self contained cooking apparatus is allowed if adequate safety precautions are taken.
9. Catapults may only be used for depositing bait in your own swim, they must not be used as a weapon.
10. Members are responsible for any litter in their swim. At the discretion of a club bailiff members found with litter in their swim may be reported to the club committee, your membership may be removed. You must keep your litter in a bag, ready for removal when you leave.
11. All Club members intending to participate in Club or Inter Club matches should produce their membership booklet and a valid rod licence when requested to do so. No juniors are to fish Tiddenfoot Pit without the supervision of an Adult Club member.
12. Junior members and anglers less than 18 years of age may not night fish Tiddenfoot Pit. A junior member is allowed to fish Rackley Hills Lake if accompanied by a responsible adult member. Only one junior per adult is allowed.
13. Rackley Hills lake may not be fished at night from April 1st to 15th October unless a written invitation and permission is given by the club committee. Members without permission to night fish can arrive one hour after the Claydon arrival time. You must leave by **TWO HOURS BEFORE** and not beyond the Claydon departure time. (See back of this booklet). Leaving times are available on the noticeboard by the Rackley main gate. Arrival time is **one hour after** the Claydon arrival time.
14. No treble hooks or multiple hook rigs may be used on club waters containing catfish. On other waters, without catfish present, one hook, treble or single, may be used.
15. Club matches will be fished to NFA rules, subject to amendment by the committee. The club match programme is in this book and on the club website.