



Uxbridge Rovers Angling & Conservation Society

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CLUB RULES

DO'S AND DON'TS

DO read the club rules, **venue rules** and **predator rules** very carefully before you start to fish the Society waters.

DO check the venue closure dates before going to a venue to make sure it is available, and then check the maps and rules for the venue.

DO remember that **NIGHT FISHING** is **NOT** allowed (except where otherwise stated in the individual fishery rules).

DO REMOVE ALL LITTER from your swim before leaving and take it home for disposal.

DO NOT on any pretext fish beyond the boundaries of the fisheries.

DO NOT REMOVE, MOVE or MISTREAT fish. Read all relevant fish care rules before you fish on any of the Club's waters.

DO carry your Environment Agency License, your Membership card and another form of Identification such as a driver's license or bank card when fishing. This is so club officials can verify who you are. If found without these it is likely you will be asked to leave the fishery until in such possession.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Society shall be known as UXBRIDGE ROVERS ANGLING & CONSERVATION SOCIETY, its objects shall be the protection of the sport of angling, and to foster good fellowship and friendly competition among its members.

2. All members shall hold a current Environment Agency Licence. The Society's fisheries will be closed for all forms of fishing for the period 15th March to 15th June inclusive (except where otherwise stated in the individual fishery rules). Any member unable to produce their rod licence, ID card and membership card whilst fishing will be asked to leave the fishery.

MEMBERSHIP

3. A member having complaint against another member and desiring such complaint to be brought before the Society shall attempt to ascertain the other member's membership number and shall send full details to the Secretary. Due notice should be given to all parties concerned of the date, time and place of the hearing of the complaint.

4. The complaint shall be heard by disciplinary committee to hear the complaint. After hearing the complaint the committee shall give its decision on the matter.

5. The committee shall have the right to summon a member to attend before the committee for any breach of these rules or bringing discredit upon the Society. The member shall be deemed summoned before the committee upon the secretary sending due notice by recorded post or email to the last known address of the member. Should the member fail to attend at the time and place stated upon the said notice without an acceptable reason for non-attendance, the member shall be liable to suspension or expulsion pursuant to these rules.

MEETINGS AND STANDING ORDERS

6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the 3rd Wednesday in February at the Society Headquarters. An alternative venue may be decided by the management committee, in which case the membership will be advised via the website or email to be published between 31st November and 31st January.
7. The order of business shall be as follows:-
 - A. Proposals for alteration to the rules, which shall have been presented to the Secretary in writing no later than the first Wednesday in the November prior to the meeting. No amendments other than provided for in Rule 16. Such proposal shall not be carried unless it receives the vote of a majority of the members in attendance. A proposition when seconded shall be open to discussion and no member shall speak more than once in a debate, except to raise a point of order, or seek information, on which the Chairman shall rule. The proposer shall have the right to reply to the debate immediately before the vote is taken.
 - B. Minutes of previous A.G.M.
 - C. Financial report and balance sheet for the year ended December 31st, Auditors report and recommendations.
 - D. Annual subscriptions, entry fee and Memorial Fund Levy for the coming season.
 - E. Correspondence.
 - F. Election of officers; President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon.-Secretary, Membership Secretary, Assistant Membership Secretary, Hon.-Treasurer, Society Captain, Newsletter Editor, Website officer, Disabled Rep, Junior Rep, Trustees (2) Auditors (2) and Fisheries Managers.
8. In the event of an officer or committee member resigning or otherwise ceasing to hold office, the vacancy shall be filled at the discretion of the Management Committee.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

9. The Management Committee shall comprise of members who will be elected at the A.G.M. The committee shall meet on the 1st Wednesday in each month if there are matters requiring their attention and any two from Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary plus 3 other committee members will form a quorum, with names present recorded. In an emergency, the Secretary in consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to arrange a meeting giving committee members not less than 3 days notice. The Management Committee will be totally responsible for the management and running of this Society during its year of office.
10. To consider the proposal for change of rules as put forward under rule 7A and have the right to recommend an amendment, also to move a change of rule subject to the provisions of rule 7. In both these cases the committee shall appoint one of their number to act as spokesman.
11. The committee shall consider any item put forward by a member and reply within 2 months from the date of the next committee meeting. A member may write to the Secretary with any matter that the member wishes the committee to consider. The Secretary will bring the matter to the attention of the committee and advise the member in writing of the committee's response and any subsequent action it intends to take.

SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

12. No member (Except Hon. Life Members) shall be entitled to a membership card etc. until his Subscription is paid. Members not having renewed their Subscription by 15th of June shall be liable to forfeit their right to renew membership, and new members will be admitted. Annual membership shall be valid for the period 16th June to 15th June.

MATCHES AND PRIZES

13. All members must book with the Match Secretary to attend the match.
14. Club matches will be fished to the following rules:-
 - i. Matches are fished on a pegged down basis, competitors will fish from drawn pegs.
 - ii. Matches are fished all in, except for Zander and Pike.

- iii. The match will start and end with a blast on a whistle.
- iv. Parent and Junior, or husband and wife will draw first. Junior or wife will fish to or from the next higher peg to that drawn. Pensioners will draw at the Captains discretion.
- v. Keepnets may be put in the water, and the depth plumbed before the start of the match.
- vi. No baiting of the swim is allowed before the start of the match.
- vii. No raking of the swim is allowed before the start of the match.
- viii. One rod only in use, others may be made up, but not baited.
- ix. If wading, it must be possible to touch the bank with either hand when in a standing position. This rule may be amended at the Captain's discretion if the venue makes it impractical.
- x. No bloodworm or jokers are to be used.
- xi. No competitor will be weighed in if there is any litter in or around the swim.
- xii. Weighing in must be witnessed by a third party.
- xiii. Any disputes or infringements, must be reported to the Match Captain at the earliest possible time, but before departure from the venue.
- xiv. Floating baits are not allowed on still water venues.

15. Society Captain will be responsible for the running of the matches once the Society members have arrived at the bank side. He will be responsible for the selection of pegs on a permanently pegged fishery and also for pegging on all other fisheries. He will be able to delegate assistance in pegging on any match.

He will listen and take note of any complaint from one member against another and report back to the committee. The committee shall then act as in Rule 7.

16. The scales shall be carried and weighing in conducted at Society Captain's discretion.

SOCIETY PRIVATE WATERS

17. All venue dates & rules detailed in individual fishery rules must be adhered to at all times. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the Society.

18. All rules detailed in the predator rules must be adhered to at all times. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the Society.

19. No fish of any species shall be introduced to the Society waters without the consent of the committee, landlord and the Environment Agency. No live bait will be used on the Society waters. No coarse fish may be removed from the Society waters without the consent of the Landlord and the Environment Agency.

20. Night fishing is not allowed on the Society waters, with the exception of those in possession of a valid night ticket. No member is allowed onto the Society's waters until one hour before sunrise and must leave no later than one hour after sunset.

21. No discarded line or line of any sort shall be left on any part of the fisheries. No member may carry firearms, air gun traps or set lines on to any fishery.

22. No member may take a dog on to any of the Society waters, except where they are on the fishery for the sole purpose of bailiffing the water and then only if this does not contravene the licence for that fishery. This rule does not apply to areas where the general public have a right of access or to members with guide dogs.

23. Members shall endeavour to prevent fishing or trespassing by non-members or other unauthorised persons, or any damage to Society property. Instructions of authorised bailiffs must be respected, and the regulations as printed on the Society membership card are to be observed by all members.

24. Junior members under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by an adult when fishing any of the Society waters.

25. Juniors must obtain written permission from Parents or Guardian before joining the Society.
26. All vehicles being driven onto Society waters must be owned by the member and used for the purpose of fishing. No codes are to be given to non-members for the use of parking. The Society is not liable for any vehicle damage or theft.
27. Members and guests vehicle must only be parked in the prescribed parking areas. Any vehicle found to be parked in an out of bounds area may render the owner liable for immediate expulsion from the Society.
28. Senior members shall be permitted to take one guest on to private Society waters. Guests may not fish. The member must obtain a day ticket from the Secretary, or from the tackle shops listed on the club card if the guest wishes to fish. If the guest ticket cannot be produced, then the guest and the member will be asked to leave the water.
29. Fly fishing is not permitted on Society waters at any time.
30. The individual fishery rules define how many rods may be used on each fishery.
31. The following restrictions apply to all Society waters: -
 - i. Only barbless hooks may be used
 - ii. Barbel, Carp and Pike will not be retained in keepnets.