



*Uxbridge Rovers Angling & Conservation Society*

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# ***Golf Course Lakes Venue Rules***

***Opening Dates: All year***

## **Foreword**

The Golf Course lakes lie in the very heart of the Colne Valley, nestling alongside some of the most historic carp waters in the country. The two, prestigious lakes offer contrasting stocks. The North Lake might interest the specimen angler, containing a pedigree stock of old carp, tench and eels. Although there are very few fish of any species in the lake, it manages to offer challenge, charm and a real sense of mystery. The South Lake has seen recent investment with a five-year stocking programme of carp between 5 and 10lb. The lake also contains an existing stock of tench, which average 5-7lb. The South Lake, in time, will be viewed as one of URACS premiere waters. With these two lakes and their prized stock in mind, rules have been carefully designed to ensure the future of the stock. In addition, that the angler's that fish the venue can enjoy their fishing with an expectation that etiquette and rules are there to support them as are the fishery team.

## **Rules**

### General rules

- Please ensure all litter or discarded line is removed from swims and around the lakes even if it is not yours
- North Lake - The use of 3 rods is permitted all year round.
- South Lake - From 1st April to 31st October only 2 rods are to be used. From 1st November to 31st March 3 rods can be used.
- Night fishing is allowed for members 18 years of age and over who purchase the necessary night permit, otherwise fishing is restricted to an hour after dawn and an hour before dusk.
- Boating - The Club's boat will only be used for work parties. Any use of any boat must be agreed with the Fishery Manager beforehand.
- No bait boats.
- Fishing is not permitted on the bird sanctuary end of the North Lake or past the No Fishing signs.
- Fishing is to be from designated swims only. On the Golf Course bank, fishing should only be from the marked swims as within the club's lease (Woodpeckers, The Birch, Willows and 16th Tee).
- No swim should be occupied for more than 72 hours without a break of at least 24 hours.

- No wading for casting or bait positioning. Some anglers choose to wear waders for returning a fish to the water. This must always be done in the company of another angler. Know the depth of the water and how firm the lake bottom is before you enter the water. Some margins are extremely deep.
- No BBQs, BBQ trays or fires.
- No bank side vegetation or trees should be cut without the permission of the Fishery Manager. We work closely with the London Wildlife Trust and the London Borough of Hillingdon to ensure that URACS meets the standards of fishing within a protected park.
- When possible, check the other anglers for their EA license and URACS membership. Please report any nuisance behaviour to the bailiff team or fishery manager as soon as possible.
- The use of alcohol is permitted however drinking alcohol should not be visible to members of the public. The park is a 'Hillingdon Borough Controlled Drinking Zone'. In addition, you must be sensible about your intake. If judged to be 'drunk' you will be asked to bring in your rods and will be asked not to return to the venue until a disciplinary meeting has been heard before the committee.
- Use of drones is not permitted.
- Radios can be used but must be kept on a low volume.
- Please see club rules in regard to publishing photos and videos of the fish or venue.
- Please see club rules in regard to predator fishing rules.

#### Fish Safety

- Barbless hooks only (Crushed barbs or micro barbs are not permitted)
- Rigs will be checked for safety (Top beads etc)
- Anglers should not fish too close to any snags. Please ensure your tackle is suitable for snag fishing. Anglers should never fish past a snag, or island.
- There is no fishing in the channel behind the island on the North Lake.
- The last swim, at the southern end of the South lake, is day time fishing only.
- North Lake - Please do not cast past/close to Mary the plastic Mallard who is situated approximately half-way between Tantrums and Woodpeckers (North end of the lake). She marks an 8x8ft piece of machinery, a particularly bad snag that unfortunately we have been unable to remove. Please use common sense when fishing in this area (fish locked up, consider the stretch in monofilament mainlines etc).
- Never leave rods unattended whilst fishing. Use your common sense (A trip to the car is too far. Not being able to view your rods is too far)
- No braid to be used for mainline (only hook links or spod and markers)
- Minimum size landing net of 42" when targeting Tench/Carp/Pike
- No fish to be retained in Carp Sacks (Floatation slings are permitted for a short period of time)
- The use of a large, padded unhooking mat must be used at all times
- All anglers must carry a carp care kit and use at all times
- All particle must be prepared carefully
- The use of nuts is not permitted.
- Any damaged or distressed fish must be reported to the Fishery Manager immediately.

## Etiquette

- No pre-baiting on the North Lake. Please consider when you bait and how much you bait when other anglers are fishing. For example, baiting with a spomb during the morning (bite time) is frowned upon.
- Before fishing a swim, please talk to any member fishing in close proximity to discuss where they are fishing. Anglers should also be aware that they should not be fishing into the water of another swim. Please give another angler space where possible.
- Please ensure any dogs are under your control at all times (in your swim). Any dogs that are not good with other dogs or children should not be on the venue at all. Please check your swim for any dog's mess before you leave. If found it will be considered litter and you will be asked not to return to the venue until a disciplinary meeting has been heard before the committee.
- Any visitors should not be parked in the skip lane car parks and must walk from the Golf course car park. Please keep visitors to a minimum. They are your responsibility. Please be respectful of other anglers.
- A bucket reserves a swim whilst you collect your equipment from the car. It does not reserve a swim whilst you walk the lake.

## Access/facilities

- Parking only in the designated car park areas. URACS preferred access to the lakes are via the skip works just off Harvil Road. When using Pit Lane, ensure all gates are closed behind you and drive sensibly through the gravel works. Please do not park past the second, smaller car park unless you are disabled. Never drive past the cross roads.
- Please note it is not permitted to take cars beyond the Golf Course Society's car park to drop or collect fishing equipment.
- Padlocked gates should never be left open. The padlock code is strictly for URACS members only.
- Any visitors should not be parked in skip lane car parks and must walk from the Golf Course car park.
- Toilets can be found in the Golf Course club house.