



Islwyn & District Anglers RULES & REGULATIONS

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Fishing Regulations

1. All members will abide by the bylaws of National Resources Wales (NRW).
2. All members shall be in possession of a current Environment Agency/NRW Rod Licence and shall carry the same with their current Club Membership Card and shall produce such license and membership card when requested to do so by any bailiff employed by the Environment Agency/NRW or Islwyn & District Anglers, a Police Officer or any member of Islwyn & District Anglers after producing his/her own Club membership card.
3. The bag limit for Full and Junior Members of the Club is limited to a total of 3 fish per day from Penyfan pond and/or Pant-Yr-Eos reservoir. All Members must stop fishing these waters when the third fish of the day is killed. All brown trout caught in these waters and all fish caught in the rivers must be returned to the water whether they are alive or dead.
4. The bag limit for Day-Ticket Holders is limited to a total of 2 fish per day from Penyfan pond and/or Pant-Yr-Eos reservoir. All day ticket holders must stop fishing these waters when the second fish of the day is killed. All brown trout caught in these waters and all fish caught in the rivers must be returned to the water whether they are alive or dead.
5. Catch & Release is permitted on all Club waters until the bag limit is reached. The use of barbless hooks is encouraged.
6. Any fish to be killed must be over 12" long when measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail.
7. All Brown Trout caught in Club waters must be returned to the water whether they are alive or dead.
8. Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult on all Club waters.
9. Members must use only recognised access to the water – No Fishing at Pantyreos is allowed before 7.00am.
10. If there is any dispute between fishermen, it must be brought before the Executive Committee.
11. It is the duty of every Member to refer any observed contraventions of the Rules or Regulations or irregularities to the Executive Committee.
12. Subject to conforming to NRW/Environment Agency bylaws fishing by Artificial Fly is allowed on all Club waters.
13. Subject to conforming to NRW/Environment Agency bylaws, Worm fishing is allowed on the North Water only.
14. All other methods are prohibited on all Club waters.
15. Ground Baiting is prohibited on all Club waters. Fishing on Penyfan Pond is limited to 30 Member Rods at any one time.

16. No boat fishing is allowed on any Club waters. Bank wading is permitted on all waters where it is safe to do so. Bank wading is not permitted at Pantyreos reservoir.
17. The Club shall not be held responsible for any accident which might occur to any member/ticket holder, nor for the Loss of any property or other damage, which may be sustained by him/her.
18. Tandem Lures and Wagglers are prohibited on all Club waters.
19. The use of Buoyant Flies on static Sinking Lines is prohibited on all Club waters.
20. The addition of any type of buoyancy aid on static sinking lines is prohibited on all Club waters.
21. All members and day tickets holders must use a landing net.
22. To comply with all Rules & Regulations of the Club regarding fishing.

Fishing Rules

1. The name of the Club shall be Islwyn & District Anglers.
2. The aims of the Club:
 - a. To provide, manage and control fishing of waters that are either owned by or leased to it and to that water where we have legitimate evidence of fishing for a period of 20 years or more.
 - b. To promote and support the development of fly fishing within the areas of its influence, including the introduction and development of younger fly fishers, and facilitating fly fishing across the wider community, nationally and internationally.
3. The Club will take the necessary steps to stock, protect spawning beds, set catch limits and any other measures it considers necessary, and over which it has jurisdiction, at the appropriate time. Regulations concerning these matters may be issued from time to time.
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 - a. Fishing for trout on the River Ebbw below Gladstone Street, Crosskeys (map ref. sheet 31/29 321900E 191700N) and the River Sirhowy below Nine Mile Point (map ref. sheet 31/29 320000E 190900N), will be fly only, using fly line & tackle, and shall be known as the "South" Water. This rule can only be altered by a two thirds majority of all members of the Club.
 - b. Waters on the Ebbw Fawr from Gladstone Street, Crosskeys up to the confluence with the Ebbw Fach at Aberbeeg & the River Sirhowy above the point mentioned in Rule 4a will be available for fly and worm fishing only and shall be known as the "North" Water. This rule can only be altered by a two thirds majority of all members of the Club
 - c. Except for the waters mentioned in Rule 4b above, ALL Club waters shall be managed as a trout fishery only; Fishing shall be by the means of artificial fly only, using fly rod, line & tackle. This rule can only be altered by a two thirds majority of all members of the Club.
5. Fishing of all Club waters shall be restricted to Members of the Club and Day Permit Holders only.
6. Day Permits may be issued upon such conditions as may be decided at an Annual or General Meeting of the Club. The Executive Committee may limit the number of day-permits at any point in accordance with its duty and power to take decisions on the day-to-day management of the fishing. Such action by the Executive Committee shall be ratified at the next Annual or General meeting.
7. The size and class of the membership shall be determined from time to time by a simple majority of the members present at an Annual or General Meeting of the Club. The Executive Committee may limit the size and class at any point in accordance with its duty and power to take decisions on the day-to-day management of the fishing. Such action by the Executive Committee shall be ratified at the next Annual or General Meeting of the Club.

8. Executive Officers of the Club shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
9. Executive Officers of the Club shall be elected each year at an Annual General Meeting to be held at a time and place convenient during January of each year
10. a. All General Meetings, other than the Annual General Meeting, shall be Extraordinary General Meetings and may be summoned at any time by the committee and shall be summoned immediately when 20 members, who are entitled to attend and vote, deliver to the secretary a written request setting out the business to be transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
b. The attendance of 15 Full members shall constitute a quorum at both an Annual & Extraordinary General Meetings.
11. All members should be prepared to actively participate in any task or activity that protect or promote the interests of the Club, when requested to do so by the Committee.
12. New members will be required to pay the annual membership fee plus an additional 'joining fee' that will be decided from time to time by a simple majority of those present and voting, at the Annual General Meeting of the Club
13. No member shall be entitled to vote unless his/her subscription has been paid in full.
14. Applications for membership will open on the 15th February of every year. Annual subscriptions for all members must be paid in full by the 1st March. If any existing members subscription is not paid by the 1st April his/her membership will be deemed to have lapsed and if there is a waiting list for membership his/her place can be filled from that list. If there is no waiting list the member can put himself/herself in compliance by paying the outstanding subscription (without paying a further joining fee) provided he/she has not fished the Club waters whilst out of compliance.
15. The Annual subscription shall be set at the Annual General Meeting and shall be such as to maintain the Club in a state of solvency.
16. The financial year shall end on the 31st December of that year. The accounts of the Club shall be audited by a person appointed by members at an Annual General Meeting. The Auditor shall report to the members whether, in their opinion, the statement of accounts fully presents a true and fair view of the Clubs' affairs.
17. Persons eligible and wishing to become members shall apply in accordance with the formal application process in place at the time. Executive Officers in fulfilment of their duties and powers under the regulations can refuse or revoke applications for membership at any time. Such actions shall be put to the next Executive Committee for ratification and reported to the next Annual General Meeting.
18. If a member wilfully disregards any of the rules and regulations of the Club, or whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, is prejudicial to the interests and wellbeing of the Club or injurious to its reputation, their membership will be suspended immediately, and they will be required to appear before the Clubs Disciplinary Committee to defend the allegation/s against him or her. At the Disciplinary Hearing should the decision be to suspend or terminate the member's membership or any other action, the member has the right to appeal. A member who wishes to appeal (appellant) against the disciplinary action must lodge their intention to appeal to the Secretary within 14 calendar days of receiving written notification of the disciplinary action taken. The Secretary will then arrange an Appeal Hearing for the member to attend, and at least 7 calendar days before the Appeal Hearing the Secretary must receive the nature of the appeal and all documentary evidence in support of it. At the appeal Hearing the appellant will have the right to state his or her case followed by a member of the Disciplinary Committee stating the reason/s why the disciplinary action taken was appropriate. Following consideration by the Appeals Committee the decision will be final and conclusive. Such decisions will be reported to the next Annual General Meeting. The Disciplinary Committee will comprise of the Clubs Executive Committee excluding Chairman, Treasurer

and Secretary and will be chaired by the Vice Chairman. The Appeals Committee will comprise of the Clubs Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and will be chaired by the Chairman.

19. Except for Rules 4a,4b and 4c, all rules may be revoked, added to or altered by a majority of the Full members present, entitled to vote and voting at an Annual General Meeting of the Club. Decisions will be taken by a simple majority vote of those present and voting, the Chairman having a vote and in the event of equality, a casting vote. An Annual General Meeting of the Club can be called provided at least 28 days notice has been duly given specifying the proposed agenda including any revocation, addition to, amendment or alteration, to the rules and regulations together with full particulars thereof.
20. All Full members have equal votes.
21. Provision is made for Junior and Student Members (hereinafter referred to as Junior Members) whose membership will be governed by the following conditions:
 - a. Persons eligible must be under the age of 18, not be in gainful employment, or with a personal income other than an educational grant. The interpretation of these conditions in any individual case is to be decided by simple majority of the General Committee or of the Executive Committee.
 - b. A Junior Member is only accepted for the current year and must apply each year for junior membership.
 - c. Junior Members will be of two types: Group A – Accompanied Junior Member. There will be no subscription. The Junior Member may fish under the immediate supervision of a member, one rod to be shared between a Member and a Junior. Group B – Unaccompanied Junior Members. These may fish on their own. Subscriptions will be decided by the Executive Committee. The age of these Junior Members must be such as to be covered by the Club Insurance Policy.
 - d. Either or both of these groups may be restricted on the time and/or place of fishing, and any other conditions found necessary, and be decided upon from time to time at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
 - e. A Junior Member will not have a vote but may attend meetings and take part in discussions.
 - f. There will be no entrance fee for Junior Members
 - g. All Junior Members will pay a joining fee on becoming a full member
22. The Executive Committee of the Club shall consist of the Officers of the Club as ex-officio members plus 12 elected members which will include a shadow Chairman, shadow Vice Chairman, shadow Honorary Secretary and shadow Honorary Treasurer. Up to 2 further members may be co-opted. 5 members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. No member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve either as an Officer or member of the Executive unless he/she has been a Full member of the Club for not less than 2 years.
23. Provision is made for the election of a member to become an Honorary Member. Such a proposition must be put on the agenda of an Annual General Meeting at the recommendation of the Executive Committee. He/She will have the rights of a full member and will not be required to pay subscription.
24. Anglers when fishing waters leased or licensed by the Club must, without prejudice to the General Club Rules abide by any rules laid down by the owners of the water.
25. Person possessing a current day Permit to fish any Club waters shall be deemed to be an Associate Member for that period only and must abide by the Rules of the Club. Associate Members will be members only for the period purchased and shall have (i) no claim to the Club's assets (ii) no voting rights (iii) no right to attend meetings.
26. As a consequence of the establishment of Islwyn & District Anglers all leases, tenancies and hereditaments previously vested in any constituent organisation shall, where permitted by the existing instrument, be assigned to the Club who shall succeed to all rights and obligations of the previous organisation in respect of any such leases, tenancies and hereditaments that maybe surrendered and vested in it.

27. The property and assets of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees representing and acting for the whole of the members of the Club. There shall be 3 Trustees, all of whom shall be members of the Club and over the age of 18yrs. They shall hold the property and assets of the Club in trust for the Club to sell, let, mortgage or otherwise deal with the same, as authorised by a General Meeting or by the Committee and no person taking the title from the Trustees in good faith for valuable consideration will be concerned to see that the transaction is duly authorised or that it is a proper one under these Rules and in favour of any such person any conveyance assurance or discharge made or given by the trustees shall be as fully effective as if they were beneficial owners. The Trustees shall be appointed at a General Meeting by resolution of the majority of the members present and entitled to vote thereat and shall remain in office at the pleasure of the Club. In the event of any trustees dying, resigning or being removed from office another shall be appointed by a resolution of the majority of members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting. For the purposes of giving effect to such a resolution, the Chairman for the time being of the Club is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and he shall by deed appoint the person or persons as nominated by the resolution as the new trustees and the provisions of the Trustees Act 1925 shall apply to any such deed of appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour of the persons dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or the Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact as stated.

Duties & Powers of the Executive Committee

1. Powers to investigate alleged contravention of the Rules & Regulations by all grades of Members and imposition of penalties.
2. Power to deal with disputes.
3. Power to take the decisions on the day-to-day management of the fishing.
4. To call upon any member to assist in the day-to-day management activities of the club.
5. Power to recommend amendments of the Fishing Regulations from time to time.
6. Power to amend Day Ticket arrangements from time to time.
7. Power to take any appropriate action against Day Ticket holders.
8. To fulfil functions relating to Junior Members