



Islwyn & District Anglers RULES & REGULATIONS

Please read this e-document prior to fishing

Fishing Regulations

- All members will abide by the by-laws of the Environmental Agency.
- All members shall be in possession of current Environment Agency Rod Licence and shall carry the same with their current Membership Card and shall produce such license and membership card when requested to do so by any bailiff employed by the Environment Agency or the Islwyn & District Anglers producing proof of their authority, a Police Officer, or any member of Islwyn & District Anglers producing his/her own membership card and rod licence.
- Catch & Release is permitted on all club waters until the bag limit is reached.
- All Brown Trout at Pen-y-Fan Pond should be released.
- The Bag Limit per day is 3 fish in total from club waters. Anglers must stop fishing when the third fish of the day is killed.
- Any fish to be killed must be over 12 inches long when measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail.
- Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at both Pen-y-Fan Pond and Pant-yr-Eos Reservoir.
- Members must use only recognised access to the water – No Fishing at Pant-yr-Eos before 7.00am.
- If there is any dispute between fishermen it must be brought before the Executive Committee.
- It is the duty of every Member to refer any observed contraventions of the Rules or Regulations or irregularities to the Executive Committee.
- Members who apprehend anyone poaching Club water must ask the poacher for his/her Name and Address and make every effort to identify the person or persons and must report their observations to a Member of the Executive Committee as soon as possible and/or notify the Police.
- Subject to conforming to Environment Agency Bye-Laws fishing by Artificial Fly is allowed on all club waters.
- Subject to conforming to Environment Agency Bye-Laws, Worm fishing is allowed on the North Water only.
- All other methods are prohibited on all club waters.
- Ground Baiting is prohibited on all club waters. Fishing on Pen-y-Fan Pond is limited to 30 Member Rods at any one time.
- In any one day there will be up to 5 Day Tickets available for Pen-y-Fan Pond & up to 5 Day Tickets available for Pant-yr-Eos Reservoir. There will also be as many Day Tickets as required available for the Rivers.
- On Pen-y-Fan Pond, no fishing will be allowed from a boat, but Bank Wading is permitted.

- 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.
- Tandem Lures and Wagglers are prohibited on all club waters.
- The use of Buoyant Flies on static Sinking Lines is prohibited on all club waters.
- The addition of any type of buoyancy aid on static sinking lines is prohibited on all club waters.
- All members/day tickets holders must use landing nets.
- Life Jackets are compulsory when boat fishing at Pant-yr-Eos Reservoir.
- Members must abide by the Boat Times shown on the Boat Ticket when obtaining a Half-day Boat Ticket.
- To comply with all Rules & Regulations of the club with regard to fishing.

Fishing Rules

- The name of the Club shall be Islwyn & District Anglers.
- The aim of the Club is to provide and control fishing of waters owned by or leased to it.
- Fishing for trout on the Ebbw below Gladstone Street, Crosskeys (map ref. sheet 31/29 321900E 191700N) and 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 4a can only be altered by a two thirds majority of all members of the Club and is subject to Veto by any member of the Risca Fly Fishing Club as at September 1975.
- Water on the Ebbw & Sirhowy above the points mentioned will be available for worm fishing and shall be known as the "North" Water. This rule 4b can only be altered by a two thirds majority of all members of the Club and is subject to Veto by any member of the Ynysddu & Cwmfelinfach Angling Club as at September 1975.
- Penyfan Pond shall be maintained as a trout fishery only; Fishing shall be by the means of artificial fly only, using fly line & tackle. This rule 4c can only be altered by a two thirds majority of all members of the Club and is subject to Veto by any member of the Blackwood Angling Club as at September 1976.
- Fishing of its waters shall be confined to Members of the Club and Period Permit Holders only.
- Period Permits may be issued upon such conditions as may be decided at a General Meeting of the Club.
- The size and class of the membership shall be determined from time to time by a simple majority of the members present at a General Meeting of the Club.
- Officers of the Club shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Membership Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
- Officers of the Club shall be elected each year at an Annual General Meeting to be held at a time and place convenient between 31st October & the last day of February following.
- No member shall be eligible for election to the Chairmanship for more than two years consecutively, unless no other nominations are forthcoming.

- ○ 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 upon 20 members entitled to attend and vote, delivering to the secretary a written request on their behalf setting out the business to be transacted at that meeting.
- 25 members shall constitute a quorum of both Annual & Extraordinary General Meetings.
- It is a condition of membership that each member shall do his/her share of any work involved.
- There will be an entrance fee which will be decided from time to time by a simple majority of those present and voting, at a General Meeting of the Club.
- No member shall be entitled to vote unless his/her subscription has been paid.
- Annual subscription is due by March 1st. If 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 while out of compliance.
- The Annual subscription shall be such as to maintain the Club in a state of solvency.
- The financial year shall end on the 31st December. The accounts of the Club shall be audited by person or persons appointed by members at an Annual General Meeting. All Vouchers, Invoices, Receipts, Cheque Counterfoils, Cash books, Register of Members. Accounts and every other document or book shall be made available to the Auditors in so far as necessary to the proper conduct of the audit. The Auditors shall report to the members whether or not, in their opinion, the statement of account give true and fair view of the Club's affairs.
- Person eligible and wishing to become members shall apply to the Honorary Membership Secretary, if there are no vacancies they will be put on a waiting list and come up for election when a vacancy occurs. If there are more candidates than vacancies the election will be made by the Executive Committee or General Meeting. The members will be elected in order in which their written applications have been received by the membership secretary except that preference shall be given to local residents. New members shall serve a 12 month probationary period, during which time they will make themselves known to Committee members and their membership will be reviewed by the Committee on completion of their first year as a member.

- ○ The Committee may suspend the membership of any member, other than a Foundation Member, who wilfully disregards the provision of the Constitution, or whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, is prejudicial to the interests and well-being of the Club or injurious to its reputation. A member may not be suspended without being given the opportunity to appear before the Executive Committee.
- Immediately on suspension of any member the committee shall –
 1. Give notice to the member concerned at the address last notified to the membership secretary of the decision of the Committee and inform him/her that if he/she desires, he/she may be present at the next General Meeting.
 2. At the next General Meeting any allegations against the suspended member shall be related (in his/her presence if he/she attends), to the meeting by any member of the Committee and the Member concerned shall (if he/she desires) be heard in answer. A reasonable adjournment to enable him/her to prepare his/her answer may be granted at the discretion of the meeting. The decision of the Club at the said meeting or at any adjournment thereof whether to reinstate or terminate membership shall be final and conclusive.
- Except for Rules 4 & 23 these rules may be revoked, added to or altered by a majority comprising of two thirds or more of the Ordinary members present, entitled to vote and voting at a General Meeting of the Club of which at least 28 days notice has been duly given specifying the intention to propose the revocation, addition to, amendment or alteration, together with full particulars thereof.
- Apart from Rules 4 & Rule 20 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.
- ○ The 10 members listed named below shall be Foundation Members of the RFFA: G.Amberry, B.Amberry, J.Davies, P.Evans, J.I.Jones, H.McLean, D.Smith, P.Winmill, Mrs D.M.F.Wade, Dr M.T.Ward.
- The Ten Members listed below shall be Foundation Members of the Y & C Angling Club: C.Rolands, N.W.Davies, B.Booth, H.Mellor, Mrs J.Mellor, P.Thorpe, D Paul.I Caple, A.Rowe, H.Hoskins.
- The 10 members listed named below shall be Foundation Members of the Blackwood Angling Club: L.G.Penwill, A.J.Rogers, J.Mills, R.Tudgay, N.T.Powell, R.Meredith, P.Cornick, H.Hale, P.Shepperd, R.H.Morris.
- All full members have equal votes, except when a proposition before a meeting, either of the Club or a Committee thereof, be charged by a foundation member as being prejudicial to the interests of the Foundation Members. When this occurs the Chairman will first take a vote of those Foundation Members present on whether they consider the original proposition prejudicial to their interests. If they decide by a majority that it is not prejudicial, then the proposition is returned for consideration by the full meeting. If the Foundation Members consider that it is prejudicial then they will proceed to make amendments and vote upon the amendments and the resolution, without the participation of Non-foundation Members. The decision of the Foundation Members arrived at in this way will have the same force as if had been made by the whole meeting. This rule overrides all other rules on voting procedure. This rule only applies where the matter under consideration concerns that part of the fishery allocated to fly fishing in RULE 4 (The South Water) in respect of the R.F.F.A Foundation Members and the North Water in respect of the Y.C.A.C Members, and Penylan Pond in respect of Blackwood Angling Club Foundation Members.

- Provision is made for Junior and Student Members (hereinafter referred to as Junior Members) whose membership will be governed by the following conditions:-
 - Persons eligible must be under the age of 18, not 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 Club or Executive Committee.
 - A Junior Member is only accepted for the current year only and must apply each year for membership.
 - 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.
 - Both of either of these groups may be restricted as to Time and Place of Fishing and any other conditions found necessary, and be decided upon from time to time at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
 - A Junior Member will not have a vote but may attend meetings and take part in discussions.
 - There will be no entrance fee for Junior Members.
 - All Junior Members will pay a joining fee on becoming a full member.
- The Executive Committee of the Club shall consist of the Officers of the Club as ex-officio members plus 12 elected members. 5 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. Up to 2 further members may be co-opted. No member shall be eligible to serve either as an officer or Member of the Executive unless he/she has been a member of the Club for not less than two years.
- Provision is made for restricted membership, which may be applied for, by Senior citizens and Others on the grounds of hardship.
 - Restriction as to Time and Place of fishing and any other conditions found necessary will be imposed by a General Meeting.
- Provision is made for the election of a member to become an Honorary Member. Such a proposition must be put on the agenda of a 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.
- Anglers when fishing waters leased or licensed by Caerphilly County Borough Council must, without prejudice to the General Club Rules abide by any rules laid down by Caerphilly C.B.C.
- Person possessing a current Period 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.
- As a consequence of the establishment of this club, 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 may be surrendered and vested in it.

- 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

- Powers to investigate alleged contravention of the Rules & Regulations by all grades of Members & imposition of penalties but not expulsion.
- Power to recommend additional penalties to a General Meeting.
- Power to deal with disputes other than under Rule 23.
- Power to take decisions on the day-to-day management of the fishing.
- To call upon any Member to assist in this work.
- Power to recommend amendments to the Fishing Regulations from time to time.
- Subject to Clause 6 power to amend Day Ticket arrangements from time to time.
- Power to take any appropriate action in respect of Day Ticket Holders.
- To fulfil functions under Rule 24 (Junior Members).