



PICKERING FISHERY ASSOCIATION

FOUNDED 1892

Bylaws (1 November 2021)

1. No person shall fish with more than one rod at any time.
2. No person shall fish before paying the Annual Subscription and purchase of a current rod license.
3. Barbless hooks to be always used but it will suffice if the barb is removed from an otherwise barbed hook.
4. Fishing with more than 2 flies on a cast is not permitted.
5. Grayling and Wild Brown Trout are catch and release only
6. Each adult member shall be allowed to invite four guests in each year.

Members and Senior Members are permitted to invite additional guests. This is not available to Juniors Members.

Requests must be received by the Hon.Sec. and the fee paid into the club account or by cheque to the Treasurer or Hon.Sec. at least 3 days before fishing.

Before Fishing, Members must enter their guest details on the back page of their membership book, and after the with details of the fish caught/killed.

Before fishing, the guest must be given a completed Guest Fishing Permit. This is to identify to Bailiffs or other members that the person fishing is a bona fide guest of the member. The Guest Fishing Permit is to be returned by the guest to the issuing member at the end of fishing.

Members are fully responsible for their guest's behaviour and compliance with club rules and byelaws.

Members are reminded not to sell or use their guest tickets for commercial purposes.

7. Day Tickets will be issued to bona fide visiting anglers at the discretion of the Hon. Secretary at rates to be fixed at the Annual General Meeting. Persons using Day Tickets must complete the details of all fish caught/killed and return the ticket to the Hon. Secretary within five working days.
8. All persons fishing must show their membership books/guest tickets to bailiffs, or any other member of the Association, or landowner if requested to do so. Anything being used to carry fish must also be submitted for their inspection on request.
9. Fishing for Brown Trout on the becks shall commence on the 25th March and terminate on the 30th September. Fishing on the lakes shall be year-round. No trout less than 10 inches in length shall be taken. Adult Members may take 2 brace of trout in one day and guest ticket holders 1 brace. The annual limit for members shall be 12 brace; as to not more than 5 brace from still waters combined and 7 brace from streams combined. Junior members are permitted to fish on a catch and release basis only.
10. Members shall keep a record on the inset pages provided in the membership book of all visits to the streams, Paper Mill Pond (when fished from the bank), and Pexton Pond,

Any fish caught shall be recorded on the appropriate inset page of the membership book. The completed membership book is to be returned to the Membership Administrator no later than the 31st January each year.



A surcharge for a late return, equal to that levied for missed working parties, will be levied.

NOTE: This is to ensure that catch returns are complete for analysis of the fish stocks.

A new membership book cannot be issued until the old membership book or a detailed catch return is sent to the Membership Administrator.

11. It is a condition of membership that members attend at least 4 work parties (or perform equivalent work) each year. Members who fail to make the requisite number of attendances will be liable to a proportional surcharge, the amount to be fixed at the AGM preceding the season in question.

Sympathetic consideration will be given to excuse any member who is unable to attend through ill health or is not physically capable. Members aged 70 plus are excused from working parties.

Members joining after the 1st November are only required to attend one work party.

12. Bait fishing will only be allowed as follows:
 - a. On Costa Beck, East bank, 1 field below the copse at any time with regard to seasons.
 - b. On Pickering Beck, Oxfolds and Costa from the 1st November to the 14th March inclusive.
 - c. On Duchy Water below the Flood Defence Dam to the lower limit and On Thornton Beck Lower (ie Below Town) 1st November to the 14th March inclusive
 - d. In an organised match for Grayling at any time on any water, with the consent of and at the discretion of the committee.

NOTE: Members are advised that it is illegal to target any fish out of season, to avoid disturbing Redds or stirring up silt etc that could smother eggs or choke fry.

13. In consideration for and at the request of our riparian owners and in accordance with the terms of the leases for the Duchy Waters, Pexton Pond members are not permitted to take dogs when fishing the following waters.

Members are allowed to take their dogs on all other waters on the understanding that they are kept under strict control, well behaved ie not chasing livestock or wildlife, especially nesting birds, and not allowed into the water.

Failure to keep a dog under control could place the Club's Lease(s) in jeopardy. It was a requirement of various landowners, when acceding to the request for dogs to be permitted, that the PFA must enforce this rigorously. For the first offence of a dog not being under control, the club must send a warning to a member. After which a subsequent repeat offence will result in automatic expulsion from the club.

Please note: Dog owners must decide for themselves whether their dog is trained and can be kept under control. If your dog cannot be controlled, then please do NOT risk taking it or you could lose your membership.

14. Cars must not be taken across fields or onto land but must be left on the roadside or in the parking places provided. The only exception to this bylaw is when the owner of the land has given express permission.



The following applies to Paper Mill and Pexton Ponds only:

15. To fish with fly only with single hooks and of a size not larger than no.8 (old scale). No trolling allowed.
16. Details of visits to Pexton Pond shall be recorded in the member's book on the appropriate catch return page.
17. Not more than 4 rods to fish either pond at one time, with a two-hour limit if other members are waiting to fish at Pexton Lake.
18. Members use the boats on Paper Mill on the understanding they:
 - a. have read, understood, and agree to abide by the published/displayed guidelines regarding their use.
 - b. record, in the boathouse register, the time of launch by signing in before commencing to fish and completing the entry when leaving, including the number of fish caught and killed,

Note: Members fishing from the bank shall record details of their visits on the appropriate page in the member's card.

- c. are expected to occupy them for not more than two hours if other members are waiting.
 - d. In the absence of a boat launch time in the register, to offer up the boat immediately to other members arriving, as if the two hours have already elapsed. This prevents members fishing more than two hours should another member be waiting.
 - e. are required to provide their own life preservers/buoyancy aids.
 - f. must not wear metal-studded boots in the boats. There is a danger of slipping, and or damaging the surface of the boat.
19. Junior Members are only permitted to use the boats when fully supervised by an adult member.
20. The owner of Paper Mill shall not be liable in damages for any injury caused by the collapse of the banks nor any other injury suffered by anglers fishing the water.
21. To approach Paper Mill via the footpath only and not to stray on the adjoining land of the owner and not to light fires or camp thereon. (The owner has requested that if a member finds the gate to the car parking area open would they please close it to prevent the cattle escaping, both on entering the field and on leaving after fishing.)
22. Not to unduly disturb ducks or any other game in or around the ponds.
23. Any unauthorised contact by any member that brings the Association into disrepute or conflict with any organisation or persons related to same will be considered a disciplinary matter.