



CONSTITUTIONAL

RULES

OF THE

GUILDFORD ANGLING

SOCIETY

ESTABLISHED 1883

2026

- 1, The Society shall be called the '**Guildford Angling Society**' and shall be run between Annual General Meetings by a Committee.
- 2, The Chairman will be the longest serving member of the Committee and Vice-Chairman the second longest serving and, when the Chairman steps down, the next longest serving member will take the Vice-Chairman and the Vice-Chairman becomes Chairman.
- 3, The Committee shall consist of 6 Officers' jobs and 9 other ordinary Committee members. The Officers' jobs are:-Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Head Bailiff, Fisheries Officer and Match Secretary. Before being eligible to serve on the Committee or as an Officer the candidate must have been a member for five years except in exceptional circumstances. Not more than five members of the committee of 15 shall reside more than ten miles from the boundary of the borough of Guildford.
- 4, To be proposed as the Head Bailiff you must have been a bailiff for Guildford Angling Society for at least one year. This can be waived under exceptional circumstances
- 5, All Committee members and Officers shall be elected for a **five**-year term and out-going Committee members can be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. These will be held on the first week of April each year at 7.45pm at the Society Headquarters.
- 6, The Committee will meet on the first Week of each month. Five members shall form a quorum. Any member of the Committee failing to attend two successive meetings will cease to be a Committee person unless a written apology is received by a new **E-MAIL** sent to the Secretary before the start of that meeting. The Secretary will look at his phone to see if any apologies have been received before he starts the meeting. Vacancies occurring thus, or by resignation, to be filled by another member of the Society whose appointment will be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.
- 7, At all Committee meetings the Minutes of the previous meeting shall be accepted as true and signed by the Chairman (or in his/her absence by the Vice-Chairman).
- 8, If an Officer resigns or leaves his/her post they are automatically removed from the Committee and they shall not be allowed to re join the committee for 5 years their place can be filled by a new candidate.
- 9, Committee Members or Bailiffs who are issued with complementary permits will either return or submit payment in full for their membership should they resign from their post during the season of the permit issued. In the event of pending disciplinary action, the permit will be suspended until the issue is resolved
- 10, All monies received for and on behalf of the Society by anyone shall be paid to the Head Bailiff, Membership Secretary or Treasurer who shall issue a receipt and pay the same within a reasonable time into the Society's Bank account. All money paid out by the Society shall, after being sanctioned by the Committee, be paid by bank transfer or Cheque. All payments must be authorised by two bank signatories, one of which will be the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall produce the Pass Book to the Committee when called upon to do so, notice having been given at previous meeting
- 11, A procedure is set-down at the end of this Constitution regarding a 'No Confidence' action re an elected Officer or Committee Member
- 12, The Club have a Welfare Officer in places now
- 13, The Committee shall have power to deal with any occurrence not provided for in these rules during the current season
- 14, When the Committee put in a temporary rule in place during the season they have to ratify it at the next AGM where the members can have their say.

- 15, All Committee members to become Trustees of the Club if they wish to be as long as insurance is in place to cover them.
- 16, GAS will take every reasonable step to remove from all their published documents any details of resigned or dismissed Committee Members and Officers. The Society will not remove any details from the printed permit once they have been produced for that year. Any such details will be removed from the permit at the time of the next printing
- 17, No permanent alteration of the rules shall be made except at an Annual General meeting. Alteration of Rules shall be given to the Secretary in writing by 1st March each year for the April AGM. Such proposed alterations to be first submitted to a meeting of the Committee, which shall then make their recommendation at the Annual General Meeting.
- 18, Members wishing to be considered for vacant Committee and Officers' jobs have to be Proposed and Seconded. Written requests for these positions must be forwarded to the Secretary by the 1st March before the A.G.M. in April and they must be at the AGM to take up the position
- 19, At the Annual General Meeting when the Honoraria and Officers' pay is being discussed and voted on, they must leave the room whilst this is taking place.
- 20, No junior under 15 years is allowed to vote at an AGM.
- 21, A qualified accountant shall examine the accounts and certify to their accuracy. A copy of the year end Accounts may be obtained from the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- 22, The rate for Day ticket for the River will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 23, The Annual Subscription, (the amount of which shall be changed only at an AGM.
- 24, All members have the right to place a No Confidence vote in any Committee member or an Officer of the club. It has to be sent to the Chairman in writing and must be proposed and seconded by the 1st March for the next AGM.
- 25, Members have to vote all Committee members or Officers into the jobs at an AGM. The Committee member or Officer will hold that job for a five year period.
- 26, All members have the right to ask questions regarding the Club at the AGM.
- 27, A procedure is set-down at the end of this Constitution regarding a 'No Confidence' action re an elected Officer or Committee Member.
- 28, Any member of the Society wishing to appeal against a decision of the Committee, or to call a Special General Meeting for any cause whatsoever, may call a General Meeting by a requisition signed by at least 25 members besides himself/herself within 14 days of the Committee's decision concerned but, shall first pay a deposit of £100.00 as part of expenses incurred which shall be refunded if the meeting decides in his/her favour.
- 29, The membership fee shall be paid before a Membership Card or ticket are issued to a member before being entitled to fish the Society Waters and must be carried by members at all times when fishing the Society's waters.
- 30, The Membership runs from 1st May until the 30th April
- 31, All members must be fully conversant with the rules of the Society.
- 32, If your permit is lost there will be a charge of £5.00 to replace it.
- 33, No firearms whatsoever allowed on Society waters

- 34, No one under the age of 18 shall be allowed to purchase a full ticket. Juniors between the ages of 8-18 years may fish the Society's waters during the day time but the club does not take Responsibility for children left to fish at the pond or River unsupervised. They can also obtain a Junior Night Fishing permit as long as they have a Disclaimer Form completed by a Parent or Legal Guardian whose signature must be on the form. This must be signed by the Chairman as well so that a record can be kept. Junior members on reaching their 18th birthday may surrender their Junior Card for an Adult Card, paying the difference on application to the Membership Secretary.
- 35, All tickets must be produced when demanded by an authorised person the Head Bailiff or a Bailiff and an Officer of the Club. Such authorised persons are also empowered to examine any member's catch.
- 36, Any member wishing to fish a competition on Society water other than those listed on the current fixture list must first notify the Committee and obtain their permission.
- 37, No complaints from members shall be considered unless put in writing and signed and sent to the Secretary within 7 days of the occurrence.
- 38, Exchange tickets can only be used for three days in a row, and then a break of fourteen days must be adhered to. Exchange ticket holders, must also be in possession of the relevant permits prior to fishing

NATIONAL TRUST GUIDELINES

River Wey - Wey Navigation

Close all gates

Cross fields by authorised routes only

Keep to the river bank at all times

Take no dogs

No camping at all

Light no fires at all

If you accidentally hook onto a boat and the line snaps please make a note of the name of the boat and then contact the
NATIONAL TRUST 01483 561389

GUILDFORD ANGLING SOCIETY RULES FOR RIVER WEY

- 1 Any member breaking any part of these rules, or by his/her actions elsewhere bringing the Society into disrepute, will be called before the Committee and be liable to expulsion from the Society, his/her membership card being withdrawn.
- 2 No parking is available in the adjacent property; access will be by foot only from Tilthams Corner Road.
- 3 No **lead** weights to be used
- 4 The adjacent land is used by agricultural tenants and graziers and for public access.
- 5 No fishing permitted when the river is in flood
- 6 Leave no litter and it is essential that all line, hooks and tackle is removed when you leave.

- 7 No temporary structures, markers or pegs to be used.
- 8 No clearing of vegetation or damage to banks.
- 9 Guildford Angling Society does not take any responsibility for children under the age of 18 years left to fish the River unsupervised
- 10 Day Tickets for the river allowing fishing in the Society's waters can be obtained on application to the Bailiffs to be issued at their discretion. The person to whom one is issued will be responsible in all cases for any damage by his/her acts. The rate for Day ticket will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 11 Angling clubs or Societies wishing to fish Guildford Angling Society's waters must apply in writing to the Secretary before the 1st February in respect of the following season.
- 12 Where the Society is acting as host in a Competition with another Angling Society under reciprocal arrangements, all such anglers shall be allowed to fish Society's waters for the period of the competition free of charge.
- 13 On days when parts of the Society's waters are allocated for a Guildford Angling Society competition, or a competition involving outsiders for whom the Society is the host or has another Society use the water under reciprocal arrangements, these waters will be closed to all members except those in the competition.
- 14 Any member wishing to fish a competition on a Society water other those listed on the current fixture list must first notify the Committee and obtain their permission
- 15 All foul-hooked fish must be returned to the water immediately.
- 16 Fish except for carp, pike and barbel, may be retained for a reasonable while in a Keepnet of a size sufficient to avoid damage to fish kept therein. Minimum size under Thames Conservancy Bye-Laws: length 6 feet. Rings 12-inch diameter or 12 inches by 9 inches if rectangular
- 17 All fish taken from Society's waters must be carefully returned thereto except for dead, badly diseased or badly injured fish, which should be humanely destroyed.
- 18 No member of the Society shall fish within 50 metres either side of the electricity cable that crosses Stoke canal and also No fishing 50 metres of either side of every lock. The Society Accepts No Responsibility for any Damage or Injury Suffered as a result of a breach of this rule.
- 19 No cutting of trees or bank side vegetation on any Society waters
- 20 No firearms whatsoever allowed on the Society waters
- 21 No Pike or Barbel to be retained in keepnets or sacks
- 22 No illegal Drugs to be used on Society waters
- 23 Alcohol is not permitted on any Guildford Angling Society waters. Any member or guest of a member found in possession of Alcohol will result in the member being expelled from the club
- 24 Do not leave any litter
- 25 Does or permits any damage whatsoever, especially to grass, crops and banks
- 26 Do not take any dog onto any of the Society's waters whilst they are fishing.
- 27 Fish with more than two rods at any time
- 28 Use bank runner or dead line
- 29 Use any tackle that does not allow hooks to be extracted and the fish returned alive to the water.
- 30 Sell, or expose for sale, any fish caught in Society's waters without prior permission from the Secretary.
- 31 Molest the eggs or nests of waterfowl or other birds
- 32 Cause annoyance to other anglers or members of the public by excessive noise, etc.
- 33 Live baiting this allowed only if the bait is from the river you are fishing

- 34 Park in front of the gate to the track leading to Triggs Lock, obstruct free passage of lorries along Runtley Wood Lane or impede any other access to towpaths, etc.
- 35, Fish in River Wey or the Navigation canal during the hours of darkness
- 36 Obtain access to the banks other than by the authorised way.
- 37, Fish in the immediate vicinity of any lock, or from any lock approach, landing stage or bridge.
- 38 Light any fires
- 39 Obstructs the free passage of boats and craft along the Navigation Canal.
- 40 Break any rule or bye-law of the Environment Agency, the National Trust, Surrey Wildlife Trust or Local councils while at or in the neighbourhood of the Society's waters where such Rule or Bye-laws apply.
- 41 No radios or TVs to be used (condition of Leases)
- 42 Not to obstruct or impede access at any time to footpaths used by walkers, pushchairs and wheelchairs.
- 43 No angler must impinge upon another's swim.

The object of the Club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of angling.

- Membership is available to all applicants on payment of subscription.
- The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in these rules and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club.
- In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies: 1. A registered charitable organisation 2. Another Club which is a registered CASC 3. The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports.
- Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence or the requirements of angling as a particular sport.
- The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority

MATCHES

All matches will be run and organised by the Match Secretary of the club. They can appoint a committee member to run a match for them if they are unable to attend themselves. The match Secretary is responsible for the rules of the matches. They will issue anglers a copy if they wish to see one. They will also give out the dates for matches at the AGM each year. If there is a dispute during a match they can call upon four members who will discuss the dispute and come to a verdict. The Match Secretary will have the casting vote if there is a tie for whatever the dispute was for

All match dates will be on the clubs web-site after the AGM each year

RULES FOR BRITTENS POND

1. The maximum number of anglers at Brittens Pond per night is 14 and 1 Bailiff apart from when the Club have an organised event or matches. You must book in through the night phone for a place.
2. Night fishing is limited to 3 nights in a row with Monday being the start of the week. If an Angler wants to do more nights and there are spaces available for this then it will be at the Head Bailiff; discretion to allow this
3. Adult members require a night permit to fish nights or after sunset
4. No Juniors to fish between sunset and sunrise unless a form has been signed. See **Rule 5 ..**
5. Juniors wishing to stay overnight must complete the appropriate paperwork and have the signed consent of their parent or nominated legal guardian and Club Chairman.
6. Anglers are allow to reserve a swim by placing fishing tackle in the swim for 30 minutes only
7. All Angles must dip their Landing nets and Weigh slings before commencing fishing at all times
8. All anglers must fish and bait from their designated swims only
9. Anglers are not to be more than 2 swims from their swim on the bank they are fishing. The banks are **FRONT, BACK, WALL AND RAILWAY SIDE**
10. All Anglers must have their OWN landing net of at least 42in and a **CRADLE OR WALLED MAT**
11. Two rods may be used at any one time for all you will have to have a provided EA rod licence
12. All hooks to be **MICRO BARBED OR BARBLESS**
13. All braided main lines banned on all lakes
14. Baiting poles can be used for margins fishing round edge of pond and from swim 3,1,1,4,5,6,7,9 to the island and opposite corners from swim 8,16
15. Surface baits or The 'Method', are Banned
16. Spodding and Spombing are Banned
17. Fish Care is required by all anglers
18. No carp to be retained in keep nets or sacks .Fish must **NOT** be kept in landing nets. They must be returned before any re-casting
19. No Standing whilst handing a fish for a photo and must be over a **Mat or Cradle**
20. No angler must impinge upon another Angler's swim
21. NO Loud shouting allowed and noise to be kept at a minimum to respect the neighbours
22. **Alcohol is not permitted on any Guildford Angling Society waters. Any member or guest of a member found in possession of Alcohol will result in the member being expelled from the club**
23. **No Illegal Drugs to be used on Society Waters**
24. No Dogs
25. No Litter
26. No glass containers.
27. No playing of radios or TV's on Society waters.
28. No firearms whatsoever allowed on the Society waters

29. No camping – Bivvies only for night fishing
30. No Bivvies or bed chairs to block pathways.
31. No nut baits
32. No tinned baits are to be taken to the water in their tins
33. No bait boats to be used.
34. No fixed leads. Must be free running or be in a position for the lead to eject itself.
35. No cutting of trees or bank side vegetation on any Society waters
36. No motorcycles/mopeds allowed to be taken to the banks must be left in the car park.
37. No bicycles to block pathways
38. No wading in Brittens pond except for **Authorised people only**
39. No Barbecues or lighting of fires
40. Cook stations and grill can be used only with **GAS CANS**
41. The OMC TWIG is banned on all Society Waters
42. Not to obstruct or impede access at any time to footpaths used by walkers, pushchairs and wheelchairs.
43. Do not trespass on private land around the pond.
44. Live baiting this allowed only if the bait is from the pond you are fishing
45. Any member with litter in the vicinity of his/her swim shall be deemed to be responsible for it.
46. Any member breaking any part of these rules, or by his/her actions elsewhere bringing the Society into disrepute, will be called before the Committee and be liable to expulsion from the Society, his/her membership card being withdrawn
47. **ANY UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY WITH A CATAPULT WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC REMOVAL OF PERMIT**
48. All Anglers to be off the pond by 7am on the day of any match
49. Anglers entering into any competition will not be permitted to fish the night prior to the match
50. All junior can fish at the pond in the day time but Guildford Angling Society does not take any responsibility for them left at the pond unsupervised

All members must abide by the club rules at all times. Non-compliance will result in disciplinary action to be decided by the Committee

GUILDFORD ANGLING SOCIETY

PROCEDURE

FOR A NO CONFIDENCE

IN AN

ELECTED OFFICER/COMMITTEE MEMBER

BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER OR OFFICER

1. A written account detailing the nature of the Officer/Committee Member's shortcomings must be submitted to the Committee, signed and dated by a Committee member and any other supporting Committee members.
2. The Officer/Committee Member concerned will be notified in writing that a motion of No Confidence has been moved against him/her and will be tabled at the next normal Committee meeting.
3. The matter will be discussed during this Committee meeting with the Officer/Committee Member present, at which time the Officer/Committee Member can defend himself/herself.
4. A secret ballot will be taken by the Committee members present and the majority vote will stand.
5. Failure by the Officer/Committee Member to attend this meeting will result in the process being followed in his/her absence regardless.
6. The Officer/Committee Member concerned will be informed at the meeting of the Committee's decision. This will be formalised in writing within 7 days of the decision.
7. The Officer/Committee Member will have the right to appeal. This appeal must be supported by a written defence and submitted 7 days in advance of any appeal hearing.
8. The appeal hearing which will take place at the next normal Committee meeting.
9. A final decision will be made.

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BY A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY

1. A written account detailing the nature of the Officer/Committee Member's shortcomings must be submitted to the Chairman, signed and dated by a member and any other supporting members.
2. The Officer/Committee Member concerned will be notified in writing that a motion of No Confidence has been moved against him/her and will be tabled at the next AGM meeting.
3. The matter will be discussed during this AGM meeting with the Officer/Committee Member present, at which time the Officer/Committee Member can defend himself/herself.
4. Failure by the Officer/Committee Member to attend this AGM meeting will result in the process being followed in his/her absence regardless.
5. The members of the Society can have their say and a discussion will follow from all members
6. A Vote will be taken by the members present and the majority vote will stand.
7. The Officer/Committee Member concerned will be informed at the meeting of the members' decision. This will be formalised in writing within 7 days of the decision.
8. There is no appeal because the Members vote the Committee and Officers into their jobs at an AGM **THE OUTCOME STANDS**