

Worthing and District Piscatorial Society Rules

1. That this Society be called the Worthing and District Piscatorial Society.
2. A President, Administrator and a Committee of elected members, the number of which may be varied from time to time with a minimum of six to constitute a quorum, shall conduct the management of the Society. The Committee shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting, which shall be held in the latter part of February at a date to be advised by letter and on the club web site a minimum of one month prior to this date. Committee members shall be elected for a four-year term and on completion may offer themselves for re-election
3. At the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall elect from their number a Chairman and Vice Chairmen to preside over all Society business.
4. The Committee is empowered to purchase or lease any waters it deems suitable. The Committee is further empowered to seek or negotiate any Bank or Building Society loans or Sports Council grants as may be necessary to secure such leases or purchases on behalf of the Worthing and District Piscatorial Society. The Committee shall, at its discretion, name one Committee member as negotiator.
5. Application for membership must be made on a designated form and sent to the Administrator who will deal with the application.
- 6 The annual subscription shall be as stated on the membership application form. The Committee to decide on the charges for each season.
- 7 A senior member may enrol his children under the age of twelve free of charge. They are to be named on their parent's Application form and when visiting Society fisheries children under twelve must be accompanied by the parent.
- 8 Members of the Society whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the Rules or Bylaws may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the disciplinary subcommittee where their entrance fee and subscriptions may be forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the management committee with regard to any decision affecting them, provided that notice of such appeal is submitted to the Administrator, in writing, within seven days of notification of the decision.
- 9 That the Administrator shall keep correct account of all monies received. A balance sheet is to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- 10 That if anything arises which is not provided for by these rules, the matter in question shall be considered by the Committee, which shall have full power to decide. Its decision shall be final.
- 11 That one-month's notice in writing of any proposed alteration to the rules of the Society shall be given to the Administrator.
- 12 That the Committee has the power to make or amend bylaws regulating the angling practices and behaviour of members on Society fisheries at any time if this is felt necessary.
- 13 That, should it be deemed necessary for the Society to be dissolved, a majority decision of two thirds of the members present is required. The Society's property and funds, after satisfying all liabilities, to be given to such charities, as the members so desire.
- 14 That junior's are defined as being under the age of eighteen on 1st April and shall stay a junior until the end of annual membership, unless they pay the difference in membership fee. They do not have the power to vote at Annual General Meetings.
- 15 Members who have physical disability – including those who are registered disabled and cannot gain or pursue full-time employment - are eligible for concessionary membership rate equivalent to that of a senior citizen.

GENERAL BYLAWS FOR ALL SOCIETY FISHERIES

1 Litter

No tin cans or glass bottles allowed on Society fisheries. No items of tackle, particularly nylon line to be discarded on any fishery. Every member is responsible for clearing litter at his or her peg before, during and after fishing.

2 Rod Licences

When fishing any Society waters, members and guests must be in possession of current valid Environment Agency licence(s).

3 Entry to Fisheries

Entry is to be made only through authorised entrances. Gates must be left locked after entry and exit. Members must not trespass on adjoining lands.

4 Unattended Rods

If a rod is left unattended, the hook and bait must be withdrawn from the water and made safe from wildlife. Leaving tackle at any position for the purpose of reserving is not allowed.

5 Flora and Fauna

Banks must not be dug and plants and trees must not be cut without permission from Fishery Management nor is there to be any interference whatsoever with birds or animals.

6 Swims

Fishing is allowed from numbered swims only.

7 Keep nets

Minimum length 9 feet (275cm) minimum diameter 18 inches (46cms). Keep nets and landing nets must be of the knotless variety. **Any fish showing signs of distress are to be returned to the water immediately.**

Carp are not to be retained in any receptacle on any Society water.

8 Fish Stock

No member is permitted to take any fish away from the fishery and no fish from other sources may be introduced into a Society fishery. The Committee is responsible for all stocking.

9 Membership card

Membership is not valid until the membership card has been signed by the administrator. Members must carry their membership card at all times, and must be produced on request by a bailiff. Members may challenge, in respectful terms, any person not known to be a member. Persons failing to produce their membership card will be required to give their name and address and leave the fishery at once.

10 Conduct

Members must at all times conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner. There must be no cause for complaint by local residents or other anglers.

11 Prohibited items

Weapons and musical instruments are prohibited on any Society fishery. All audio/visual equipment must be used with headphones

12 Night Lights

Members are allowed to use lights for the purpose of baiting hooks and/or landing fish only.

13 Dogs

Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not allowed on any Society fishery.

14 Boats

No boat or any type of raft or inflatable craft may be taken onto or used at any Society fishery unless specifically authorised by Fishery Management who must be in attendance at the time of such use.

15 Swimming

Paddling or swimming is not permitted on any club waters.

- 16 **Fires**
Open Fires, including portable barbecues are not permitted on any Society fishery.
- 17 **Night fishing – juniors**
Junior member's (up to 18 years old) fishing at night on still waters, or rivers are to be accompanied by their parent or guardian who is to control and to be responsible for the conduct and safety of that junior and the adult never being further from the junior than the adjacent swim. **One parent/guardian will be required to supervise each junior. "Night" in this context means from one hour before dusk to one hour after dawn.** These times as found in the Worthing press.
- 18 **Time Limits**
A maximum stay of **48 hours** is allowed at any one time. Any extension must be agreed with a bailiff **BEFORE FISHING.**
- 19 **Guests**
Members must ensure that their guests are in possession of a valid temporary membership permit and a current valid Environment Agency licence. Members will be held responsible for any breach of Society rules or bylaws committed by their guests.
- 20 **Safety**
No **junior member** may fish any **river** at any time unless accompanied by his or her parent/guardian.
- 21 **Rule changes**
Any changes to Society rules will be posted on notice boards at the Society's fisheries and on the club web site
- 22 **Nuts**
All types of nuts are banned as ground bait or hook bait.
- 23 **Rods**
2 rods only may be used from **1st April - 30th September.**
3 rods may be used from the **1st October - 31st March** providing such use does not interfere with other anglers and that a covering environment agency rod licence is held.
- 24 **Work Party Attendance**
As a condition of membership all Adult male members aged 18-64 (but excluding disabled members) are required to attend a minimum of one (1) work party during the season.

Specimen Rules (Carp and Pike)

- 1 Pike fishing season is 1st October -31st March inclusive.
- 2 Anglers must have a knotless landing net with a frame not less than 36"
- 3 Minimum BS reel line of 12 lbs
- 4 Minimum 20 inches of non-coated wire trace with a breaking strain of not less than 20 lbs BS. (Pike)
- 5 Not more than two trebles per trace. (Pike)
- 6 All pike anglers must use forceps of not less than 10 inches.
- 7 When spinning for pike or perch a wire trace is to be used at all times.
- 8 Unhooking mats must be used at all times, minimum size 48" x 28"
- 9 Carp care kits must be carried at all times
- 10 Barbless or Micro barbed hooks can be used with a maximum of size 6.
- 11 Bait Boats may be used providing they are used sensibly and do not disturb other anglers.
- 12 Braided Main line is not allowed.

- 13 Lead Core or any other type of rig which incorporates a leader is not allowed.
- 14 Weigh Slings are to be Chub Safety Weigh Sling type or equivalent.

COMPETITION RULES

- 1 Only members shall be allowed to fish for the Society's trophies.
- 2 The Competition Secretary or assistant shall be responsible for all match arrangements
- 3 All entrance fees to be paid before the draw for swims.
- 4 All swims must be vacated by 05.30 on the day of the event or for evening competitions one hour before the draw.

STANDING ORDERS

- 1 Standing Orders may be suspended by a motion, at the Chairman's discretion – a majority vote of two thirds to decide on a suspension.
- 2 If any member refuses to obey the Chairman when called to order, he shall be named and expelled from the room at the Chairman's discretion.
- 3 The Chairman's ruling shall be final on any questions under the Standing Orders, or on any points of order, or explanation unless challenged to the contrary by no less than four members and unless two thirds of the members present vote to the contrary.
- 4 Motions and amendments must be proposed and seconded by members present before discussion takes place. It is permissible at the Chairman's discretion for a member to make a speech and conclude with a motion. One amendment to be discussed at a time. Notice of further amendment to be given before any amendment is put to the vote
- 5 No motion or amendment that has been accepted by the Chair shall be withdrawn without the unanimous consent of the meeting.
- 6 No member who has taken part in a discussion may move to closure or adjournment of same discussion.
- 7 Voting shall be by show of hands, except where a ballot vote is called for and seconded. The Chairman may only vote where an equal number of votes have been counted both for and against the motion.
- 8 No resolution shall be rescinded unless by the consent of two thirds of the members present at the time.
- 9 The Committee has the power to call a Special General Meeting. A two-thirds majority of members present at the Committee meeting is required. At least seven days notice to be given to members of a Special General Meeting.
- 10 When the date of a meeting is known, motions must be sent to the Administrator, duly seconded, 14 days before the meeting at which they are to be discussed.
- 11 Motions for discussion at an Annual General Meeting must be sent to the Administrator, duly seconded, one month before the Annual General Meeting.

BAILIFFS

All genuine WDPS bailiffs now carry a card bearing an official WDPS bailiff's stamp. If you are approached by a bailiff who does not produce a current, stamped membership card, please ask him for his or her name and/or membership number and report the incident as soon as possible to the Head Bailiff.

Guest Permits/ Day Tickets

Permits for a **guest** to fish at **Laybrook** or **day tickets** for the River Arun may be obtained from the following sources:

The administrator, 01903 265899

Prime Angling, Brighton Road Worthing 01903 821594

Squires Angling, Southwick Square Southwick. 01273 592903

Arun Angling Centre, Water Lane Angmering 01903 770099

Day tickets are no longer available for Laybrook

Exchange permits may be available for other club waters – please contact Peter Burgess on 01903 773893 for details.