

# **STRATFORD - UPON - AVON ANGLING ASSOCIATION RULES**

## **SECTION 1 CONSTITUTION.**

### **1. NAME.**

The Association formed on 30 January 1970 under these rules hereinafter called THE ASSOCIATION shall be known by the title of THE STRATFORD - UPON - AVON ANGLING ASSOCIATION.

### **2. HEADQUARTERS.**

The headquarters of the Association shall be at the Embassy Club, Rother Road, Stratford - upon - Avon CV37 6LU.

### **3. OBJECTS.**

The objects of the Association shall be the promotion and furtherance of the interests of anglers and angling generally, with particular reference to these interests in the Stratford - upon - Avon area.

### **4. METHODS.**

In pursuance of its objects the Association may:

- (1) Rent, lease or purchase fishing rights for the use of its members.
- (2) Promote, or assist in securing legislation in the interest of its members, and where necessary to secure amendment to proposed legislation contrary to the interests of the Association or its members.
- (3) Co-operate with other societies having for one of their objects the interests of anglers or angling.
- (4) Secure representation on any councils or committees which will affect the interest of the Association or its members.
- (5) Take any lawful action which may be decided upon by the vote of a majority of the members voting thereon.

### **5. PROVISION OF FUNDS.**

The Association shall have power to provide funds by subscription, levy or otherwise, as the Association or the General Committee shall direct for all the purposes comprised expressly or necessarily by implication in its aforesaid objects.

### **6. DISSOLUTION**

- (1) If at any General Meeting of the Association, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Association, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Association to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- (2) If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Members present at the meeting, the General Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Association and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Association.
- (3) After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Association, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Full Members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation having objects similar to those of the Association.

## **SECTION 2 MEMBERSHIP.**

### **1. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

Membership shall be open to all, subject to the applicant satisfying the Committee that he or she is a fit and proper person to be a member.

### **2. APPLICATION.**

Application for membership shall be made on such forms as may from time to time be drawn up by the General Committee.

### **3. SUBSCRIPTION.**

- (a) Membership fee, set by committee and printed on current membership book.
  - (b) Junior age limit. If a junior legally holds a junior card at the start of the season, he or she is permitted to continue to fish the season out as a junior irrespective of his or her birth date. Junior age limit is 17.
- © Association year shall run from 1st June to the 31st of the following May.

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(d) It shall be the duty of every member to ensure that his or her subscription is paid when due.

(e) Members wishing to have membership book sent by post shall provide S. A. E. Members paying at meetings must also pay postage if they wish the book to be sent by post.

(f) Visitors tickets are limited to two per member per fishing session. Visitors to be accompanied by Association member at all times.

### **4. HONORARY MEMBERS.**

(1) The Association may admit to honorary membership such persons as it may from time to time think fit. Except in such individual cases as may from time to time be decided by the Association, honorary members shall not be entitled to take part in the management of the Association, or to vote.

(2) President and Vice-Presidents as elected become life members of the Association and are exempt of rule 2/4(1).

### **5. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP, PENALTIES, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, APPEALS.**

(1) Every person admitted as a member of the Association shall thereby be deemed to agree to, and abide by the rules of the Association in every respect. In the event of a breach of rule by a member he or she may be subjected to the exercise of disciplinary powers as provided by sub-rule (2) of this rule. In no case will ignorance of the rule be an excuse for breach thereof, or failure to comply therewith.

(2) The Executive Committee may suspend or expel from membership of the Association, or may bar during the pleasure of the Executive Committee, from holding any office in the Association any member who in the opinion of the Executive Committee:

(a) Is not a fit and proper person to remain a member of the Association.

(b) Has broken, ignored, or failed to observe any rule, regulation or instruction of the Association.

© Has acted to the prejudice of the Association's objects or policy.

(d) Has been guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association or its members.

(3) Before any member shall be disciplined by the Executive Committee the member shall be informed in writing of the complaint, and have the right to appeal in person at the hearing, and to bring such witnesses as he or she may require, and have the right to question the person making the complaint, and any Committee member.

### **6. COMPLAINTS.**

Any member wishing to make a complaint about any member or any Association activity or decision, shall make the complaint in writing to the Secretary, who shall acknowledge receipt by return of post.

## **SECTION 3 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.**

### **1. OFFICERS.**

The following shall be the Executive Officers of the Association and shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

### **2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers designated in rule 3/1 and up to 5 other members elected at each Annual General Meeting. No more than 4 members of committee to live outside boundaries of Stratford-on-Avon District Council. No more than four committee members can be replaced at one time unless there is proof of serious misconduct.

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### **3. TRUSTEES.**

There shall be three trustees who shall be the Treasurer, Chairman/Secretary and one other members of the Association. They shall be elected at the first A.G.M. after this rule is adopted. Each trustee shall hold office until ceasing to be a member of the Association or until resignation as a trustee or until a resolution is passed by a majority of not less than three quarters of the members present at a meeting of the Association at which such resolution is proposed. Any vacancy shall be filled at the following A.G.M. unless the administration of the Association will be prejudiced, in which case the Executive Committee by a simple majority vote may make an appointment to hold office until the next A.G.M. The funds and the property of the Association shall be held and invested in the joint names of the trustees who shall deal with them in such a manner as the Executive Committee may direct.

### **4. AUDITORS.**

The general accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by auditors appointed for the purposes by the Executive Committee. But shall be subject to confirmation at the A.G.M. following their appointment. They may also be required to make such intensive audits as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee, who shall arrange their terms of remuneration. The auditors shall have access to all books, accounts, vouchers, and other documents of the Association which they may consider necessary.

### **5. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND FILLING OF VACANCIES.**

Any officer shall be removed from office upon a 75% vote of the Executive Committee. Any vacancies occurring among the officers of the Association for any reason shall remain until the next A.G.M. unless the efficient administration of the Association is prejudiced, in which case the Executive Committee shall make an appointment by a majority vote. Any committee member failing to attend four or more consecutive meetings without a satisfactory explanation shall be deemed to have resigned.

### **6. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Executive Committee shall transact and overlook the affairs and general business of the Association. It shall have powers to expend money for any purpose, which in its opinion is expedient in the interests of the Association or its members. It shall have powers to summon any member or members to a meeting at which matters concerning that member or members in particular are to be discussed.

### **7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Any person elected for office to declare his or her interests and Association with other committees and clubs at the time of election.

## **SECTION 4 MEETINGS AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS.**

### **1. MEETINGS.**

(a) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month to discuss and decide the affairs of the Association.

(b) The members of the Association shall meet at least once a year to elect officers and decide the policy of the Association.

© A meeting of the Association shall also be called upon receipt by the Secretary of a demand for a meeting signed by at least 20 members, and stating the business they wish to discuss.

(d) Notice of meetings. Annual General Meeting, as printed in current membership book. At least two weeks notice of a Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association shall be given by advertisement in the Press.

(e) Quorum. The quorum for a meeting of the Association shall be not less than the full number of committee and officers of the Association, the quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be five members. Inquorate committee meetings may be held to clear minor business but any decisions must be ratified by a quorate meeting.

(f) All paid up members of the Association shall have equal voice in all concerns thereof. Only senior members of the Association shall be able to vote at General Meetings.

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### **2. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS.**

(a) If within half an hour of the time appointed for the start of the meeting, a quorum is not present the meeting shall be dissolved.

(b) The Chairman of the meeting shall be responsible for the conduct of the meeting, and his decision shall be final.

© The Chairman of the meeting can only be removed by a vote of no confidence in the chair carried by a majority of the meeting.

### **3. PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

(a) Proposals for A. G. M. must be received in writing by secretary at least four weeks in advance of A. G. M. Those received after to be at the Chairman's discretion.

(b) Association members putting proposal to be present at A. G. M. or in extenuating circumstances to supply documentation to support that proposal.

© Proposals for A. G. M. should be seconded by another member at time of presentation.

## **SECTION 5 CONTESTS.**

### **1. CONTESTS.**

The rules governing contests shall be those published by the Angling Trust, with any alteration or addition made by the Executive Committee and published before the start of any contest affected by the changes.

### **2. CONTEST REFEREE.**

The contest referees shall be appointed by the A.G.M. which shall appoint whatever number it deems fit.

### **3. CONTEST RULES.**

(1) Contests will be fished all in except pike, zander & game fish.

(2) Keepnets to be used at all contests, and may be placed in water before start. Plumbing the depth and testing the float before the start will be allowed.

(3) No livebaiting. No spinning.

(4) One angler, one draw only.

(5) All fish to be returned alive to water after contest.

(6) Members not fishing in Association contests are requested not to fish water reserved for same, prior to, or during that time of contest.

(7) Contest draw and start times as in membership book.

(8) Entrants to contest must pay their entrance fee of £5.00, 100% pay-out.

Any individual peg fee incurred by the Association to be paid by competitor.

(9) Away matches to be booked as per rule for home matches with notification of peg limit and acceptance to be on first come first served basis.

(10) If trophies are not returned by 1st March of year following their presentation then a fine of £10.00 to be levied on offending member.

(11) No trophies to leave room without being signed for names & addresses included.

(12) Matters arising that the above rules do not cover Executive Committee to decide and their decision shall be final.

(13) Representative Teams. Anyone who is a member of the Association may nominate for representative teams. Representative squad will elect its own captain and vice-captain who, with one other co-opted member will select the team. Committee will oversee any monies spent by Representative Squad. No money to be paid out by Association until adequate money paid into Association account.

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### **SECTION 6 GENERAL.**

#### **1. GENERAL.**

1. Behaviour of Members. It is a condition of membership that members at all times conduct themselves in a manner that will not damage the interests of the Association and its members.

Members must at all times:

(a) Park cars where they will not obscure the highway or impede access to land.

(b) Leave no litter. Anyone found with litter in the area in which they are fishing will be liable to suspension.

© Light no fires.

(d) Close all gates unless instructed otherwise by the riparian owner or his representative.

(e) Not cause or allow to be caused any damage to property, including signs, hedges, fences, livestock, buildings, etc.

(f) To produce proof of membership upon request of any other member, bailiff, riparian owner or his representative.

(g) Accept responsibility for any non-member accompanying the member whether fishing or not.

(h) Report any breach of rules to the Secretary as soon as possible, together with the names of any other witnesses.

(I) Familiarise themselves with the conditions of the leases of the Association rights, and abide by this at all times.

(j) Not take meat cans or any dangerous container onto Association waters.

(k) Bank digging not allowed on any Association waters.

2. No fishing on Association waters during the hours of darkness.

3. Where Association waters are permanently pegged, fishing must take place from permanent pegs only.

4. A keepnet ban may be imposed on any water at any time if the committee deem it necessary.

5. No livebaiting on Association water.

6. No fishing in close season on any of Association's River venues.

7. No fish to be killed or removed from any Association waters.

8. No Association member to take dogs along to Association contests or when fishing Association waters, excluding bailiffs on their duties.

9. Any fish deemed to be in distress by Association bailiff must be returned on bailiffs orders.

10. All anglers' noise to be kept to a minimum.

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