

Club rules 2022/2023

1. Members are provided with this booklet as proof of membership. The member's full name, address and club agent stamp must be clearly recorded. You must sign the book, agreeing to the club rules. **You must attach a photograph to the inside cover.**
2. **Gates in the otter fence at Rackley lake must be locked on entry and exit.** Any member who fails to lock the gates will have their membership withdrawn immediately.
3. Members failing to observe the club rules may have their membership withdrawn. The disciplinary procedures are explained in this booklet.
4. Members have the right to request any other angler to produce a valid club membership booklet. Club booklets must be carried when fishing club waters and produced on demand. Booklets must be on display, easily seen, on all waters.
5. Club bailiffs and officials hold a warrant card which they must produce as evidence of their authority to challenge anglers fishing club waters.
6. Persons found taking fish from club waters will be prosecuted. All fish must be returned unharmed to the water as soon as possible. Fish must not be transferred between waters.
7. Members must have a valid rod licence, if necessary, and be aware of EA fishing rules.
8. Carp and catfish may be retained temporarily for photographic purposes. Members must ensure that all captured fish are treated with respect and not harmed. Fish must be returned ASAP.
9. Camping tents may not be used. Where night fishing is allowed bivvies or similar angling shelters may be used. No bivvies are allowed at Astral Park.
10. Firearms may not be taken onto club waters.
11. No fires may be started. Self contained cooking apparatus is allowed if adequate safety precautions are taken. Cook outside of your bivvy to stay safe. No heaters, cooking stoves or candles may be used to heat a bivvy or angling shelter. This rule is for your personal safety.
12. Dogs may not be taken onto club waters by club members.
13. Catapults may only be used for depositing bait in your own swim, they must not be used as a weapon or for any purpose other than baiting your swim.
14. Members are responsible for any litter in their swim. At the discretion of a club bailiff members found with litter in their swim may be reported to the club committee, your membership may be removed. You must keep your litter in a bag, ready for removal when you leave.
15. A junior or juvenile member is allowed to fish Tiddenfoot Pit with the supervision of an Adult Club member. Only two junior or juvenile members per adult is allowed. Anglers less than 18 years of age may not night fish Tiddenfoot Pit.
16. A junior or juvenile member is allowed to fish Rackley Hills Lake if accompanied by a responsible adult member. Only two junior or juvenile members per adult is allowed.
17. Rackley Hills lake may not be fished at night from April 1st to 1st December unless a written invitation and permission is given by the club committee. Members without permission to night fish can arrive at the times on the Rackley times page at the **back of this book**. Members with a **Tiddenfoot night pass** may fish at night from December 1st 2022 to March 31st 2023.
18. No treble hooks or multiple hook rigs may be used on club waters containing catfish (Rackley, Tiddenfoot). On other waters, without catfish present, one hook, treble or single, may be used if fishing for pike.

19. No live fish may be taken onto Club waters. Live fish baits or dead freshwater fish may be used. EA rules forbid the movement of live fish between waters.
20. No boats are to be used on Club waters, except in extraordinary circumstances where the verbal permission of a club officer may be given. Bait boats may not be used.
21. Anglers fishing Tiddenfoot lake may leave their tackle (baits out of the water and at their own risk) for a **maximum** of 2 hours in any 24 hour period.
22. Club members fishing Tiddenfoot lake may fish for a maximum of four nights in any seven day period, then they must leave the water, **with their tackle**, for 72 hours and may not return within that time period.
23. Club members fishing Tiddenfoot lake during the night must be in possession of a night fishing permit. Anglers under 18 may not night fish at Tiddenfoot. *See the Tiddenfoot pages for further details and tackle rules, which must be obeyed.*
24. Club members fishing Rackley Hills lake and Tiddenfoot for carp or catfish must use a line of minimum 20lb breaking strain. Rods of 3lb test curve or more, a minimum 50 inch landing net and large unhooking mat must be used. Club officers have the right to inspect tackle used by a member, if tackle is inadequate you may be asked to leave the water.
25. Only 3 rods and one bivvy, or angling shelter, will be allowed per swim at Tiddenfoot. If two anglers share a swim the rule still applies, only three rods may be used.
26. Anglers fishing for catfish or carp on any club water must use a large padded unhooking mat or cradle, a fish care kit should be available. A padded unhooking mat must be used for all species of specimen fish.
27. Club members may use up to three fishing rods on club waters, with the exception of the River Ouzel and Astral Park, where two rods is the maximum allowed.
28. Club members must have the appropriate licences for the rods they use and keep lines in their own swim.
29. **No** bankside changes, building of swims, refurbishment or any other work may be carried out on **any** club water without the written permission of the club committee.
30. Bottles and tins must be kept inside a bivvy or out of view in a bag. Take **ALL** litter home with you. Keep empty containers and litter in a bag out of view.
31. Crayfish may not be used as bait on any club water. Any captured signal crayfish must not be returned to the water. This is an Environmental Agency rule.
32. The club reserves the right to refuse or withdraw membership.
33. Anglers fishing lakes may not retain fish in a keepnet. Official club matches on club waters are the exception, keepnets may be used in an official club match. Handle all fish with care and return them as soon as possible.
34. Members fishing under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be told to leave the fishery for their own and the safety of others. Disciplinary action in accordance with the club procedures will take place at a later date. Any angler night fishing at Tiddenfoot who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs will automatically have their night pass withdrawn.
35. Anglers under 13 years of age may fish with the supervision of an adult member using a Juvenile member card (free from our agents). Juvenile anglers may use one rod or whip only. They may not use carp or catfish tackle on Tiddenfoot or Rackley Hills. With adult member supervision a juvenile member may use carp style tackle at Astral Park lake.
36. No night fishing is permitted at Astral Park Lake. Fishing is between times on the Astral arrival and departure times as stated in the back of this book.

Take your litter home. Do not leave litter on the bank. Club members should respect other anglers, all people frequenting our waters and all club officers. Inappropriate behaviour may result in membership being withdrawn.