



**Albury & Heron Lakes Brampton
Syndicate Member Rules
Season 2024/2025**

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Members Syndicate Rules

Race Days: There are currently 19 published race days per year between October – May. There is **NO FISHING** whatsoever permitted on these days for both lakes. Members will be supplied with the full seasons racing calendar when their membership commences in April. Any member who is fishing the day before racing must vacate the lake by 22:00 hours the night before race day. Members will not be permitted to commence fishing again until the morning after the published race days.

Entrance to the racecourse and lakes: All access gates will be padlocked with a combination lock and members will be issued with the unique code(s) that they must not share with anyone else under any circumstances. The gates must be closed and locked behind you, and you must not allow access to anyone else onto the racecourse or lakes who are not a member of the syndicate.

Environment Agency Fishing Licence: Members must have and carry their valid Environment Agency fishing licence with them whilst fishing on the lakes. Random licence checks may be made by Fishery Management or the Bailiff.

Car parking onsite: Your car must be parked in the correct designated area that will be shown to you by the fishery manager/bailiff when you join. You will also be issued with a car parking pass which must be displayed on your dashboard at all times whilst on site. **Under no circumstances are you allowed to drive your car across the racecourse track to Albury Lake, anyone found to have done this will have their membership cancelled immediately and no refund given. There is a strict 5 mile per hour speed limit when entering the racecourse areas, and a 10mph limit on the roads leading up to Heron Lake.**

Roadway up to Heron Lake: Please keep on the roadway up to Heron Lake, do not be tempted to take the short cut across the grass. The Jockey Club has insisted members must **NOT** drive on the grass.

Toilet Facilities: Both lakes have toilet facilities and we would ask members that these are used and left in a clean and tidy fashion. If you find these are not up to standard please inform the bailiff or fishery manager immediately.

Litter: Please ensure that you take all litter and waste food stuff away with you when you leave. This applies to the proper disposal of cigarette butts and tea bags as well, any swim found littered in this way is not acceptable. We do not want to encourage a rat problem and want all members to have a pleasant clean environment and swim area to enjoy.

Dogs: We allow one pet dog per angler as long as they are kept under strict control in your swim and are of a friendly non-aggressive nature to other anglers and dogs. All dog waste must be picked up and disposed of properly by the owner immediately. Dogs must be kept on a lead whilst outside the confines of the lake fenced area. We reserve the right to withdraw this concession if found to be abused by individual members.

Partners / Spouse: We allow one non fishing guest with you by prior arrangement with the fishery manager. Under no circumstances are they allowed to fish on the lake, and they are expected to adhere to all the rules of the syndicate as if they were a member. If you are teaching your child to fish we do allow this under the age of 16 years old, but they must be with you at all times in your swim area, and we expect their behaviour to be respectful to other members on site. Any child found to be causing a nuisance, we will request that they do not accompany you again.

Booking your session(s): Please book in with the Fishery Manager for each session you wish to fish. This will ensure nobody has a wasted journey and is turned away if the lakes are busy and no swims are available. **Please do not arrive on site without booking first.**

5 day rule: Members are able to **book in advance** one 5 night session per annum, subject to swim availability and fishery management discretion. More requests may be granted dependant at the discretion of fishery management and for each request how busy the requested lake is with known bookings at that time.

Swim maintenance: Fishery management reserve the right to close a swim down for a short period of time in order to carry out essential maintenance. Members will be advised of this via the Facebook closed group. Also please do not cut back any of the swim vegetation, if you find that it does need to be cut back, please inform the fishery manager or bailiff who will carry this out.

Closure of Lakes: Fishery management reserve the right to close down the lake(s) during fish spawning, events of flood, drought or any other circumstances that may affect fish welfare or climatic conditions. Information will be communicated to all members in this event via the Facebook closed group. The Jockey Club reserve the right to give 30 days notice of any unplanned closures of the lakes, up to a maximum of 10 days in any calendar year.

Fence: The fences have been designed to keep out unwanted predators, therefore please **do not** lean anything against or place anything on top of the fences. If you find the fence/gates damaged in any way, please report this immediately to the fishery manager or bailiff.

Refunds: Once the season has started no refunds of subscriptions will be made under any circumstances. The transfer of your ticket to a third party is not allowed.

Publicity: Members agree that on occasions their catch reports and photos may appear on our closed Facebook Group, the public Albury & Heron Lakes Facebook page, and on our website at www.carpfishinghuntingdon.co.uk

Tackle & Bait Rules

Albury & Heron Lakes Rod Limits: During the period 1st April – 31st Oct a maximum of 3 rods per angler will be allowed. From 1st Nov – 15th March up to 4 rods per angler will be allowed (as long as appropriate EA Licences held). Please use your discretion, if the lake is busy limit the number of rods you put out as appropriate. This can be varied at the discretion of Fishery Management at any time.

Hooks: Barbed and micro-barbed hooks only with a maximum size 4 allowed, **NO barbless or long shank hooks to be used for the welfare of the fish.**

Please note that Fishery Management reserve the right to carry out random rig checks, day or night.

Self hooking devices: After being tested by fishery management recent self hooking devices that have come onto the market are banned from use on both lakes. Any member found to have been using such devices will be banned for life with no refund.

Line: A minimum of 12lbs line strength, if you are using braided mainline this must be in conjunction with safe zone leaders. No lead core leaders are allowed.

Leads: Lead clips and in-line leads are allowed and a maximum of 4oz leads to be used. If using in line leads this has to be a maximum of 3ozs only.

Plastic Baits: All plastic baits are **banned** for the welfare of the fish.

Zigs: The use of zigs are permitted.

Baits: Freezer boilies (or a good quality shelf life boilie that has been approved for use by Fishery Management) and pellets and particles are allowed. Please note **NO TIGER NUTS OR NUTS** of any type whatsoever in the mix.

Bait Boats: Are allowed, but please keep to your designated swim area and be respectful of your neighbouring anglers and their swim areas. If we receive persistent complaints regarding the use of your boat in other anglers swims, we reserve the right to ban the member from using a bait boat on the lakes.

General swim rules:

- No lighting of fires under any circumstances.
- No excessive alcohol consumption or loud music, please respect other anglers. Any member found too intoxicated will be banned for life and no refund given.
- No drugs are allowed whatsoever, any member found or reported to fishery management for use of drugs will receive an instant ban and no refund.
- Disposable BBQ's are allowed, but must be kept off of the swim mats and off of the ground.
- Rowing boats are supplied on both lakes, and anyone using the boat must use a life jacket at all times whilst on the water, these are located in the net sheds/store. If you are seen without a life jacket this will result in a ban and no refund of membership fees. Use of the rowing boat is at the members own risk and we accept no liability. You must be confident in using the boat, otherwise call the fishery management who will come out and assist you.
- No climbing of trees under any circumstances.
- **Albury Lake:** When fishing from the End of Reeds Swim a **maximum of 14 wraps** is permitted when casting towards the buoys in this swim. No baiting up behind the buoys. For Pump House Swim **no more than 5 wraps** to the left of the swim towards the buoys.
- You are permitted to visit the swim immediately next to you (the one swim rule) the only exception to this is as detailed below.
- **Albury Lake:** When fishing from any of the bay swims on Albury Lake (End of Reeds, Pump House, The Inn Swim and The Bay Swim) you must NOT leave your rods unattended at anytime. The one swim rule does NOT apply when fishing from any of these 4 swims.

Fish Safety and Welfare Rules

Nets, Slings, Mats and Buckets: For bio-security we will supply all of the landing nets, weigh slings, unhooking mats and buckets. These will be located on both lakes in the designated containers. You must **NOT** under any circumstance bring onto site your own nets, slings, mats or buckets. Anyone found breaking this rule will be banned for life and no refund of membership fees given. **During your session please make sure that both nets supplied are kept in the water at all times, this will stop mice from damaging the nets.** Before packing away the nets when you have finished your fishing session, wherever possible, please dry all nets off as much as you can.

Sacks: No sacking of fish whatsoever, do not bring sacks onsite anyway they are not permitted, and if found to be used will result in an instant ban and no refund of membership.

Carp Care Kit: Each angler is expected to have their own appropriate and adequate carp care kit, please use this on all hook holds and any other treatment a landed fish may need. If you are concerned about the health of a landed fish please contact the fishery manager or bailiff immediately and alert them to your concern.

In the warmer months, members must store the unhooking mats/weigh slings out of the sun wherever possible and upside down. The mats get extremely hot in the sunshine and this can cause harm to the fish. Also, water poured over the fish in warmer months must be fresh from the lake and not have been left standing in the sun as this dramatically increases in temperature over the day.

Fish Photography: The fish should be in the flotation sling for no longer than is necessary whilst preparing to photograph your catch. Make sure your camera is prepared and ready to take the photo, so you can return the fish as quickly as possible to the water. When photographing the fish, please keep them over the mat at all times and as low to the ground as possible. Do **NOT** stand up for photographs. Whilst the fish is out of the water please ensure that you pour plenty of fresh lake water over the fish to ensure its welfare.

When returning the fish to the water we recommend that you allow the fish to recover in the flotation sling again in the water for around 5 minutes before releasing back into the lake.

Reporting of Catches: Please send all catch reports and photos (both sides of the fish), to Tony Humphrey via WhatsApp, or email racecoursefishing@gmail.com. We want to monitor our carp stock health and weight progress closely, and we would appreciate all our members help with this.

We have worked extremely hard to make these lakes a place where anglers can come and enjoy their angling, have good facilities and speak highly of their experience here. The rules are here to protect the fish, and ensure everyone has the same opportunity to experience good quality carp fishing. Anyone found breaking the rules will be asked to leave and no refund of membership will be given.

We operate a public Facebook Page, and a private closed Facebook members group. All members are required to join the Facebook closed group as this is the quickest and easiest way we can communicate with you all. It is also a great way to get to know other members and share ideas and catch reports. We encourage members to comment, congratulate and support fellow members on the closed Facebook group.

We have a zero tolerance policy for anyone found slandering or bullying a fellow member on this media. If you have a problem of any kind, please consult the fishery manager or bailiff in the first instance, so that we can seek to resolve the matter in an adult and professional manner. We welcome all feedback from our members, and will take on board suggestions and ideas they may have.

Finally, please note that you use Albury & Heron Lakes Brampton facilities entirely at your own risk. Under no circumstances will Albury & Heron Lakes Brampton or The Jockey Club be held responsible for any injury to yourself or non fishing guest and/or loss or damage to your/their property. If you notice anything of concern, a member breaking the rules or non-members onsite fishing or otherwise please contact the Fishery Manager or the Bailiff immediately.

We reserve the right to make changes to syndicate rules throughout the year, and these will be published on our Facebook members closed group.



Additional Member Rules for Pike Fishing Season (Albury Lake only) 1st October to 16th March.

Members who want to winter pike fish on Albury Lake will be bound by all of the normal syndicate rules above. In addition, they will adhere to all of the following conditions:

1. You are only permitted to fish for pike on Albury Lake between 1st October to the 15th March in the season you have joined.
2. You are permitted to use dead bait, plugs and spinners when fishing for pike. There are no exceptions to this and anyone found using live bait will be expelled immediately and banned for life.
3. Pike members can use a maximum of 3 rods on Albury Lake.
4. Wire traces to be used at all time with a minimum 30lbs breaking strain.
5. 12" artery forceps and a pair of side cutters that are able to cut problem hooks caught in pike through tissue or gill rakers to be used.
6. Any pike weighing over 15lbs please send photos and weight to Fishery Manager for recording.
7. All pike to be returned to the water as quickly as possible and in a live and good condition.
8. Do not bring any nets, mats, buckets or flotation slings on site. Please use the equipment provided in the nominated storage area on Albury Lake. Please return all equipment back to the storage area when finishing your session.
9. Please acquaint yourself with the Racecourse Calendar and plan your fishing around these dates. The lake must be vacated by the times and dates shown as advised to all members prior to joining. This calendar will be published on the members closed group and kept as up to date as possible.

Finally, please note that you use Albury & Heron Lakes Brampton facilities entirely at your own risk. Under no circumstances will Albury & Heron Lakes Brampton or The Jockey Club be held responsible for any injury to yourself and/or loss or damage to your belongings. If you notice anything of concern, a member breaking the rules or non-members onsite fishing or otherwise please contact the Fishery Manager or one of the bailiffs immediately.