

# More Hall Fly Fishing Club

## Constitution

### 1. Name

The name of the club shall be "The More Hall Fly Fishing Club". (Hereinafter referred to as the Club).

### 2. Address

The Honorary Secretary's address is:

21 Marriott Place, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S62 7EA

All communications must be addressed to "The Hon. Secretary".

### 3. Description

The club is a non-profit making voluntary association of persons interested in fly fishing.

### 4. Purpose

The purpose of the club is to enable members to fly fish at More Hall Reservoir and to promote the art of fly fishing.

### 5. Structure of the Club

The club shall be comprised of, but not limited to:

- (a) A Chairperson
- (b) An Honorary Secretary
- (c) An Honorary Treasurer
- (d) Four Committee Members
- (e) Ordinary Members
- (f) Non-voting Members
- (g) Honorary Life Members

### 6. Appointment of Club Officials

The club officials shall be appointed at the inaugural Meeting of the Club and subsequently thereafter, every three years at an Annual General Meeting. The appointment of the Club Officials shall be by ballot of members. Nominated Officials must be members of the Club and proposed and seconded by two other members of the Club. Whoever holds the position of Honorary Secretary shall for the period of the time that he/she be in office only pay the membership portion, currently £20.00, of the MFFC annual subscription.

### 7. Committee Meetings

The committee will manage the Club and arrange for the stocking of fish to take place within the financial resources of the Club. The Committee shall meet as required to discuss any items of interest to the Club and to ensure that members' suggestions and recommendations are considered together with any other matters for the proper management of the Club.

### 8. Quorum

No business dealt with at a committee meeting shall be valid unless at least two officers of the Club are present and two other committee members.

## 9. Ordering and Stocking of Fish

All fish ordered for stocking the reservoir must be approved by the Hon. Treasurer of the Club, in order to ensure that all fish ordered can be paid for within the Club's financial resources and that the fish are stocked only from a Department of Environment (DEFRA/CIFAS) list of Accredited Suppliers.

## 10. Club Rules

The rules of the Club are shown in Appendix 1 of this document. All Members must respect and follow the rules of the Club as displayed on the notice boards at More Hall Reservoir. The rules of the Club that are concerned with fishing regulations shall be printed on the annual fishing permit issued to Members. However, all rules are of equal importance within the Constitution and must be obeyed.

## 11. Discipline

Members found in breach of this Constitution, or of Club rules, or of conduct prejudicial to the Club, may be suspended, or have their membership withdrawn, after a full and fair hearing before the Committee, without recompense. There shall be three stages in the disciplinary procedure as follows:

- (a) An **oral warning** for the first offence.
- (b) A **written warning** at the second offense with suspension of the Member for up to a full month.
- (c) **Withdrawal of Membership** at the third offense.

## 12. Resignations

Members wishing to leave the Club must give two weeks' notice, in writing to the Hon. Secretary, of their intentions.

## 13. Disputes

Any disagreement between Members shall be considered and resolved by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

## 14. Subscriptions

A yearly subscription will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting for the following year. Members must pay their full membership subscription before membership can be granted or renewed. On no account will a proposed member be allowed to fish the reservoir without their subscription being paid in full.

## 15. Accounts of the Club

The accounts of the Club shall be open to inspection by any Member of the Club at any time, on request to the Hon. Treasurer, subject to seven days' notice. The accounts shall be subject to annual audit and presented at the Annual General Meeting by the Hon. Treasurer.

## 16. Annual General Meeting

Club Members shall be given at least 14 days' notice of the AGM, and all Members shall be entitled to vote. In the case of deadlock on any item, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. Any item for discussion at the AGM must be given to the Hon. Secretary at least 21 days prior to the meeting, in order that it can be included on the agenda.

## **17. Changes to the Club's Rules**

Members may propose changes or additions to the Club's rules at the inaugural Meeting and at subsequent AGM's. Members shall be given at least 14 days' notice of any proposed changes to the Constitution or the Club Rules.

## **18. Voting Rights**

All members shall have equal voting rights on any matter concerned with the Club and may vote by proxy, if they cannot attend in person, by informing the Hon. Secretary of their wishes at least one week prior to the Meeting. A majority of one shall be needed to carry a motion.

## **19. Membership**

The Club welcomes new Members and shall be open for Membership by any person, without discrimination by colour, race, ethnic origin or nationality, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, or marital status. All applications for Membership should be made to the Hon. Secretary.

## **20. Closing the Club**

The Club will be closed when a resolution is passed by a majority if the Club Members at the AGM or at an EGM called for this purpose. Any funds left in the Club's accounts, after settling all the Club's debts, shall be given to an appropriate charity agreed at the meeting.

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# Appendix

## CLUB RULES

### 1. Members' Responsibility

- (a) Members using the facilities provided by the Club do so entirely at their own risk and must be in possession of a current, valid Environment Agency Fishing License.
- (b) Members who invite Guests to fish the Club's waters must ensure that their guest is *in possession* of a Non-voting Membership Card together with a *dated* day ticket and a current, valid Environment Agency Fishing License.

### 2. Hours of Fishing

Fishing is allowed from dawn until one hour after sunset.

### 3. Fishing Regulations

- (a) Club Members must comply with the Club's fishing regulations posted on the notice boards at the reservoir.
- (b) **Fly Fishing Only** – no other method is permitted.
- (c) Fishing from boats is prohibited.
- (d) Fish less than 28cm (11") must be returned.
- (e) **All brown trout must be returned**
- (f) One fish per day is allowed to be taken up to 30 September and thereafter two fish per day is allowed.
- (g) The use of keep nets is forbidden.
- (h) Fishing from the dam wall is prohibited.
- (i) Fishing from the spillway is prohibited.
- (j) **Barbless** hooks must be used and hooks over size 8 longshank are prohibited. Barbed hooks may be crushed prior to being used.
- (k) All fish taken must be killed humanely with a suitable priest.
- (l) Wading, with the use of a wading stick, is permitted.
- (m) Club Members are reminded not to discard fishing line or leaders and to keep the banks of the reservoir tidy.

### 4. Neighbourly Conduct

#### Members must not:

- (a) Cause or permit any nuisance to or interfere with the exercise of rights or facilities granted by YWS Ltd to other persons.
- (b) Obstruct any road or track.
- (c) Damage any land or wall or other property or interfere with any apparatus.
- (d) Light any fire on YWS Ltd land or do anything to cause a fire.
- (e) Trespass on other land of YWS Ltd.
- (f) Carry out any act which may injure or cause distress to farm stock.
- (g) Leave gates unlocked or open where they are required to be closed.
- (h) Hurt or injure any animal or bird (except fish).
- (i) Use any musical or noisy instruments or loudspeaker on the reservoir or its surroundings.

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