

7th March 2025



Angling Coaching Initiative Constitution

1 TITLE

1.1 The Club shall be called Angling Coaching Initiative hereinafter to be referred to as "the Club" and shall be affiliated to the Angling Trust.

2 OBJECTS

2.1 The role of the club is for the sole purpose of coaching Junior (& Adult) anglers for coarse fishing, and activities allied to this. We will coach how to fish inland coarse fishing waters, demonstrating methods and practices to give clients effective, ethical and enjoyable techniques for their fishing. We will also promote care of the environment and how to interact positively with other countryside users, and to work in harmony with them wherever possible. We will also foster and promote the sport of angling with rod and line at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation and sport.

2.2 To maintain membership of the Angling Trust as a Club Member

2.3 To adopt and abide by the Angling Trust Health & Safety Policy, Equality Policy, Discrimination, Harassment & Victimisation Policy (Appendix 1)

2.4 To adopt and abide by the Angling Trust Code of Practice for Sport Coaches, & Child Protection Policy Statement (Appendix 2)

2.4(1) To promote the Angling Trust Code of Conduct for Coarse Anglers (Appendix 3) to our clients.

2.5 Develop, implement, maintain and promote a club Safeguarding Policy in line with Angling Trusts guidelines to protect the welfare and safeguard children, young persons and adults at risk. (Appendix 4)

2.6 Pursuant to Object 2.3 and 2.5. Develop, implement, maintain and promote a club Safeguarding Risk Assessment and a Generic Risk Assessment in line with Angling Trust guidelines to ensure the safety and welfare of all involved in club activities. (Appendix 5 and 6)

2.7 The latest versions of the Safeguarding Policy, Safeguarding Risk Assessment and Generic Risk Assessment adopted by Angling Coaching Initiative will be interpreted as Appendix 4,5 and 6 of the constitution respectively

3 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The following are eligible for membership:

3.1.2 The Board of Management, who will be responsible for running the club

3.1.3 Qualified and registered Level 1 and Level 2 coaches, plus coaching Volunteer Assistants and Volunteers who have non-coaching Administrative roles.

4 RUNNING OF THE CLUB

4.1 The Club will be run by the Board of Management and shall be as follows: President - Non-Executive Officer Chairperson } Secretary } - Executive Officers Treasurer } Other Board Members as deemed required by the Board of Management

5 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

5.1 The affairs of the Club shall be directed by the Board of Management comprising the Executive Officers of the Club and Board Members. The Board of Management shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.

5.2 The duties of the Board shall be:

5.2.1 To direct the affairs of the Club on behalf of the Members.

5.2.2 To keep accurate financial accounts for the Club, through the Treasurer. These will be available for inspection by Members and will be audited before each Annual General Meeting. The Club shall maintain a bank current account and the following Officers shall be authorised to sign Club cheques: the Chairperson, plus one from the Treasurer or Secretary, or other Board Members. There will be two signatories, one will be the Chairperson.

5.2.3 To co-opt additional members of the Board as the Board feels necessary.

5.2.4 To make any byelaws of the club to govern the control of the club activities

5.2.5 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

5.2.6 All Board members will be entitled to a postal Proxy vote on matters deemed essential to the wellbeing of the club. A deferred decision to take account of all proxy votes of non-attending Board members on any matters deemed essential to the welfare of the club can be called for by either the Chairperson or 4 other Board members. Such meeting to take place within 3 weeks.

6 GENERAL MEETINGS

6.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be prior to the first coaching session on the new season each year, 21 clear days written notice shall be given to Members of the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member at their home address or to their last advised email address. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least 14 days before a meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to Members not less than 10 days before the meeting.

6.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

6.2.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.

6.2.2 Receive and approve the audited accounts for the year from the Treasurer.

6.2.3 Receive the annual report of the Board from the Secretary.

6.2.4 Elect an auditor, currently the Treasurer of ACI.

6.2.5 Elect the Officers of the Club (i.e. President; Chairperson; Secretary; Treasurer and other General Committee Members).

6.2.6 Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from Members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.

6.2.7 At the discretion of the Chairman items may also be taken for additional items at the AGM under "Any Other Business".

6.2.8 In the event of any decisions that might affect the future direction of the club, a further meeting can be called by the Chairperson or other Board Members inviting proxy postal votes from the full Board of ACI at a further meeting circa 21 days after the AGM to finally decide enactment or refusal of suggested votes at the AGM. All such alterations to await of said voting before enactment.

6.3 Nomination of candidates for election as Board Members shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations may be made by Board Members, qualified and registered Level 1 and Level 2 coaches, coaching Volunteer Assistants, and Volunteers and must be seconded by another from any the above categories

6.4 Special General Meetings may be convened by the Board or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing, from not less than 4 other members of the Club. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.

6.5 At all General Meetings, the chair will be taken by the Chairperson or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the Club or by Full Members attending the meeting.

6.6 Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those Full Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

6.7 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 2 Board Members and 2 Officers of the Board including 1 from the Chairperson; Secretary and Treasurer.

7 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

7.1 Any proposed alteration of the Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened for that purpose with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Board Member and seconded by another Board Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Board Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

8 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

8.1 Members of the Club 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 any entrance fee and subscriptions in place may be forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the management committee with regard to any decision affecting themselves, provided that notice of such appeal be submitted to the Secretary, in writing, within seven days of notification of the original decision.

9 DISSOLUTION

9.1 If at any General Meeting of the Club, a motion be approved calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club, in accordance with the rules, to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

9.2 If the Special General Meeting resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Board Members present at the meeting, the Board shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

9.3 CHARITABLE DISOLUTION CLAUSE After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Board Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred any similar organisation with the same or similar objectives to the Club and failing that to the Angling Trust for redistribution to other AT approved coaching operations.

SIGNED Chris Burt ACI Chairman

..... Date Changes 23.3.24

Safeguarding & Risk Assessment Policy

This is now also all incorporated into our Constitution.

1. Safeguarding Policy

As per Appendix 4 in the Constitution ACI Safeguarding Policy. A comprehensive look at all aspects of the subject.

2. Safeguarding Risk

Assessment As per Appendix 5 in the Constitution Safeguarding Risk Assessment-detailed coverage of all the subjects we need to consider.

3. Generic Risk Assessment

As per Appendix 6 in the Constitution The Risk Assessment for the particular water we are fishing