PAXMAN'S ANGLING CLUB



GENERAL RULES

- Notice boards are present at all fisheries. Notices and temporary restrictions displayed shall take priority over any
 existing club rules. It is an anglers responsibility to check the notice board, upon each visit, to ensure any
 temporary rules and notices are abided by.
- 2. Members to observe all Environment Agency bylaws, including having in their possession a valid rod license.
- 3. Membership cards must be carried when fishing on club waters. Any member, club official or landowner has the right to request to see club membership cards.
- 4. All persons under the age of 16 (i.e. a junior member) must be accompanied by an adult member.
- 5. All vehicles must be parked in the places provided, or in a position where they cause no obstruction and must have an official parking permit on display in a prominent position.
- 6. The Club shall not be liable to members for any inconvenience, loss or damage wheresoever or howsoever caused to any member's equipment or member's vehicle brought upon the fisheries, or upon any premises controlled by the Club.
- 7. No angler shall under any circumstances be accompanied by a dog, carry a gun, approach or leave the waters by any other route than by the recognised footpaths.
- 8. No angler shall make use of a radio/television/music player etc. unless it is;
 - a. with earphones where it is safe to do so (eg. visual bite indication is in place) or
 - b. at a level low enough not to disturb other anglers
- 9. Great care must be taken not to disturb game or to cause inconvenience to, the property of the owner who grants the members fishing rights.
- 10. No gates to be left unfastened, no growing crops of any kind to be crossed.
- 11. No fences or hedges will be cut, displaced, or damaged.
- 12. No alteration or rectification of banks or bank sides without consent of the committee.
- 13. No litter to be left about, members will be held responsible for the cleanliness of the immediate area from which they are fishing whether the litter is their own or not.
- 14. Consumption of alcohol is only to be in strict moderation.
- 15. The consumption of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
- 16. No open fires or BBQ's. Gas fires, or enclosed burners are permitted but must not mark the ground in anyway.
- 17. Match waters concerned are closed to all members from midnight on the day prior to day matches and midday for evening matches. Details of matches can be found on the club fixture list.
- 18. Rods must not be left unattended, if an audible alarm/remote receiver and freespool reel (or equivalent) is used, you must still be within 33M (100ft).
- 19. No angler to occupy more than one swim with any item of tackle at water's edge.
- 20. The reservation of swims is not permitted by any means. This includes leaving the lake with tackle occupying a swim ie. setting up, going to work, and returning later in the day. Tackle left unattended, will be removed from the swim to enable other anglers' access.
- 21. No angler may occupy a swim for longer than 96 hours.
- 22. A maximum of 2 rods to be used on all club waters, except for Home Farm where 3 rods may be used, provided the correct EA rod licence is held.
- 23. Bait Boats are banned on all waters with the exemption of Home Farm.
- 24. No live baiting on club waters except for at Home Farm, and, Wix 2 for Catfish only.
 - a. Live bait must be caught from the water you are fishing from.
 - b. Single hooks only to be used.
 - c. The live bait must be hooked through a nostril hole and out of the mouth and retained by a rubber pad.
- 25. All anglers must be in possession of, any use for all fish, an unhooking mat with the minimum dimensions of 100cms x 70cms x 2.5cms.

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- 26. Specimen anglers (Carp/Catfish/Pike) must use at least 42" landing net.
- 27. Anglers fishing Home Farm or Wix 2, must have a suitably sized unhooking mat for catfish, and carry gloves for unhooking/landing Catfish.
- 28. Catfish may only be retained, with the permission of a club official and they will guide you on retaining methods.
- 29. Keepnets must be to EA specification and no fish over 6lb to be put in a keepnet without the permission of a club official.
- 30. Unauthorised moving of fish between venues (inc. between reservoirs at Wix) will result in an immediate lifetime ban and is a criminal offence which will be reported and pursued.
- 31. Retaining of specimen carp must be via a suitable retention sling and for a maximum of 4 hours, in a suitable depth of water.
- 32. Barbless/semi-barded trebles only, to be used for Pike and Perch. Treble hooks may not be used for Catfish.
- 33. Dead baiting for Pike is only allowed from 1st October to 31st March. When dead baiting, bite indication which shows drop-back bites must be used at all times. Lure fishing is allowed all year.
- 34. Anglers fishing for Pike must carry long forceps and hook cutters.
- 35. No standing when photographing fish, and unhooking mats must be placed under the fish when photographing.
- 36. No keepnets to be used during the months of March, April, May, June and July on all waters, except from club matches.
- 37. Braided mainlines are permitted but especially for large Carp, suitable flank protection must be used (eg. Rig Tubing).
- 38. The committee reserves the right to suspend or confiscate the membership card of any member not complying with the club rules or whose conduct is prejudicial to the wellbeing of this club and no refund of club fees will be made.