

BY-LAWS

- a) **Any member failing to observe any of the following By-laws shall be liable to suffer disciplinary measures as in Rule 7(a) of the Constitution of the Club.**
- b) **All of the following By-laws are subject to the individual rules affecting each water.**
 1. Litter is not to be left by any member. Each member shall be held responsible for any litter found in the vicinity of his chosen place of fishing whether it has been left by him or not. Likewise discarded line, shot, hooks, tin cans, glass bottles and plastic bags shall be considered litter.
 2. No entertainment equipment is to be used on Club waters other than those used with personal headphones.
 3. Boats and guns are strictly forbidden on Club waters or property, unless under the control of an officer of the Club.
 4. Open fires are forbidden on Club waters or property, unless under the control of an officer of the Club.
 5. All Barbel caught must be returned to the water immediately after weighing. Carp and all other species of 5lb and over must not be retained in any form of keep-net. The weighing of any fish must be done using a properly designed weigh-net or sling. The welfare of the fish is paramount at all times.
 6. Bivvies/umbrellas are allowed on Club waters. However, access must be available to Club members to walk past the bivvy/umbrella. Common sense must prevail and any disputes must be brought before the Head Bailiff to resolve. Bivvies/umbrellas must be a colour sympathetic to the surroundings. Other types of tents are not permitted.
 7. No fish are to be transferred from, or to, any Club water. All fish are to be returned alive, except fish under 6 inches which can be used for live baiting, and in season but always subject to a valid licence.
 8. No excess bait is to be thrown into the water or left on the bank side. This shall be classed as litter.
 9. Every member must have in his possession whilst fishing Club waters a disgorger or forceps, unhooking mat and a landing net of knotless construction and at least 15 inches (37.5cm) wide, a current membership warrant and a valid EA rod and line licence. Unhooking mats must be of a suitable size and design for the species you may encounter when fishing.
 10. Where keep-nets are permitted, they must conform to the latest EA requirements.
 11. No baited tackle is to be left unattended at any time, whether in or out of the water.
 12. Members are to fish with no more than two rods at any time, the rods being no more than two metres apart, other than in the context of Rule 30.
 13. No swim is to be occupied unless being fished. The leaving of tackle in order to reserve a swim is strictly forbidden.
 14. Strictly no multi-hook rigs to be used (with the exception of wire trace snap tackle for Pike, though Pike anglers are requested to use single hooks on a wire trace where possible).
 15. Fishing on all Club Waters (except where night fishing is allowed) is restricted to that time between one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Where night fishing is allowed, only bank side illumination for the purpose of baiting up or unhooking is permitted.
 16. Any form of Bean, Pulse (pea) or Nut baits are strictly forbidden.
 17. Dogs are strictly forbidden on Club waters or property.
 18. No swimming or bathing in Club waters.
 19. Certain sizes of lead shot are now illegal. Members must ensure that they comply with the law. Leads smaller than 1 ounce are currently illegal.
 20. No gaff hooks, gorge hooks or jaggings (stroke hauling). No bent hooks or fixed leads for Carp fishing or fixed frame feeder rigs to be used on Club waters.
 21. Bad Language, shouting and running is strictly forbidden.
 22. Membership warrants are not transferable. Members found transferring tickets will be

expelled. An up to date photograph must be provided with a new membership application. Membership renewals will be prompted for an updated photo when deemed necessary by the membership secretary.

23. Boilies should only be used in moderation.
24. Any Club member showing his own membership warrant can challenge any other person to produce his membership warrant, or exchange book. Members should do this in order to ensure only bona-fide Club members fish our waters.
25. Members must abide by the country code, as well as the fishing code, paying particular attention to the shutting and locking of gates and the protection of property.
26. Juniors when night fishing, must be accompanied by an Adult Member or Non-fishing Member, each of eighteen years of age or over, who shall be responsible for their charges conduct and safety at all times. They must be fishing in adjacent swims and no further apart. Members under the age of eighteen years shall be deemed by the club to have obtained the consent of their parent or guardian when fishing at any time.
27. No riding of bicycles around Club waters or on Club land.
28. No Pike Fishing between 1st June and 30th September inclusive, on all club lakes. Live baits must be 6 inches or less and be used in the water that they were caught from. No shop bought coarse fish dead baits, only sea dead baits to be used.
29. No alcohol or illegal substances to be taken onto Club waters or properties.
30. A third rod may be used from the same peg from 1st November to the last day of February on the following Lakes: - Marchwood, Embley and Nutsey. If using a third rod, a 3 rod or 2x2 rod Environment Agency licence is required. When fishing for Pike two rods only.
31. When fishing for specimen Pike and Carp, a landing net with arms of not less than 32 inches (81cm.) must be used. Anglers must also have in use an unhooking mat.
32. Marker floats must be immediately removed from the water after casting out your last baited rod.
33. The use of imitation baits mimicking any natural BANNED bait is also banned, i.e., Tiger Nuts & Peanuts. (See bylaw 16)
34. Spinners must be over one and a half inches/35mm. long when used on the River Blackwater to protect the native Trout.
35. In the event of a river being unfishable for the purpose of holding a match, Embley Lake will be used as the reserve venue; however, the water will not be closed.
36. Club officials have the authority to ask any angler to reel in and check terminal tackle.
37. Visiting Exchange Book Holders from other Clubs are not permitted to fish at night on any Club waters and are restricted to fish to that time between one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
38. Bait Boats are strictly forbidden on Club waters or property.