

COPY OF THE LATEST RULES AS AMMENDED AGM 2026

Please ensure you are familiar with all these rules. The club operates a policy of friendly angling and aims to provide facilities to be proud valid proof of membership of. The club has a safeguarding policy which is in the clubhouse at Falklands where there is also a copy of the Angling Trust rules governing matches.

General Rules

1. All members and guests must hold a current rod licence before fishing.
2. No member shall move or remove fish from any water without the specific permission of the committee or the fishery officer.
3. The committee have the right to exclude any new applicant for membership without disclosing the reason.
4. Members are bound by these rules and the committee decision on any infringement of these rules is binding on members.
5. A landlord of a leased water also has the right to exclude from the water any person he believes to be detrimental to the property or the club.
6. Persons on club waters must be in possession of valid proof of membership and must produce it upon request of any member. In the event that they cannot produce valid proof of membership they must leave the water immediately unless they can be vouched for by a member who has valid proof of membership on them. All members have the power to ask to see valid proof of membership and should check unfamiliar faces.
7. All club fees and fines must be paid in full before a member can fish.
8. Entry to any water must be made by the official entrance and vehicles left in the parking area provided.
9. Any member guilty of leaving litter or discarded tackle will be liable to expulsion from the club
10. A members wife, partner or one child under 16 years of age is permitted to fish from the same swim or adjacent swim if not required by another member.
11. The committee reserves the right to amend these rules at any time but due notice shall be circulated to members
12. Able bodied members are allowed to fish from the disabled platforms but must give priority to a disabled member if requested.
13. Members must at all times respect the landlords property, crops and livestock.
14. ~~Senior~~ Members are not allowed to fish the junior lake at Falklands without the permission of the fishery manager.
15. Junior members must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
16. Dogs are only allowed at club waters with permission of the committee.

17. WORK PARTIES

- a) All members must attend a minimum of two work parties per year. Failure to do so will result in a fine being imposed in line with current fees.
- b) If a member feels unable to attend any work parties through illness or frailty then they should communicate that to the committee in order to avoid fines being imposed. Almost all members are able to contribute to work parties. Most of the work is not strenuous and allowances will be made for age or infirmity. Work parties are on Sundays between 8am and 1 pm.. Please make an effort to assist with work parties.
- c) New members in their initial year are not compelled to do work parties.

18. CLOSE SEASON

- a) On waters exclusively owned or leased by the club for which there is not a statutory close season. The committee may in the interests of fishery management recommend a close season for any specific period between the dates of 1st March to 1st June in any year and advise members of such dates.
- b) Where the club has exclusive use the above applies but does not supersede terms imposed by the landlord.
- c) Where the club does not have exclusive use the terms and conditions imposed by the landlord will apply
- d) On any waters not covered by the above rules the statutory provisions in force at the time shall apply
- e) The agreed close season provided for within these rules will be binding on all members.
- f) The committee has further power to close any or all waters in the interests of fishery management or other emergency at any other time.

g) **19. HOOKS**

- a) Only barbless hooks are allowed. Contravening this rule may result in expulsion.
- b) No treble hooks.
- c) No hook larger than a Size 6 is permitted at Falklands and no larger than a size 4 at other waters.

20. WEIGHTS

- a) lead weights of between 0.06 grams and 28.35 grams are banned on all club waters
- b) All ledger weights and feeders must not be fixed, and be able to move on the mainline.

21. KEEPNETS / LANDING NETS

- a) Keepnets are allowed on club waters provided that they are 2.5 Mtrs long and 50cm diameter if round or 2.5 Mtrs long and 50cm X 40cm if rectangular.
- b) All keepnets and landing nets must be dry on entry to the water.
- c) Keepnets are only permitted at Lowlands & Biggins for silverfish only between 1st November and 31st March. No carp of any size are to be put in keepnets at Lowlands
- d) Fish may be retained in a keepnet for a maximum of six and a half hours including weighing in
- e) F1s and Carp over 1lb should be placed in a separate keepnet from any other fish. All other fish including F1s under 1lb to be kept in a second separate net
- f) Grass Carp are not to be placed in nets (in matches they will count as 10lb provided witnessed).
- g) No net should contain more than 50lb of fish.
- h) A minimum of two keepnets must be used at Falklands if you intend on retaining fish

22. LINE

- a) Braided line is not permitted. It is allowed as a hooklength up to a maximum length of 18".
- b) Mono reel line should be a maximum of 8lbs breaking strain at Falklands and 15lb at Lowlands and Biggins
- c) In all cases the hook length should be of a lesser breaking strain than the reel line and tackle should be appropriately balanced.

23. FISH WELFARE

- a) Fish should only be handled with wet hands, do not squeeze or put undue pressure on a fish when handling. Fish should not be placed directly on the ground.
- b) Fish should be placed in the water not thrown or dropped.
- c) All fish except small silver fish should be landed with a landing net
- d) When fishing at Biggins and Lowlands you must have a minimum 20" landing net and if placing fish on the ground an unhooking mat

24. BAIT

- a) **All unused bait is to be taken home.**
- b) High oil pellets or pellet powders (including Trout, Halibut, Salmon or similar) are banned on all club fisheries
- c) Boilies and Halibut Pellets are permitted but only as a hookbait, neither bait is to be fed
- d) Bloodworm and jokers are banned on all club waters
- e) The following deadbaits are permitted on club waters
 - i) Fresh sea dead baits
 - ii) Frozen shop bought dead baits (sea or freshwater)

- f) Live bait is allowed but only up to 4 inches long and must be roach, rudd or perch caught and humanely dispatched on the day you are fishing.
- g) There is no limit on groundbait use but the position will be monitored through water quality and trust that members will respect the fish and the fisheries
- h) Lure fishing is permitted on club waters
- i) **For lure fishing ONLY** braid reel line up to 10lb breaking strain is permitted provided it is used with a mono / fluorocarbon leader having a maximum breaking strain of 50% of the reel line strength.
- j) When lure fishing a single barbless hook must be used and the effective gape outside the lure body must not exceed 10mm (this being the approx. the gape of a size 6 hook) **Treble hooks are strictly forbidden**
- k) The use of floating baits is prohibited on all club waters. Any bait intended to remain or presented on the surface of the water (including but not limited to bread, dog biscuits, pop-up rigs designed to float, or surface lures) is not allowed. All bait must be fished subsurface.

25. MATCHES

- a) When a club match or home competition match is scheduled no member may fish the water between midnight and the end of the match unless taking part in the match.
- b) There will be no closure of the waters for friendly or unofficial matches. The committee may allow closure of a water for a such matches subject to giving two week's notice via a newsletter or notice board
- c) All matches are fished under Angling Trust rules and additionally any rules specific to that competition
- d) Any net in a match that holds more than 50lb of fish will be weighed as 50lb in line with rule 21.
- e) In the event of a dispute the Match Secretary's decision is final.
- f) Club matches are open to all members and an optional pool may be held.

26. GENERAL FISHING

- a) No fishing at Lowlands and Biggins Lake between sunset and sunrise.
- b) An angler is permitted to fish up to half way across a lake and if the adjacent swim is un-occupied you can fish up to the near side of the adjacent empty peg Most matches will be pegged alternate pegs. In this situation you can fish up to the near side of the adjacent empty peg only
- c) Where the adjacent peg is occupied you can only fish half way to the next peg. This rule applies to matches and pleasure anglers.
- d) No radios or similar appliances are allowed unless listened to via headphones.
- e) No firearms are permitted on club waters without the specific and written permission of the committee
- f) Members are allowed to fish with a maximum of two rods at All Venues subject to the following conditions:
 - i. At least one of the rods must be equipped with a freespool type reel or fished with open bale arm.
 - ii. Rods to be attended at all times when they are in the water.

27. GUEST TICKETS

Guest tickets are available in order for members to fish with a friend or relative subject to the following conditions:

- a) Guest Tickets are permitted at all club lakes
- b) Tickets for Falklands, Lowlands and Biggins are all available through Reeled In (Pete's Tackle). Tickets for Falklands only are also available at Falklands within the club hut.
- c) The cost of a guest ticket is £5.
- d) Only one guest ticket per member per day at Lowlands and a maximum of 2 per member per day at Falklands and Biggins
- e) Only one guest per day at Lowlands and two at Biggins on any single day (first come first served).
- f) Only three guest tickets are allowed for the same guest individual in any season unless sanctioned by the committee.