BOURLEY FLY FISHING CLUB (BFFC)
CLUB RULES *RULE*

1: MEMBERSHIP

a. The Membership is limited to the numbers that the Fishery will properly support and is made up with the following priorities:

(1) **Priority One** - all serving personnel including Reserves, current MOD Civil Servants and serving members of the Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance and NHS).
(2) **Priority Two** - veterans, retired and ex MOD Civil Servants and dependents of Serving Personnel.
(3) **Priority Three** - civilian members (very limited numbers allocated on a rod availability basis).

b. The two levels of membership are half and full rods. The number of Half rods is strictly limited and they are not routinely allocated, applications for half rods must be supported by a justification. Membership is not transferable and cannot be shared.

c. The rod list will be made up in March and should the number of applications received exceed the number allowed allocation will be in accordance with Rule 1a. The Committee will make a final decision.

d. **Membership Cards**. All members are issued with a membership card and they are required to carry the original card with them when fishing at the lakes.

e. Members may be required to show their membership cards by an authorized person, (i.e. Environment Agency official, Club Bailiff, Secretary or any other club members, Defence Organisation official, MOD Police Officer)

f. **Surrender of Membership**. The Committee, at their discretion, may refund a proportion of the annual subscription of a member who is compelled to resign for valid reasons. The membership vacancy so surrendered may be re-allocated by the Committee to an applicant on the waiting list. Members are NOT permitted to hand over membership to friends without the agreement of the committee.

g. **Gate Keys.** When members do not renew or membership is surrendered, gate keys must be returned to the secretary.

h. After a period of two months following the expiry of their membership, if the gate keys have not been returned, the deposit paid will be forfeit.

i. If a gate key is lost by a current member, the fee charged for a replacement key will be £50, which is not refundable. The original deposit of £20 will be transferred to the new key.

RULE 2: ENVIRONMENT AGENCY FISHING LICENCE aaaa

a. All members and their guests must be in possession of a valid Environment Agency Fishing License (valid for non-migratory trout). This may be obtained online or from post offices.

RULE 3: ATTENDANCE & CATCH REPORTING

a. **Logging in and Out** - All members are to log in and out by ringing the Longmoor Operations Room every time they visit and leave the lakes. The telephone number for the Operations Room is: 074845 16900.

b. If returning later in the day, members must log in again. This counts as one day, the daily catch limit must not be exceeded.

c. **On-Line Catch Reporting System** – This is the preferred system for use by members. Members using this system are to complete the on-line form to record their visit and catch, NIL returns are also to be recorded on completion of fishing every time they visit the lakes.

d. If they return later in the same day because they have not caught their daily catch limit, they are required to complete the form a second time.

e. Members Guest catches may also be entered using this system. Enter the guest name (in the members name box) and the guest ticket number (in the membership number box). Please add your name and membership number in the Comments box.

f. Any member requiring the link for the online recording system should email the secretary, who will send them the link and installation instructions.

g. **Email Catch Reporting System—Members** using the email recording system should send their completed returns to the email address: bourleyreturns@gmail.com.

h. An example of the preferred format for submissions is shown below.

Catch Return		**Date Fished:**		
Member No:		**Members Name:**		
	Fish	**Weight**	**Type Rainbow**	**Fly Used**
	1st fish			
	2nd fish			
	3rd fish			
Enter Guest Name and Catch Details (if applicable)				
Guest Name:			**Guest Ticket No:**	
Peg	**Fish**	**Weight**	**Type Rainbow**	**Fly Used**
	1st fish			
	2nd fish			
	3rd fish			
Comments				

i. If you have a guest and use the email reporting system, please complete the guest section of the form.

RULE 4: SEASONS/DAYS/ENTITLEMENT

a. The season begins on the 1st day of April and ends on the 31st of March. Sunday is the first day of each fishing week.

b. **Full rods may fish any number of days. Half rods are limited to 3 days a week.**
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RULE 5: BAG LIMITS

a. Members.

(1) Full rods may take 3 fish per day to a maximum of 9 fish per week.

(2) HALF rods may take 3 fish per day to a maximum of 6 fish per week.

b. Guests. - A member and guest may share their combined total daily bag limit.

c. Visiting Service Personnel/ Short-Term Members—Their bag limits are 3 fish per day/visits.

d. The club operates a "catch and keep" policy. All fish hooked and landed are to be counted within the daily the bag limit. Fish are NOT to be returned to the water.

e. Fishing with barbless hooks is NOT permitted.

RULE 6: SHORT TERM MEMBERS, VISITORS AND GUESTS

Obtaining Guest Tickets

a. If you wish to take or think you want to take a guest fishing, please contact the secretary, email: bourleysecretary@gmail.com asking for a sheet of tickets. He will then send you a printable sheet of 4 numbered guest tickets.

b. Please note these tickets are in landscape format you may have to change the settings on your printer. They will print in portrait format but the ticket is much smaller.

c. Taking a Guest

a. When you take a guest, please use one of the tickets on the sheet (cutting one out of the sheet) and complete it.

d. Pre-Payment

a. Before you take the guest, pay the appropriate guest fishing fee by bank transfer. The club bank details are shown on the ticket. Use as the reference when making the transfer your family name and the guest ticket number, e.g., Bloggs 20/01.

e. When fishing, please ensure your guest has the completed ticket in their possession.

f. **On Completion of Your Day's Fishing**

a. When you have finished your day's fishing, please put the guest ticket in the black letterbox that has been fixed to the left-hand side (when facing the hut) of the hut. This letter box is marked "For Guest Tickets only".

b. Do **NOT** put any money or anything of value in this box.

g. Obtaining Additional Tickets

a. As and when you have used the initial sheet of 4 tickets, and if you want more, email the secretary requesting an additional sheet.

h. **Visiting/Attached Service Personnel**. Serving personnel visiting Aldershot on temporary duty may be granted day tickets to a total of two per week or alternatively they may apply for short-term membership for up to three months. Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary. (email: bourleysecretary@gmail.com).

i. **Guests.** A member may take one guest a day, on any entitled fishing day and on payment of the guest fee.

j. The member must accompany his guest at all times when fishing and is responsible that the guest observes these Fishery Rules.

k. **Fees.** The current Visitor/Guest Fee is displayed on the website and is also included on the Guest Ticket.

l. The requirements to be in possession of an Environment Agency fishing license are to be observed. Juniors under the age of 13 do not need a license. Licenses for Juniors between 13 and 16 are free. These can be obtained online through the Environment Agency website.

RULE 7: TACKLE

a. ONE rod and line at a time is permitted.

b. Only flies dressed on a single hook NOT larger than a size 10 (2x) long shank may be used.

c. Fished with a floating line, two or three fly setups are permitted, consisting of one or two suspended flies such as buzzers or nymphs and a floating fly (or bite indicator).

D. The use of any bait (maggots, worms, etc.) is prohibited.

e. All forms of ground baiting are prohibited.

RULE 8: WADING, USE OF BOATS, THE DAM AREAS, AND FIREARMS

a. Wading, fishing from a boat or from the dam areas is prohibited.

b. No member may take or use any type of firearm, including air guns, catapults, slings, and crossbows, onto MOD land.

RULE 9: DOGS

a. Dogs are discouraged and should on no account be allowed to wander loose or enter the water.

RULE 10: LITTER

a. Members are required to take all litter home. Particular attention is to be given to discarded nylon, which poses a hazard to wild life.

b. Fish must not be gutted in the Rod Hut or on the banks of the lakes.

RULE 11: CARS

a. Cars are NOT allowed to be driven beyond the parking area located to the NORTH of the main reservoir.

RULE 12: CORMORANTS

a. All sightings are to be recorded in the log (numbers, dates and times, and what the bird(s) are doing, e.g., roosting, feeding). This is particularly important, as the granting of a special license to cull cormorants is linked to the number of recorded/reported sightings.

RULE 13: BOOKING IN AND OUT

a. All members are required to phone the Longmoor Operations Room on arrival and departure of Bourley Lakes. Tel: 074845 16900

RULE 14: CHANGE TO THE FISHERY RULES

a. These rules may be varied from time to time by the Committee.

RULE 15: STANDARDS OF DRESS

Rule 16: Small lake rules

The small lake is operated as a catch-and-release lake. Rule 17 is only applicable to the small lake. All other rules, apart from rule

a. Only small barbless hooks are permitted.

b. Use of dry is permitted all year. Use of a small nymph is permitted through the winter months of November until the end of April.

c. All undamaged fish are to be returned, and where possible, unhooked in the net and in the water.

d. If hooks are too deep and removal will lead to injury, fish are to be killed and reported on the catch return form.

e. Once hooked, bring the fish to the net as quickly as possible. A rubber mesh landing net is to be used.

f. If you need to handle the fish, make sure your hands are wet and avoid squeezing the fish. Do not remove the fish from the water for photography.

g. Be patient. as the fish can take several minutes to recover before release. Wait until the fish recovers enough to swim away.

h. High water temperature can greatly reduce survival rates.

Rule 17: Compliance

All members are requested to adhere to these rules and by accepting membership into the Bourley Fly Fishing Club, you agree to do so.

The committee reserves the right to withdraw an individual's membership where there is evidence of deliberate disregard.