



## **RULES OF THE CLUB**

(as amended AGM 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015)

- 1 : 1** The Club shall be called the Haslingden & District Fly Fishing Club.
- : 2** **It shall be the duty of every member of the Club to read and familiarize themselves with the Club Rules and the Health & Safety Policy Statement of the Club. Ignorance of either the Club Rules or the Policy Statement or any part thereof will not be accepted as an excuse for any infringement.**
- 2 :** The objects of the Club are:-  
To obtain trout and other game fishing waters for the use of members.  
To pursue other such projects as the members may from time to time determine.
- 3 : 1** The business of the Club shall be conducted by:-  
The President  
The Chairman  
The Honorary Secretary  
The Honorary Treasurer  
The Honorary Membership Secretary  
A Committee of a minimum of six elected members
- : 2** The President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Membership Secretary shall be elected for two years.
- : 3** In 1971 and in subsequent years, three members shall be elected to the committee each year to serve for two years.
- : 4** Subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, the Officials and Committee shall remain in office until their successors are appointed at the Annual General Meeting next following the expiration of the periods for which they are elected.
- : 5** Retiring officials and members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
- : 6** The officials and Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy or vacancies that may occur, pending the election of a member or members at the next Annual General Meeting, to fill such vacancy or vacancies.
- : 7** The Quorum at all meetings shall be five.
- 4 : 1** There shall be five trustees of the Club elected by the members and they shall respectively hold office until death or resignation, unless removed from office by a resolution of the committee or members.
- : 2** Any casual vacancies by of the Trustees shall be filled by the Committee and the person to be so nominated shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting after such appointment when they shall retire, but they may be reappointed by the members at such meeting.
- 5 : 1** The property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees and they shall deal with the property as directed by resolution of the Committee, of which entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence.
- : 2** The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club's property.
- 6 : 1** A banking account shall be maintained on behalf of the Club and the bank shall be empowered to honor cheques drawn on the account signed by any two of the approved panel of signatories.
- 7 : 1** The Annual General Meeting shall be held in February each year.
- : 2** Not less than fourteen days notice of this meeting shall be given to all full members.
- : 3** Junior members shall not be eligible to attend committee meetings of the Club unless by invitation of the committee and junior members aged 11 years or less shall not be eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Club nor in any event shall junior members be entitled to vote on any issue.
- 8 : 1** Members having business to place on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall send written particulars of the same to the Secretary not later than 15<sup>th</sup> January in each year.

**9** : 1 That on a requisition being signed by twenty full members for a special General Meeting to be summoned, that the same shall be convened within fourteen days after the receipt by the secretary of such requisition.

**10** : 1 Subscriptions shall be determined by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

: 2 There shall be the following categories of membership:-

Adult

Family

Old Age Pensioner

Junior

: 3 The Family membership will be the cost of the Adult membership subscription plus £10.

: 4 The Family i.e. Adult and Junior, will share the normal adult catch limit.

: 5 The Old Age Pensioner (concessionary) membership subscription is fixed at £25 less than the Adult membership subscription.

: 6 Members will not be eligible for any Old Age Pensioner (concessionary) subscription without 5 years previous continuous membership, prior to application for any concession.

: 7 After the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008, all new members will not be eligible for any Old Age Pensioner (concessionary) subscription.

: 8 Junior membership will only apply to members whose age is under 17 years at the commencement of the season i.e. the 15<sup>th</sup> March in each year.

**11** : 1 New members joining the Club on or after the first day of June 1966 must pay an entrance fee of such sum as the Annual General Meeting shall from year to year determine but current Junior members on becoming Adult members shall not be liable to such an entrance fee.

: 2 In the event of the Annual General Meeting not agreeing a new sum then the amount fixed at the last Annual General Meeting shall continue in force until so changed and such sum shall be payable by any new member in addition to the annual subscription.

: 3 Such entrance fee will not be returnable under any circumstances.

: 4 New junior members may be admitted to the Club at any time of the year.

: 5 All new members must attend a New Members meeting before membership is confirmed and in the event of Junior members joining the Club part-way through the season, they must attend the next convenient committee meeting for such formalities.

**12** : 1 The number of Adult "annual" members (including Old Age Pensioner & Adult Family Members) will be restricted to 200 or such other number of members as the Committee shall in their absolute discretion determine from time to time.

: 2 The number of Junior members (Family or otherwise) will be restricted to 20 or such other number of members as the Committee shall in their absolute discretion determine from time to time.

: 3 When visiting the reservoir premises or any other trout or game fishing waters used by the members, Junior members must at all times be accompanied by a responsible adult.

: 4 Any infringement of this rule shall render the offending Junior member liable to expulsion from the Club.

**13** : 1 All applications for membership received after 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008 shall be made by completing and signing an application form provided by the Membership Secretary, for the approval of the Committee.

**14** : 1 Membership of the Club shall extend from the first day of March each year until the last day of February in the following year.

**15** : 1 Subscriptions for the forthcoming season are due on the first day of January of that year.

: 2 Any member failing to pay by the last day of January shall automatically cease to be a member of the Club.

**16** : 1 New members must pay all subscriptions and other monies due upon being admitted to the Club.

**17** : 1 The financial year for the Club shall end on the last day of October each year.

**18** : 1 Erection by the Club or any member of the Club of any structure or works of any description whatever, without the prior authority of the waterworks engineer, shall be prohibited..

: 2 This rule includes tents of any description.

**19** : 1 Shooting or any sport other than fishing shall be prohibited.

**20** : 1 No dogs or other animals shall be brought on the premises and birds, birds' nests and other wildlife shall not be interfered with.

- 21** : 1 The Club shall keep the premises in a clean and tidy condition and no litter or refuse of any description must be left on the reservoir premises by any member of the Club or their guests.
- 22** : 1 One toilet will be provided on each side of the reservoir and members and their guests must make use of these facilities when required.  
: 2 When not in use, the toilets must remain locked.  
: 3 Suitable padlocks will be fitted and keys or a code will be provided to members.
- 23** : 1 Members shall, as far as possible, prevent trespass and ensure only authorized persons fish.  
: 2 Members must challenge any strangers present on the Reservoir premises.
- 24** : 1 Members shall, as far as possible, avoid interference or damage to the banks or other property of United Utilities plc.
- 25** : 1 No member must in any way foul or interfere with the catchment or drainage channels, or any other property belonging to United Utilities plc.
- 26** : 1 Should any member accidentally cause any damage, they must report the same immediately to the Reservoir Supervisor and to the Club Secretary.
- 27** : 1 Access to the Reservoir must be made by the gate specified by United Utilities plc, which must be locked after they have gained admittance.  
: 2 They must leave by the same gate and again lock the gate on leaving. Keys or a code to be provided by the Club.
- 28** : 1 All members must sign the attendance & catch register (which is kept in the cabin) at the commencement and cessation of fishing.  
: 2 In addition, members must record in the said register the total number of fish that have been caught in that session.
- 29** : 1 Junior members will be provided with a key or a code, for use by their supervising adult.  
: 2 The supervising adult will be responsible for signing the attendance & catch register (which is kept in the cabin) at the commencement and cessation of fishing.  
: 3 The supervising adult must record in the said register the total number of fish that have been caught in that session.  
: 4 The supervising adult will be responsible for the security of United Utilities premises, the cabin and toilets.  
: 5 Junior members attaining the age of sixteen years will be allowed to fish unsupervised but this condition does not cover supervision of other juniors or using a boat.  
: 6 A key or a code will be provided for booking in.
- 30** : 1 All members shall produce certificates of membership and Environment Agency rod licenses on the request of any authorized officer of United Utilities plc, or any other member of the Club.
- 31** : 1 One rod only to be used by any member at any one time.  
: 2 Single hooks only, up to a maximum size 8, may be used (i.e. no doubles, trebles or tandems).  
: 3 All hooks must be barbless or debarbed.  
: 4 Rods must be held at all times.
- 32** : 1 Fly fishing only is allowed.  
: 2 Members shall not use bubble floats or keep nets.  
: 3 Ground baiting is prohibited.  
: 4 Members shall carry and use landing nets at all times.
- 33** : 1 Wading in the reservoir is prohibited.
- 34** : 1 No fish to be taken under 11 inches, to be measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.  
: 2 No more than three sizeable trout to be taken per days fishing and not more than six sizeable trout to be taken per weeks fishing.  
: 3 Members must cease fishing when three trout have been killed in any one day.  
: 4 Fishing for the week must cease when six fish have been killed.  
: 5 A week for the purpose of this rule shall commence each Sunday at midnight.  
: 6 This rule will be subject to revision annually.

- 35** : 1 The permitted hours for fishing are from dawn to dusk during the period from:-  
(a) The 15<sup>th</sup> March until the last day of September that same year for brown trout.  
(b) The 15<sup>th</sup> March until the last day of February the following year for rainbow trout, at the Committee's discretion.
- 36** : 1 For a period up to and including the Friday following a stocking (including the day of the stocking) the committee shall have power to restrict fishing to parts of the reservoir as the committee in their absolute discretion determine.  
: 2 Details of the restricted areas will be posted in the cabin and appropriate warnings displayed on the banks of the reservoir.
- 37** : 1 A maximum of six day tickets shall be issued to members of the public and the cost of such tickets shall be such sum as the committee shall have power to determine from time to time at their absolute discretion.  
: 2 Day tickets will not be issued during the opening day of the Brown Trout season in March.
- 38** : 1 Club members and their official guests only are allowed to use club boats.  
: 2 An Adult member must accompany Junior members at all times when using a club boat.  
: 3 All members wishing to use a club boat must signify to other members by clearly writing "**boat**" in the comment column of the attendance & catch register.  
: 4 Club boats are not available to day ticket holders.  
: 5 Club boats cannot be reserved and are available on a "first come, first served" basis only.  
: 6 Care must be taken at all times to avoid damage to the Club boats and equipment. Any damage or loss must be reported to a bailiff (or Committee member) as soon as possible.  
: 7 No more than three persons are permitted at any time in any club boat.  
: 8 When fishing from a club boat, the fishing period is restricted to four hours which must be strictly observed. After fishing for a four hour period, the boat must be returned to the boat dock and made available for use by other members if required. If the boat is not required then the angler may continue fishing for a further four hour period or until recalled by a member wishing to use a club boat.  
: 9 Lone anglers fishing from a club boat must make their spare seats available to other members if requested.  
:10 Buoyancy jackets provided by the club, or members own buoyancy/life jackets must be worn at all times when afloat in a club boat.  
:11 Club boats must be launched in rotation using the nearest to centre boat first and leaving the centre of the mooring site clear for returning boats.  
:12 No boat shall approach within 40 yards (36.56 meters) from the bank, except when leaving or approaching the boat dock. Working party requirements or an emergency afloat are excepted.  
:13 The bay (as shown on the map of the reservoir) is deemed to be out of bounds to boat anglers at all times. Working party requirements or an emergency afloat are excepted.  
:14 Trolling is strictly forbidden at all times.  
:15 Sonar and/or electronic fish-finding equipment is strictly forbidden at all times.  
:16 Electric outboard motors only are allowed with Committee approval. A written request to the Committee must be given and permission obtained before members may use a suitable outboard.  
:17 If all anglers kill three fish (or reaches their weekly maximum of six fish killed), the boat must be returned to the boat dock and made available for use by other members.  
:18 When fishing has ceased, boats must be docked on the slipway with care, winched up to the moorings, securely chained and locked to the staples provided. When using the winch, care must be taken not to trap the cable in the winch gears or between the drum and winch frame. After use, the winch handle must be removed and placed in the oar storage box. The winch must then be covered with the plastic drum for weather protection.  
:19 The first boats to moor up must be pushed to each side of the mooring site, leaving the centre clear allowing following boats to be winched in.  
:20 After use, oars must be returned and locked into the oar storage box provided.  
:21 All litter must be removed from the boats and disposed of in a proper way.  
:22 Club buoyancy jackets and other equipment must be returned to the cabin.  
:23 Club buoyancy jackets must be put on the hangers provided and allowed to dry.
- 39** : 1 The Committee shall have power to request any member to resign and determine any membership, but for the purpose of this role, a vote of not less than two thirds of the Committee shall be necessary.  
: 2 Voting shall be by ballot.
- 40** : 1 The Committee shall have power to add to or alter these rules but any such additions or alterations will only have effect until the same have been confirmed at the Annual General Meeting or at a special General Meeting convened for the purpose, of which due notice must be given.