

## STANDING ORDERS

1. The club shall be known as Aycliffe Angling Club
2. The objective of the club shall be to foster angling and provide recreation for its members
3. The entire management of the club shall be conducted by the President, Vice Presidents, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary/s plus up to 10 others all with full voting powers (Chairman to have casting vote). All to be appointed annually with the exception of the President and Vice Presidents, who are appointed for life.
4. The posts of President, Vice Presidents, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will also carry the task of Trustee of the club. The function of the Trustee's will be in accordance with the Trustee Act 1925.
5. Five Committee members shall form a quorum. Bailiffs will make their reports to the Chairman and may attend meetings but shall not have voting powers. The number of bailiffs shall be decided at each AGM and be elected by the membership.
6. In the event of a vacancy arising in any office, the Committee shall have full power to elect any member of the club to fill such a vacancy.
7. The Committee shall have the power to discipline any member who shall offend against any rule of the club or whose behaviour shall, in the opinion of the Committee, render him/her unfit for membership of the club. Before any member is disciplined, the Committee must give the said member a written copy of the charges to be laid. A minimum of 7 days notice must be given to appear before a Disciplinary Committee made up of committee members appointed for that purpose. Any member found guilty of such charges shall have 21 days to request the right of appeal to an Appeals Committee, made up of committee members not involved in the original disciplinary hearing. Any such request must be forwarded in writing and should give valid reasons as to why an appeal is being requested.
8. The Committee shall have the power to refuse membership to anyone, without giving a reason.
9. No Committee member shall serve if he/she is currently serving as a Committee member of another club and there is known to be a conflict of interest.
10. The financial year of the club shall be from 1st January to 31st December.
11. Full membership shall be at a rate determined at each AGM and will run from 1st January to 31st December of each year. Any member not renewing their membership before the date of the AGM each year shall cease to be a member and will be required to pay a joining fee as a new applicant. **Note:** membership renewals will not be accepted at the AGM
12. Membership shall be divided into the following financial groups
  - Full Rate** – Senior 16yrs and over
  - Reduced Rate** – Juniors up to but not including 16yrs
  - Senior Citizens 60yrs and over
13. Full voting powers granted to any member over 16 years of age.
14. Life membership may be granted at the AGM to any member who, in the opinion of the membership, has rendered a service warranting such a privilege.
15. A Honorarium shall be paid annually to: - Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary/s at an amount determined at the AGM.

16. Any reasonable 'Out of Pocket' expenses shall be reimbursed to club members whilst carrying out club business.
17. The Committee may borrow monies at any time and may pledge the assets of the club as security for any such loan.
18. In the event of a possible dissolution of the club, the President, Vice Presidents and other Trustees, will act in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Trustee Act 1925.
  - (i) If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution is passed, calling for the dissolution of the Club, a Special Meeting will be convened to discuss and vote on the resolution.
  - (ii) If at that Special Meeting, the resolution is carried, then the current Trustees shall thereupon proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.
  - (iii) After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall be sold and all proceeds then be distributed amongst the current membership.
19. **Bankers** – Barclays Bank PLC  
Cheques to be signed by any two of the following: - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary.
20. The club will donate each year the sum equal to the entries of the Fur & Feather Match for prizes.
21. The AGM shall be held on the second Tuesday in March each year to receive the Committee's report and financial statement for the preceding year and to alter any rule that may be required.  
To accept the resignation of the current Committee and to appoint a Committee for the forthcoming year.  
To appoint 2 auditors, into who's hands 21 days prior to the AGM, be delivered all relevant financial documents as may be necessary to prepare a financial report.
22. Rules governing Committee, AGM and EOGM are as follows: -
  - a) The Chairman or his deputy shall call order to the meeting  
A formal proposal to adopt Standing Orders will be made  
The Chairman to open the meeting.
  - b) **Quorums** – Committee Meetings (5 members) AGM's and/or EOGM's (9 members).
  - c) Meetings will be held as follows: -  
**AGM** – Second Tuesday in March each year  
**EOGM** – As and when required
  - d) No member in receipt of privileged information shall disclose or discuss such information with others or communicate with the media in any form.
23. An EOGM maybe called by any of the following means: -
  - a) By the resignation of 5 or more Committee members at one time.
  - b) At the discretion of the Officers.
  - c) At the discretion of the Committee.
  - d) By submission to the Secretary, a petition of 15 members signatures stating a reason for such a meeting. The Secretary shall give 14 days notice to the membership for such a meeting. EOGM can only be called to discuss one issue unless deemed otherwise by the Committee.
24. Notices of motions for all AGM's must be submitted to the Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting. Any other business will only be allowed at the Chairman's discretion.
25. Juniors to vote only on junior issues at General Meetings.

26. The Annual Presentation will be on the same day/date as the AGM if applicable.
27. All teams/individuals representing the club shall have it's/his/her entry fees paid by the club.
28. The junior matches will be sponsored each year at a figure determined by the Committee.
29. Where the club has exchange permits with other clubs/waters, the following rules shall apply: -
  - a) Exchange permits can be obtained from the Secretary
  - b) Members must deposit their club card with the Secretary
  - c) Members will only be allowed to have an exchange permit for one day and return permit the following day or by 10pm same day when fishing weekends.
  - d) Exchange permits can be booked in advance.
30. Bailiffs shall be empowered to seize club cards and close pegs except in matches where they must consult with the Match Secretary/s and/or the Pond Management Team.
31. Any person suspected of causing damage or pollution, must be reported immediately to the Secretary.
32. The Committee shall have the power to take all necessary steps to ensure that the lake and all land/property belonging to the club are adequately maintained.
33. Bailiffs shall be entitled to free membership of the club during their term as bailiff.
34. The membership of the club shall be restricted to a number determined by the AGM, although applications from member's relatives i.e. (son/daughter, grandson/daughter) will be automatically accepted, providing the said member has had 3 years continuous membership.
35. Any proposed alterations to the Club Constitution will only be considered at an Annual General Meeting. Any such proposal must be submitted and seconded by a Full Member. All alterations must be supported by no less than a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting.