



Sceptre Angling Club (Watford)

Rule Book

General Rules

1. The Club shall be known as Sceptre Angling Club (Watford).
2. The Club shall have a Club Committee consisting of the following Members: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. All three positions will be Trustees of the club and will be responsible for the Clubs Title Deeds. In addition to the Trustees there will be an Assistant Secretary, Water Management and Scalesman. Plus, other members as deemed appropriate by the Committee. All Members of the Club Committee shall be elected each year at an Annual General Meeting.
3. The Club Committee shall have the authority to decide on all matters relating to the Club. Any decisions must be passed by a majority vote at a meeting where not less than five Committee Members are present.
4. The Club shall hold a General Meeting at least twice per year. The Club Committee shall hold a Committee Meeting prior to each General Meeting. A record of attendance will be taken at all meetings.

General meetings will be held in April and June.
5. The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year. A Record of attendance will be taken. The Club year shall run from 1st May until 30th April each year.
6. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Club Committee. Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, at least one month's notice will be given to all Club Members
7. Rules or amendments to rules must be passed by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting or at any Extraordinary General Meeting called by the Committee. Proposals for new rules or alterations to rules must be received at least 30 days prior to the AGM or EGM.
8. Members not able to attend meetings may send a letter of apology concerning the absence to the Club Secretary. Such letters of apology will be considered by the Committee to count as an attendance at the meeting(s) to which the apology relates.
9. All Members attending an AGM shall be eligible to vote at that AGM.
10. Junior Members under the age of 13 shall not be entitled to vote at any Club Meetings.
11. All persons wishing to become a Member of the Club must be nominated and seconded by Club Members or the Committee and approved by the Committee. An application form shall be completed and forwarded to the Club Secretary.
12. No Member shall propose a new Member until he or she has been a Member of the Club for at least 12 months.
13. Only adult Members can propose Junior Members into the Club. That Member will be held responsible for the behaviour of the Junior Member.

14. Annual Subscriptions for membership of the Club will be set by the Committee each year. All subscriptions must be paid by the June General Meeting each year. Persons not subscribed by the June General Meeting will be deemed to have left the Club. Senior members (over 16) pay full price. Juniors, Ladies and Senior Citizens or Disabled pay a discounted price.
 - a. Junior pricing is age dependent.
 - i. Under 13 nominal £5
 - ii. 13-16 receive a 50% discount of the full price
 - iii. There is no Joining Fee for Juniors
 - b. Senior Citizens membership has its own specified rate (currently £40). To qualify you need to be retired and in receipt of government pension. It is based on the Government retirement age during the renewal year (currently 66).
15. All new Members joining the Club will pay an entrance fee as well as the annual subscription. The entrance fee shall be set by the Committee each year.
16. Proof of Club membership must be shown on request if fishing any Club water, or on any match or competition. All membership cards etc. shall be handed to the Club Secretary when a Member leaves the Club.
17. All equipment used by Club Members must conform to Environment Agency standards and Local Water Authority standards.
18. Club Members shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and in accordance with Club rules at all times whilst fishing on Club waters or competitions. Any Member in breach of this rule shall be called before the Club Committee for an explanation and may be liable to expulsion from the Club. Any concerns regarding the safeguarding of Adults or Young people should be brought to the attention of the Welfare Officer.
19. Leaving litter on any fishery is strictly forbidden.
20. No Close Season. The Lake will be closed for work parties and competitions only.
21. The Club shall not be held responsible for any personal injury to Club Members, or for any loss or damage to Member's personal property. Members and their guests fish at their own risk whilst on Club waters or Competitions.
22. All Club Members are required to attend at least one working party on Club waters during the year. Members who fail to attend the required working parties will be required to pay a fine. Successive failure to attend working parties could result in increased fines or expulsion from the Club. The required number of working parties may be increased at the discretion of the Committee. The level of fines will be decided by the Committee each year. In any club year, you must notify the Secretary for any medical reasons you are unable to attend a working party.
23. All raffles shall be organised and controlled by the Committee.
24. Auditors will examine all Club accounts at the end of each financial year.

CLUB WATERS RULES

Moor Lane Fishery, Rickmansworth.

The following rules relate to the Moor Lane Fishery but may be changed at any time at the discretion of the Club Committee.

1. All Club Members must carry proof of membership at all times.
2. All Club Members will act as honorary bailiffs.
3. All fish caught must be returned to the water unless directed by the Club Committee not to do so.
4. Baited rods will not under any circumstances be left unattended, and when retrieved the Hook must be bared and secured to prevent accidents.
5. Keepnets are not allowed except in bona fide Club competitions.
6. A maximum of one kilogram of dry ground bait is allowed.
7. A Single Boilie, Hook Bait Only (Max size 12mm) to be allowed. NO FREEBIES!
8. Only Barbless hooks are to be used. (Exemption see rule 11 of Competition Rules!).
9. No Member shall use more than two rods and two hooks at any time. Two rods may be used when less than four swims are in simultaneous use. This will be under constant review and will revert to one rod if it proves a problem.
10. Unhooking mats must be used at all times.
11. Members may not currently fish from the island.
12. Bait boats are not allowed on the fishery at any time.
13. Fishery gates and buildings are to be kept locked at all times.
14. Junior members under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
15. Night fishing is allowed on Moor Lane subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Night fishing is not allowed on the night before any match arranged to take place at the fishery on the following day.
 - b. For Health and Safety reasons, at least two members must be present on the fishery at all times. This is either two members or one member and a guest. No one is allowed to night fish alone.
 - c. Members may only use umbrellas and/or overwraps for shelter. **Bivvies are not allowed.**
 - d. Members may only fish for 1 night. Members may not fish on consecutive nights.

Guests

16. Guests are allowed to fish with a Member.
17. Members will be allowed to take guests onto the fishery in numbers and at times as determined by the Club Committee. The Committee will promulgate the numbers of guests and times allowed at the beginning of each year. Currently these are:
 - a. Members are allowed to take up to two guests onto the fishery at any one time.
 - b. Members are not restricted on the number of occasions they take guests onto the fishery each season.
18. Members wishing to take guests onto the fishery must get permission from the Club Secretary in advance prior to entering the fishery. Guests found on the fishery without this permission will be asked to leave immediately. A fee will be payable, the level of which shall be determined by the Club Committee at the beginning of each year. Payment of this fee will be the responsibility of the club member.
19. Junior Members are only allowed to take adult guests onto the fishery.
20. Any guests must be accompanied by a Club Member who will be responsible for that guest's conduct whilst on the fishery. All guests must abide by Club rules.
21. Guest Tickets will be £5 each in advance and cover dawn till dusk.
22. Guests are permitted to night fish with a member. A 24 hour night guest pass will be £15 each in advance.

Trophy Rules:

1. Club Trophies shall be held for a period of one year and the winner presented with an engraved memento unless stated otherwise. The holder of each trophy is responsible for its safekeeping whilst in his or her possession.

Competition Rules

1. All competitors may only use one rod, one hook and where appropriate, one float at any one time when fishing Club competitions and matches.
2. With the exception of plumbing depth, 'clipping up' a feeder rod, drawing water used to mix groundbait and introducing keepnets, no water of any swim may be broken on any competition before the signal to start has been given. The introduction of any bait or feed before the competition start is prohibited.
3. Competitors in Club matches must not fish within 10 metres of their nearest competitor without first obtaining that competitor's consent, space permitting.
4. Salmon, Trout, Grayling, Zander, Minnows and Sticklebacks cannot be weighed in.
5. Matches will be fished "all in". All eligible fish caught must be weighed in.
6. Pike cannot be weighed in except for specimen fish and in Pike competitions.
7. Competitors in Club matches must use their own keepnet and may not share a keepnet for retaining fish.
8. The Scalesman will be responsible for recording weights at all Club matches and competitions. They shall be in sole charge of any such competitions and their decisions and findings will be final.
9. No bait boats may be used in any competition.
10. Carp Weight Limit. Any carp over 3lb will be weighed in as 3lb. Any carp under 3lb will be as weighed. This is for two matches only. Applies only to matches on Sceptre Lake. Committee decide the two matches this will apply too.
11. For Matches fished at Sceptre Club Lake in Winter (November to February) micro-barbed (size 16-20) hooks may be used.

The Championship Challenge Cup

1. The Cup shall be competed for annually and will be awarded to the Club Member being credited with the highest number of points from championship matches at the end of the season. Each Member's points to be decided from their best 14 matches of the season.
2. Competitors positions in each match will be determined by the weight of eligible fish weighed in at the end of each match. The heaviest weight will be placed in first position etc, down to the lowest or zero weight that be placed last. All Club matches will be Championship Matches unless specified by the Committee.
3. The method of awarding the points in matches shall be as follows:

Match Position Points Match Position Points

1st 15 6th 9

2nd 13 7th 8

3rd 12 8th 7

4th 11 9th 6

5th 10 10th 5

All other competitors will also score 5 points.

4. In the event of a tie for any position, total points for the tied position will be equally divided between all tied competitors.
5. In the event of a points tie for first place at the end of the season, the Championship shall be decided by the highest aggregate weight over each competitors' best 14 championship matches.
6. The runner up will receive a cup. No memento will be issued with this cup.

Best of Species Cups

1. The following cups shall be competed for annually and will be awarded to the Club Member who has caught the best fish of each species on any Club match or competition throughout the season that has been fished in accordance with Club rules.

The A.E.I. Tench Cup Best Tench

The Bryant Memorial Cup Best Chub

The Cornwell Pike Cup Best Pike

The Hazell Dace Cup Best Dace

The Hobbs Memorial Cup Best Bream

The Margaret Rose Cup Best Perch

The Stuart Roach Cup Best Roach

The Petro-Flex Challenge Cup

1. The Cup shall be competed for annually and will be awarded to the Member who has caught the best specimen fish on any Club match or competition throughout the year. The "best" specimen will be decided by fish weight as a percentage of the British Record for the type of fish.
2. Only fish where the British record exceeds 8 ounces may be entered in this competition.

The Stanreden Challenge Cup

1. The Cup shall be competed for annually and will be awarded to the Club Member who weighs in the heaviest catch of eligible fish on any Club match throughout the season.

The Randall Benevolent Cup

1. The cup shall be competed for annually and will be awarded to the Member who has the heaviest catch of fish at the end of the Randall Benevolent Cup Competition.
2. The competition will be fished in accordance with Club rules.
3. The Committee will decide a date, time and venue of the competition.

The Singleton Memorial Trophy

1. The cup shall be competed for annually and will be awarded to the Member who has the heaviest catch of fish at the end of the Singleton Memorial Trophy Competition.
2. The competition will be fished in accordance with Club rules.
3. The Committee will decide a date, time and venue of the competition.

The Tennant Challenge Cup

1. The Cup shall be competed for annually and will be awarded to the Member who has the heaviest catch of fish at the end of the Tennant Challenge Cup Competition.
2. The competition will be fished in accordance with Club rules.
3. The Committee will decide a date, time and venue of the competition

The Officers' Trophy

1. The Trophy shall be competed for annually by members of the Club Committee and awarded to the Officer who weighs in the heaviest catch of fish.
2. No memento will be awarded with this trophy.

The Ladies' and Juniors' Championship Challenge Cup

1. The trophy will be competed for annually by Lady and Junior Members of the Club.
2. All rules will be the same as for Championship Challenge Cup, except that the runner-up will receive a medal.

The O'Malley Knockout Challenge Cup

1. The Trophy shall be competed for annually. Any Club Member may compete in the competition. Any Member wishing to enter this competition must inform the Club Committee prior to the draw taking place for the first round of the competition.
2. Members wishing to compete for the Trophy will be paired off by means of a draw conducted by the Committee. The first named of each pair shall have the choice of venue and will be responsible for arranging the date, time and a set of scales. There shall be a draw for pegs which will take place after the venue has been agreed.
3. Should a draw result, a return match will take place and the second named of the pair shall have the choice of venue and will be responsible for arranging the date, time and a set of scales.

4. The Committee shall decide the venue for the final. The date and time can be arranged between the two finalists.
5. An entrance fee will be payable by all competitors. The Club Committee shall decide the level of fee. All fees will be paid out as prizes; two thirds of the fees will be paid to the winner and one third to the runner-up.
6. Match results must be reported to the Scalesman before the draw for the next round.
7. The runner-up will receive a medal.
8. No weights or specimen fish caught in this competition will be eligible for other Club Trophies.

The Pairs Cup Competition

1. The Trophy shall be competed for annually. Any Club Member may compete in the competition. Any Member wishing to enter this competition must inform the Club Committee prior to the pairing draw taking place.
2. Members wishing to participate in the competition will be paired into teams of two by means of a draw conducted by the Committee.
3. Six matches will be nominated by the Committee on which to fish the competition.
4. The pair recording the highest number of points over the six matches shall win the competition and each be awarded a pairs cup. Points are to be awarded as follows: The total number of points to the winners of each match will be equal to the total number of pairs entering at the start of the competition. One point less per position in each match will be awarded in sequence to the remaining competing pairs. The position in the match of each pair will be decided by the total weight of each pair.
5. An entrance fee will be payable by all competitors. The Club Committee shall decide the level of fee. All fees will be paid out to the winning pair.