

Glaston Manor Angling Association

Club Fishing Rules 2022-2023

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- Annual Permit is valid from the date of purchase until June 15th 2023.
- The Coarse Fishing close season is from 15th March 2023 to 15th June 2023 inclusive on rivers, drains and the Glastonbury Canal.

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Prohibited fishing

- a) No fishing is permitted in the Association stock pond at Edgarley
- b) No fishing is permitted on the banks or the grounds opposite the churches at Baltonsborough or Lydford on any Sunday
- c) Fishing may be restricted or closed as deemed necessary by the Committee and notices posted to this effect must be respected by all Members.
- d) Members are not permitted on all association waters until one hour before sunrise, and must vacate all association waters within one hour after sunset.
- e) Match Venue to be closed on date of Upper Brue Championship Match and day previous.
- f) No pitching of bivvies on the walkways.

Fishing Methods

- a) All Members must be in possession of an appropriate Environment Agency rod licence before commencing fishing.
- b) All Members must comply with all provisions of the general law governing fishing for or taking of fish and all Byelaws made by the Environment Agency or any successor Authority to the Environment Agency as effect Association waters. Members should familiarise themselves with Environment Agency Byelaws which may be obtained from the Environment Agency direct or from the Honorary Secretary
- c) Fishing with the following methods on all Association waters are prohibited:-
 - 1 Live bait fishing and dead bait fishing using coarse fish.
 - 2 The use of snap tackle with anything other than semi-barbless hooks.
- d) When fishing for pike a landing net with arms of at least 36 inches if triangular shape, or with a diameter of 30 inches if round framed, must be used.
- e) Deadbaiting to be permitted between 1st October and 14th March.
- f) Lure (Spinning) fishing to be permitted between 16 June and 14 March.
- g) The use of gags and gaffs not permitted.
- h) All nets must be laid out to dry on arrival at your peg and not placed into water until 10 minutes prior to fishing. Dry nets prevent spread of infection and disease.
- i) Using two rods is permitted on club waters as long as second rod fee has been paid and both rods are fished within the same swim.
- j) Fishing is permitted within the confines of the peg only and no casting into adjacent/opposite pegs.
- k) No bait boats on any Association Waters.

ll) Fly fishing for trout is permitted between 1st April and 15th June on Association Waters, provided a current season's licence is held.

m) No tins to be taken on Association Waters.

n) Boilies are allowed as hook bait only. No feeding of boilies.

o) Burtle Road Fishing Lakes - before fishing, please familiarise yourself with rules on site noticeboard

p) No fixed rigs are permitted on Club stillwaters.

q) With the exception of matches, carp are not permitted in keepnets on Club stillwaters.

r) No member shall leave a rod unattended with a rig in the water.

s) No fishing off bridges.

t) All anglers must have landing net of appropriate size.

u) When targeting specimen fish you must use an unhooking mat.

v) Baiting poles and pole cupping kits must not be used to place fishing tackle into the water.

w) Baiting poles and fishing poles greater than 16 metres in length are not permitted on club waters.

Removal and introduction of fish

All fish caught to be returned in the same swim and no fish shall be taken away from Association waters except

a) No fish to be introduced without prior consultation and permission.

Close Season

No fishing for coarse fish is permitted in Association waters between the 15th March and the 15th June (both dates inclusive) with exception of Burtle Road Fishing Lakes.

No fishing for trout between 16th October and 31st March inclusive, as per Environment Agency Byelaws.

Alcohol

No member shall take or consume alcohol on any Association waters.

Barbecues

No members shall take barbecues to be used on any Association waters.

Dogs

No member shall take any dog onto the banks of Association waters or allow a dog to enter Association waters whilst fishing.

Drones

No drones are permitted on club waters

Shooting

No member is permitted to shoot on or over any Association waters.

Access

- a) No vehicle shall be taken into any field or block any gateway.
- b) All gates opened for access must be closed securely immediately after use.

Conservation

- a) No litter should be left on banks or deposited in any Association waters. All Members are under a duty to remove any litter on the banks or waters where they are fishing irrespective of its origin. Particular care should be taken in the removal of hooks, plastic bags and nylon lines.
- b) No Members shall cause any damage to or remove any trees, shrubs, saplings or any other flora from any bank or water or damage any property mowing grass or crops whether owned by the Association or not.
- c) No Member may dig into the bank to form any fishing platform or dig into the bank or adjacent land for the purpose of searching for or removal of bait.
- d) No Member shall cause any nuisance or disturbance at or close to Association waters by any means including the use of any electrical or audio equipment or musical instrument.
- e) Any Member contravening this Bye-law may be ordered by the Committee to make good any damage caused or pay appropriate compensation.

Power Lines

Fishing is strictly prohibited within 30 metres of overhead power cables.

Membership Cards

Members should carry their Membership card and fishing rod licence with them at all times when fishing and are required to produce this card and fishing licence when asked by another Member producing his card or licence or by Club Official or Club Bailiff. Any Member being unable to produce his Membership Card and fishing rod licence when so requested may be asked to cease fishing.

Matches and Competitions

All Members must comply with the Rules laid down by the Committee for matches and competitions. No Member shall organise, assist or partake in any match or competition on Association water which has not been sanctioned by the Committee or General Meeting.

Press and Public Relations

No statement or information shall be given to the press or media concerning any matter relating to the Association or its Members without prior permission of the Committee.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR BURTLE LAKES

The following are not permitted:-

- Boilies other than as a hook bait.
- Bait boats.
- Fixed Rigs.
- Night fishing.
- Fires or barbecues.

To help protect the fish stocks members must:-

- Use unhooking mats for carp and other larger fish.
- Not retain carp in keepnets. Other fish may be retained in a keepnet for 6 hours maximum.
- Only use barbless or microbarb hooks.

Competition Rules

Open Match Rules

1. The Upper Brue Championships shall be open to all Members and Non-members alike over the age of 13 years and tickets limited to 200 or such other number as the Committee shall from time to time determine shall be issued on a first come first served basis. Tickets will be non-transferable.
2. The competition is held under NFA rules.
3. All nets must be laid out to dry on arrival at your peg, and not placed into the water until 10
4. minutes prior to the start of the match.
5. Eels can be weighed and will count towards the competitors total weight.

Membership Competition Rules

1 Save as provided in paragraph (a) to (c) all competitions shall be open to Ordinary and Honorary Members of the Club over the age of 17 on the date of competition.

a) Junior matches may be entered by any Ordinary or Honorary Member of the Club who has paid or been exempt from a Junior Subscription for the period in which the competition falls.

b) Ordinary and Honorary Members over the age of 13 but under the age of 17 may also fish in the annual Christmas match and teams of 4 competitions.

c) Any Ordinary or Honorary Member who reaches the age of 17 and fishes in a competition only open to Members over the age of 17 years may not thereafter fish any Junior match.

2 All entries for competitions shall be accompanied by the appropriate entrance fee as determined by the Committee from time to time and shall be received by the Match Secretary by 8pm on the Thursday preceding the match. Fees shall be non-returnable.

3 Prizes and cups for competitions will be presented at a Club Presentation Night on a date during the close season for fresh water fish.

4 All competitions shall be fished in accordance with NFA Rules and the following Rules. In the event of a conflict between the two the following Rules shall prevail.

5 All nets must be laid out to dry on arrival at your peg, and not placed into the water until 10 minutes prior to the start of the match.

6 Eels may be weighed in.

7 All Senior Citizens or disabled persons may draw a peg near the meeting point with the agreement of the match committee.

8 Peg spacing and match length will be at the Match Secretary's discretion. Matches will be held at the venue printed in the Annual Membership card save that the Match Secretary may at his absolute discretion alter the venue for any match if conditions are unsuitable at the original specified venue.

9 Any complaint of a rule infringement by any participant shall be made to the Match Secretary before the results are announced on the day of the competition and the Match Secretary's ruling thereon shall be final.

10 Any entrant fishing on a peg number other than that drawn shall be disqualified from the competition.

11 Weigher-in and assistant shall be responsible for collecting pegs.

12 No match entrant may fish the match venue on the day previous to the match including any alternative venue if notified to entrants prior to the date of the match. Any person having contravened this rule shall be disqualified from entry to the match.

13 The draw shall be made at the time stated in the Annual Membership Card and any person arriving after the draw has been made shall not be eligible to participate in the match.

14 The Annual Membership Card and a current fishing licence shall be produced at each match draw by every entrant. Failure to produce either document will result in the entrant not being allowed to participate in the match.

15 An optional pool of £5.00 will be fished for on all matches to be shared out to the first, second, third and section winners. Any entrant taking first, second or third place will not however be eligible for a section place. Where less than three anglers weigh in, pools money will be shared between 1st and 2nd, or all to 1st. Sections will be drawn for. These rules will also apply to the super pool.

16 Any swim left unattended with a baited line in the water will lead to disqualification.

17 Carp to be kept in separate keepnet on all stillwater matches.

18 No bread or floating baits on Burtle Lakes.