

Goring Fishing Club Rules



Club Rules

1. The name of the club shall be "The Goring Fishing Club" and hereafter, shall be known as "The Club".

2. The annual subscription for membership shall be determined at the club's Annual General Meeting and shall fall due on the first of May each year.

3. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held each year and it's date is to be set and published by the Committee.

3.1. The Officers of the Club shall be: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Secretary and they must stand for election by the members present, with a year or more's standing, at each AGM.

3.2. Two Officers, which are Match and Venues Secretaries likewise stand and are to be elected at the AGM along with the remaining Committee Members.

3.4. All elected officials shall hold office for one year. Should any Officer be unable to complete this period the Committee of the Club may elect another member to the vacant office. The Committee of the Club shall also have power to co-opt any person for a specific time or purpose.

3.5. AGM Proposals are to be submitted in writing to the Committee before the last Committee Meeting prior to AGM's published date. Proposals are to be proposed and seconded by a current member of the Club.

4. The Club Committee have the power to accept or reject Membership Applications as they think fit. They have the power to terminate any club membership stating the period of termination and in doing so inform that member in writing, by text or email.

5. The Venue is a **Membership Only** fishery and general day tickets will not be issued to the public. A non-member may be permitted to fish the Venue but only at the discretion of the full Committee and adherence to rule 6.

6. All Anglers must obtain an Environmental Agency rod licence prior to fishing the Venue. That, together with the Clubs Permit or Committee Authorisation, must be available for view, on demand, when fishing the Venue.

7. Night fishing is allowed for all Club members with the express exception of the Gatehampton pegs 78 to 86 where **Night fishing is NOT PERMITTED**.

7.1. Pegs 78 to 86 can only be fished from sunrise to sunset. All must vacate Pegs 78 to 86 before dark. Anyone found fishing or at these Pegs after dark will have their Membership terminated.

8. All fish caught on the Clubs' water must be returned alive. The only exception being that of a diseased fish, which if considered necessary may be destroyed.

Where it becomes necessary to remove any fish from the Venue that must be achieved under EA regulations and the supervision of a bailiff.

9. **LEAD:** It is prohibited to use lead shot as defined in Government and Local Water Authorities Rules or Legislation.

10. It is the responsibility of all members to obey safety and health restrictions applied by the Government, or the Committee, or Notices posted bankside, or on the Clubs' website.

11. Anglers must leave the bank in a clean and tidy condition ... **NO LITTER is to be left at all.**

12. **It is the responsibility of Members and anyone authorised to fish the Goring Fishing Club Venue(s) to obtain a copy of the Club's rules, and to read, understand and obey them.**

13. MANAGEMENT

At each AGM a Club Working Budget for the upcoming season will be established, with the maximum that of the declared profit reported at the AGM. The Working Budget shall be divided as follows; 33.3% for work specifically meant to improve the Venue; 33.3% for Fish Stocking and 33.3% to pay the Club's general operating costs.

13.1. The Chairman is responsible for the general management of the Club.

13.2. The Secretary is responsible for the general correspondence of the Club and to record and report the minutes of all Club meetings and to archive them.

13.3. The Club Membership Secretary is responsible for the processing & recording of all Applications for Membership; Permit creation and their issue to members; plus the collection of the Annual Permit Subscriptions. All collected funds must be banked or handed to the Club's Treasurer.

13.4. The Club's Treasurer is responsible for the Club's Finances. The Treasurer shall keep and produce account balance sheets for inspection at each Committee Meeting and for Annual Audit. The Club's Audited and Signed Summary Balance is to

be handed to the Secretary annually prior to the AGM for inclusion in the AGM minutes.

13.4.1. On the appointment of a new Club Treasurer, the outgoing Treasurer is only authorised to hand over control of the Club's funds when fully confident those funds will be properly administered in the best interests of the Club and will be secure.

13.4.2. A Treasurer can only assume the appointment with the unanimous agreement of the standing Club Committee.

13.4.3. Any incoming Treasurer is to open along with the Chairman a new Club Bank Account into which Club funds are to be transferred by the departing Treasurer from all the Club's pre-existing bank accounts. The pre-existing bank account(s) are then to be closed.

13.4.4. Any bank account in the name of the Club, must be administered with multiple signatories to the Account and for the purpose of issuing cheques.

13.4.5. On appointment, the incoming Treasurer must immediately re-arrange credit facility with the Club's Internet Service Provider for the website – www.fishgoring.co.uk.

13.4.6. In the event of the death of the incumbent Treasurer, the Chairman and existing cheque signatories will take control of the Treasurer's duties until a replacement has been appointed.

13.5. The Venues Secretary will be responsible for the good upkeep of the Venue and will coordinate any works required with the Committee. The Venues Secretary is allocated a Working Budget at each AGM that maybe spent at their discretion for Venue improvement. Each expenditure must be receipted for the Treasurer. Any major expenditure, however, is to be approved by the Committee prior to the work commencing.

13.5.1. The Venues Secretary's Working Budget is the 33.3% defined at each AGM.

13.6. The Head Bailiff is to be appointed by the Committee and he can co-opt members of the Club as a bailiff. The Bailiff duties are to police the Venue in the interests of the Club, Riparian Owners, Club Members and the venue environment.

13.6.1. The Head Bailiff will have a Budget for Fish Stocking. defined at each AGM. That budget is to be spent in consultation with the Committee.

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13.6.2. All members have the right to challenge Anglers on the Venue and ask them to produce valid credentials to fish.

13.7. The Match Secretary shall be responsible for all match competitions; their organisation, setting match dates, the running of each match, arranging trophies and associated correspondence.

13.7.1. The Match Secretary will record all match weights & results and report final places at each AGM.

13.7.2. Any money collected, during the running of matches, is to be handed to the Club's Treasurer.

14. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

This competition is available to all Members to fish.

14.1. **Prize money** will be awarded for members that take 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places at each Club Championship Match. That prize money will be accrued throughout the annual season for each member and match fished.

14.2 The value of Club championship prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be determined by the Committee, approved at

the AGM and must be set at a total value that the Goring Fishing Club earnings can sustain. That total Competition prize money is to be limited and to be no more than 50% of the Club's AGM approved Operational Budget in any one year.

14.3. The accrued prize money is only to be paid at the AGM and only those winners in attendance. Unclaimed prize money at the end of the AGM will be returned to the Club's funds.

15. MATCH FISHING RULES

The maximum number of Club Championship matches may not exceed twenty in any one season. The Christmas match is excluded from the Club Championship competition but included in total match count for the season.

15.1. The Draw is to take place 45 minutes before the start of match. Those arriving late will report to the Organiser to draw or be allocated a peg number to fish.

15.2. Drawn Pegs must be fished, unless the Match Organiser has granted permission for the angler to move prior to the Match starting. Those failing to obey this rule will not be weighed in.

15.3. The plumbing of depth, position of keepnet and bank sticks and taking of water to make ground bait will be allowed prior to the Match starting.

15.4. Competitors leaving their Peg must remove bait from hooks and all tackle except keepnets, from the water. Anyone not doing so is liable for disqualification.

15.5. All fish in season except Crustaceans & Pike, and dead fish will be weighed in. The exception for Pike is a Pike Match that is decided on weight.

15.6. One rod & single hook and line is to be used at any one time, other rods may be set up. In a Pike Match, two rods may be used.

15.7. No live baiting on Club waters. Dead bait & artificial lures to be used at Pike Matches.

15.8. Wading up to knee deep is allowed.

15.9. Anglers must remove litter from the peg before weighing in.

Anglers must obey these Rules and any Club Notices displayed at the Venue or on the Clubs' Website.