

# Bungay Cherry Tree AC – Rules and Policies

**All members are encouraged to learn to swim.**

**1. MEMBERSHIP AND OBJECTIVES:** To promote good fellowship among all anglers; to hold friendly competitions and matches, assist and encourage young members and the fully or partially disabled, and to do all in its power to maintain and develop fisheries in the Club's geographical area, in a safe and fitting manner.

The Club Committee shall have the power to refuse membership, to expel any member contravening the Rules or found guilty of misconduct and to settle all disputes raised by the Members.

Qualifying Membership

- Full – age 18 to 64
- OAP – age 65 onwards
- Registered disabled – age 18 onwards
- Junior – age 12 to 17

Partners or spouses can accompany a member to a water but cannot under any circumstances fish. To do so they must become a member.

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES WHILST ON CLUB WATERS.** Failure to show a membership card when requested by Club bailiff or another Club member will result in the person or persons being asked to leave the water.

All members of the club are entitled to ask any person or persons fishing to see their membership card or ticket or advise if they see some one not adhering to the rules. Please do not be offended if you are asked or advised as long term this will safeguard the future of our club.

## **2. CHILDREN & SUPERVISION:**

No child under the age of 5 can fish club waters.

Children of 5-11 can fish with a Parent or Guardian from the same peg only. (no Club membership or rod license required).

Juniors of 12-15 can fish club waters unattended providing they have given written confirmation to the club secretary before fishing. (with the exception of Lay-by Pit which is 16 upwards)

Juniors of 16 to 18 can night fish (Dunburgh only) with special Night License issued by Club Secretary.

Junior members are entitled to vote at the AGM.

**Club Safety & Child Protection Policy:** The Club has AGM endorsed policies in line with the Angling Development Board requirements and aim for Authorised Qualified Coaches.

No photographs of Junior Match entrants shall be taken without the express permission of the Parent/Guardian at the time of the match or event. Permission can only be given in writing on the Club's Parental Consent Form.

Any committee member who is to be involved in supervising activities of Junior members must obtain and present to the committee a Volunteer Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) endorsement which must be placed before the Committee before any Office is taken up involving children.

**3. COMMITTEE:** The control of the Club shall be invested in the elected Committee.

**4. OFFICERS & COMMITTEE:** The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a period of three years.

The President and Life-Vice-Presidents shall be empowered as ex-officio Officers to attend and vote at Committee Meetings.

In addition to a Chairman and Vice-Chairman a further 8 members shall be elected bi-annually for a period of two years, and this Committee shall meet at least bi-monthly to make all decisions affecting the running of the Club with a quorum of 6, or 5 Executive Officers.

An Executive of FIVE comprising of the Chairman as Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary, Treasurer and any two Committee Members shall be in place to make necessary immediate decisions between Committee meetings and such actions presented for endorsement at the first available Committee Meeting.

Should any vacancies occur in the aforementioned structure the Committee shall be permitted to appoint interim officials or make suitable practical arrangements until confirmed at any following AGM.

**5. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The AGM will be held on a weekday during the third week of April in any year.

An Agenda shall contain proposed and seconded Constitutional Alterations and Policy Decisions, approved by the Committee, and the presentation of the Accounts but no "Any other business".

Subject to the Committee's invitation; should the advice or services of Coaching, Welfare, Disabled, or other Specialised services be required such persons may be invited to attend without voting rights and not form part of the Quorum of 12.

Subscription Rates and Honorariums will be endorsed at the AGM.

ALL paid up members and ex-officio Officers of the club are entitled to vote at the AGM.

**6. ACCOUNTS:** The Financial Year for the Club year shall run from 1st of March to 28th or 29th of February in any year.

The Accounts shall be Audited and signed by a suitable Accountant.

Club cheques must be signed by at least two Executive members.

**7. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGM AGENDA:** Shall be submitted in writing to the Committee by 1st of March in any year.

Proposed and Seconded EMERGENCY MOTIONS may be submitted to the Chairman in writing at least 15 minutes before the start of the AGM and be endorsed by at least three committee members.

**8. SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS:** May be called by the Committee or any 15 members, plus the proposer and seconder, outlying their reasons in writing 14 days before their chosen date.

Should any such meeting be deemed frivolous by the Meeting the Callers shall bear the full cost of convening it.

**9. A NEWSLETTER** will be issued in March before the AGM giving a review of the past year. It should also contain any new AGM decisions; Rule changes, Officer Structure; club water match fixture information, and shall contain a membership renewal form returnable to the Treasurer with a cheque.

Once cleared at the bank, a membership card will be issued prior to the start of the new Club year.

**10. CLUB BOOK:** The club book previously in printed form will be available from the web site via a printable .pdf document.

**11. FISH MOVEMENT:** No fish to be removed or transferred from or within Club waters, and ALL fish must be returned where caught.

**12. LITTER, CANS, BOTTLES, BAGS AND DISCARDED FISHING LINE:** It shall be the duty of the members to ensure that all Club fisheries are kept clear of litter at all times by taking it away with them.

### **13. BAIT BANS:**

- No live freshwater fish, for the use of predator fishing.
- Bait boats and Dinghies, except for maintenance work, are not permitted on any of the Club waters.
- No **surface** floating baits at Lay-by Pit

### **14. EQUIPMENT USE**

- One rod only at Lay-by Pit and Ellingham Hall Lake. Two rods allowed at other club waters.
- **All anglers must have an unhooking mat when fishing any Club water. These should not only be used for unhooking fish and taking photos but also when an angler lifts their keep net out of the water to rest on the bank.**
- Barbless manufactured hooks only must be used at all the Club's still waters. This includes treble hooks used on spinners and Pike rigs.
- Rigs
  - No **line strength** greater than 10lbs **permitted at the Club's still waters.**
  - Braid is banned from all waters as a hook length.
  - **All ledger/feeder rigs used at Club still waters must be completely free running.**
- Nets
  - Members must have in their possession whilst fishing on Club waters a landing net of suitable size for the quarry.
  - **Keepnets must be dry before fishing Club waters.**
  - The size of keepnets shall be a minimum of 3 metres by 400 millimetres (10 feet by 16 inches) with a maximum limit of 50 lbs per net and fish should not be kept in nets for longer than 6 hours, whether pleasure or match fishing.
  - No fish over 5lbs to be kept in nets.

- If Pike or Carp are retained for any reason this should be for the minimum length of time possible in a suitable keep-sack or pike tunnel.

- **Bivis – No bivis allowed on Club waters.**

**15. PLATFORMS / PEGS:** Members must fish from platforms or constructed pegs where provided on Club waters.

**16. TACKLE LEFT UNATTENDED** at a swim for any reason may be confiscated by the Club and considered as “inappropriate behaviour” to normal Club practice.

No rods are to be left unattended with the terminal tackle left in the water and no baits shall be left on hooks on stand-by tackle assembled for use at the swim.

**17. NIGHT FISHING:** is available for Members aged 16 and over only at Dunburgh through a permit issued by the Secretary at the price of £10.

**18. ALCOHOL:** Any person found to be under influence of drink and/or possession of drugs; and/or causing trouble whilst fishing will be banned from the Club.

**19. AIRGUNS AND FIREARMS** are not permitted on any Club waters unless ratified in writing by the Committee.

**20. MATCHES** are subject to an additional set of rules which are supplementary to these Club rules.

Additional matches: Any member wishing to run their own “private” match on any Club water must first be authorised, in writing, on pegs allocated by the Committee and carry a £2 a peg charge.

At the time of the match the venue will remain open to all members.

All “private” matches must be run by Club and Match rules.

**21. CLOSED SEASON:** No member shall fish Club Waters during closed season by EA by-laws excepting the Common Pond, Ellingham Hall Lake, and Lay-by Pit.

**22. DAY TICKETS:** must be purchased in advance prior to arrival at the bank to fish, but are not available for the “Club Members only” Lay-by Pit & Ellingham Hall Lake.

**23. DOGS:** are not permitted to accompany club members on any waters unless within the Guide dog category.

**24. DISSOLUTION:** If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club for that purpose only, to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the eligible voting members present at the meeting, the Bungay Cherry Tree AC Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable organisation having objects similar to those of the Club.