

General rules terms and guidelines (12-10-11)

J & S Fishing clubs policy is to be fair and honest with everyone and for this reason we like to think we have no silly rules. We will only clamp down on things, or may be send people away from the lake, if they are blatantly breaking or disregarding the rules of the fishery or a risk to themselves or other people. We expect the highest possible behaviour from everyone.

Rigs

No fixed leads with a maximum lead weight of 3.5oz. Leadcore may be used but only with barbless hooks. All rigs must break down with a simple shake of the wrist, i.e. inline leads must either run up the line over the end of either rig tubing/leadcore and on to your mainline or leads must easily disengage from lead clips. Rigs made up with rig tubing must not be tied loop to loop or knotted to you mainline, i.e. your mainline must be seamless and run from the reel straight through the rig tubing to your hook length swivel. Choddies must break down with a shake of the wrist leaving just a hook length. If you're not sure please ask, rigs will be spot checked from time to time.

Fish care

Never carry fish unless it is in a landing net or an item custom-made for the job i.e. a carp cradle, and never carry a fish any further than your peg. Always keep fish in the margins in your landing net while you sort yourself out, i.e. unhooking mat, camera, scales etc. Always wet anything like weighing slings, unhooking mats before placing fish in or on them, its is important to have a container of water next to your unhooking mat to wet down the fish once it is on the mat. Never put fish on the grass banks or stones no matter how small the fish is. Never hold fish standing up to have your photo taken, either kneel or sit with the fish with an unhooking mat below you. Never keep fish out of the water to long, always return your catch in your landing net or carp cradle. Always treat hook holds or any other damage you may find on the fish with some form of fish care product. The lake will be closed with immediate effect for a minimum period of two weeks at the first signs of fish going to spawn.

Carp sacks are not allowed.

Rods

Maximum of two rods may be used between March 1st and October 1st. Three rods being permitted at all other times but ONLY if there is less than four people fishing. Rods must not be left unattended. It's a criminal offence to leave a baited hook and line in the water unattended. EA states 3mtrs. (Common sense must be used) If you intend to go off for a wonder or stalking etc lines must be removed from the water and any bait removed from hooks, so as not to cause hazard to bird life etc that may pick up said baited hook. Set up rods must not be left unattended e.g. marker rod cast out in to or across the lake and left unattended, causing a hazard to wildlife and others.

Two rods = two licences members found not to have the correct licences will be reported to the EA.

Raking of weed

You may rake out a small amount of weed to aid the safe landing and return of fish. Any weed that is raked out must be raked to the margin edge and not up on to the banks. There are a lot of naturals in the weed as well as possible Fry/ fish eggs etc, also rotting weed not only stinks but it attracts rats.

Pegs/Swims

All members are entitled to fish any peg they like, but they must consider other members and not cast or bait up with the view of hogging an area. I.E Thought and consideration must be used before casting from one side to the other. Do you really need to cast across the lake. It can be far more productive to fish the same side as your casting. Don't forget people are well with in their right to fish opposite you. If it's a busy time of year stick to the margins, cast lines across the lake not only hinder other members but can also spook fish stopping everyone from catching.

Be sensible be safe

Angling is an enjoyable relaxing and rewarding sport/past time, but as with any out door activity there are hazards. All persons once entering the gates to J & S fishing club do so at their own risk. All persons must be aware that the lake and its surroundings are a natural environment and conditions can change very quickly let alone from day to day to session to session.

All persons should make themselves aware of potential seen or unforeseen hazards. E.g. all surrounding banks and walkways can be steep with sudden drops and trip hazards; grass can hide trip hazards, potholes etc whether cut or not. All walk ways and peg areas can become very slippery even if it has not been raining. There can be a risk of drowning so there is at no point any entering of the water, and extra care must be taken near the waters edge. No person is to climb the trees or bushes around the lake or adjacent land. Other hazards include things like wiels disease; there are also Adder's, Grass snakes and other wild animals to be aware of.

The club makes it clear that all persons on entering the fishery must make their own risk assessment. They should look at all areas including any area that they intend to fish from this includes baiting areas even if your fishing from else where. You should make yourself aware of all potential hazards as well as to any person visiting your peg or area. You must be aware that night fishing and alcohol dramatically increases risks to potential seen or unforeseen hazards. You have full responsibility for yourself and any person visiting you be it family, friend or another angler on the lake. J & S Fishing club can not be held responsible in anyway.

Belongings Visitors or Guest anglers

You are responsible for all your belongings or personal goods that you bring to the fishery as well as those brought by anyone visiting you or guesting with you. You are also responsible in making sure that anyone visiting you or guesting with you are made aware of all rules and guidelines laid out by J & S Fishing club and on entering the gate that they agree to be bound by the rules and guidelines of J & S Fishing club.

Visitors include a family member (partner etc) or friend. Visitors are not entitled to fish. Groups of friends or relatives are strictly not allowed.

Guests to fish must be pre booked with a committee member and fish for a maximum of 48hrs in one period or two 24hrs. There after they must add their name to the waiting list.

Behaviour

The club will enforce two strikes and you're out rule.

We will not accept abusive behaviour in anyway, heavy drinking or the taking of drugs at the fishery. Anyone found to be doing so will lose their membership with immediate effect.

Any member/s found to be harming, upsetting the interests or bringing the clubs name into disrepute will lose their membership/s with immediate effect.

Litter

Where ever possible please take your litter home with you, the bins provided are best used for small items 'not through away BBQs, Pizza boxes etc'

All so make sure you leave you peg spotless even if there is something left by someone else.

Toilet

Is there to be used and must be kept clean and tidy.

Car parking and surrounds

Cars must be parked in the car park; No unloading or loading of tackle anywhere other than the car park. You must also not enter or cause damage to any surrounding crops or land. Anyone found to have driven past the car park (out side gravel area) or been in the crops and or caused any damage to the surroundings will be asked to leave, and may lose their membership.

The committee's decision is final.

 On signing or paying for membership to J & S Fishing club you agree to all terms conditions and guidelines set out by J & S Fishing. You are fully responsible and If at any point you do not agree or feel you do not understand the potential hazards on entering J & S Fishing lake, you or any persons with you or visiting you must **not enter** the fishery in any way and report to a committee member. The above terms and conditions apply and take precedence over all others.