BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION - BYELAWS

General Byelaws

B1 The River Fishing Season for both Coarse and Game fish will start on the June 16th and ends on March 14th. No river fishing allowed between 15th March to 15th June.

B2 Withdrawn. River pike fishing now aligns with coarse fishing season.

B3 There is no close season for Woodfields Lake. Fishing is allowed throughout the year.

B4 The membership year runs from 1st June to 31st May.

B5 Members under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when fishing Association waters.

B6 Members must carry proof of their Membership Cards with them at all times when fishing Association waters.

However, members may present a photo of their permit stored on a mobile phone to a bailiff in lieu of the physical permit, provided it is accompanied by another form of identification, such as a driving licence.

B7 Members are authorised and encouraged to challenge any person fishing Association waters who cannot produce a membership card or other recognised authority.

B8 Any adult found dishonestly using a concessionary permit will be banned from the Association for life.

B9 Members must show every courtesy to donors of Fishing Rights. Members will be held personally responsible for any damage which they may cause.

B10 Members must be particularly careful to close gates they open and must not enter fields laid up for mowing.

B11 When near or on Association waters, members must only have fishing tackle in their possession and they must not be accompanied by dogs.

B12 Persons fishing the Association's waters leave their vehicles and contents at their own risk.

B13 Keep nets used by members on Association waters should be at least 8' 6" long x 1' 6" wide in knotless mesh. Longer keep nets are recommended.

B14 Members may take up to two children under 12 fishing free of charge, and no permits are required for those children. Anglers under 12 do not need an Environment Agency Rod Licence. However, if you assist a child under 12 by holding the rod or helping to hold it, you must hold a valid licence yourself.

B15 All members must collect and take home any litter found on Association waters. Plastic bags, glass bottles, tin cans and discarded tackle pose a serious hazard to farm animals and wildlife. Any member or Day Ticket holder found with litter at their peg will be deemed responsible for depositing it.

B16 There are no concessions available for OAP's and Disabled Persons on Day Tickets. Junior Day tickets are available. See current Newsletter or website www.bdaafishing.org.uk for tariff.

B17 **In general, the minimum safe fishing distance from an overhead electric power line is two rod/pole lengths from the overhead line (measured along the ground)**.

B18 All members fishing association waters must have a valid Environment Agency Rod License.

B19 The BDAA uses combination locks to secure its venues. The access code must be kept confidential and not divulged to non-members. This code will change each year on the 1st June and be published in the club membership card.

B20 Overnight fishing is not allowed on any BDAA venue.

B21 Adverse Weather — When Amber or Red weather warnings are in force for the area, all venues will be deemed closed and any scheduled matches will be cancelled. For any other adverse weather, the Match Organiser will decide whether a match should be cancelled or, if already underway, halted.

B22 *Officers and Committee members of the club are volunteers. Abuse or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated*

Fishing Byelaws

C1 All fish must be returned alive to the water at the place of capture, except as set out in Rule C2. Any member found with live or dead freshwater fish in his/her possession is in breach of Association rules and will be banned from the Association and also risk possible prosecution.

C2 **The use of "live bait" is banned at Woodfields.** However, when pike fishing on the rivers, members may have in their possession a maximum of ten freshwater fish, alive or dead, the length of which shall not exceed five inches from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

These fish must have been caught on the same day in the Association water in which they are to be used. On no account must freshwater fish, alive or dead, be brought in from other waters, shops, etc. The foregoing restrictions do not apply to sea or artificial baits.

C3 All specimen fish must be weighed on club scales at the place of capture. The catch must be verified by two witnesses, both of whom must be adult or concession Association members. Weight Cards for specimen fish will be made available and these cards must be duly signed by both witnesses and lodged with the Match Secretary within 14 days.

C4 When a match is scheduled on a particular water fishing shall cease on that water three hours before the scheduled draw for that match.

C5 The number of pegs booked shall not exceed an estimated requirement based upon previous year's attendance figures. Any additional pegs needed on match day shall be selected from those not in use by other club members already fishing.

C6 Members may not use more than two rods simultaneously when fishing Association waters (separate rules for matches). Rods may not be more than 2 metres apart and must not be left unattended. The tethering of any fish is not permitted.

C7 Members are expected to handle fish with care and not to retain them in keepnets any longer than is absolutely necessary.

C8 The use of bright lights (e.g. Tilley lamps, powerful torches, etc.) is not allowed. The lighting of fires is strictly prohibited. The digging of banks on all Association Waters is forbidden. Any member contravening this rule faces disciplinary action.

C9 All matches run by the Association will be fished to N.F.A. rules. Pike do not count in these matches (Pike matches excepted).

C10 When fishing Association Waters specifically for Carp and Pike, a minimum size landing net of 36-inch gape and an unhooking mat are required. It is also recommended for other species.

C11 The use of "Bent Hook Rigs" is prohibited on Association Waters.

C12 The use of fixed lead on "Bolt Rigs" is prohibited on Association Waters.

C13 No radio-controlled craft are allowed on the Association's waters.

C14 The use of "The Magic Twig" - Self Hooking Device is prohibited on Association Waters.

Club Water Byelaws

D1 At the riparian owner's request, a maximum of eight members can fish between Thornborough Mill and Leckhampstead Bridge at any one time.

D2 Any member not parking in the designated car parks will have their permit withdrawn. Parking elsewhere is strictly prohibited.

D3 Access to BDAA river venues adjacent to Hyde Lane Lakes. At present the club do not have permission to use Staleys car park.

D4 **For Your Safety, Keep out of the Water, Risk of Drowning**

Apart from organized working parties – Persons shall not enter the club's waters. The Committee reserves the right to suspend or withdraw membership to protect the safety of members and the public. Failure to comply will be treated as a serious breach of club rules.

Woodfields Lake Byelaws

E1 No Night Fishing. Strictly Dawn to Dusk only.

E2 **GATES TO BE SHUT AND LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.**

Combination code to car park lock is printed in the permit.

E3 All vehicles to be parked in the car park. **Under no circumstances should cars be parked as to block access to the entrance gates.**

E4 Please restrict the use of keepnets and the amount of ground bait used and use barbless hooks if possible.

E5 **The use of "live bait" is not allowed at Woodfields** (See byelaw C2). All fish must be returned alive to the water.

E6 Carp shall not to be kept in keep-nets.

E7 The use of bait boats at Woodfields is prohibited. (See byelaw C13)

E8 Members should not fish outside their swims and members should observe the half way rule for pegs with no island opposite them. When fishing pegs at either end of the lake members should be cognizant of those members already fishing.

Members should be courteous to others fishing at all times.