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Wasing Fisheries 2024/25 Season Terms & Conditions

1. ACCEPTANCE & BREACH OF RULES

On acceptance of a place on Wasing Fisheries you and every guest who accompanies you (where permitted), agree to be bound by Wasing Fisheries rules and by-laws. Rules may be changed by the Fisheries Management. Members will report any breaches of these rules or problems with the fishery to the Estate Office on 01189 714140 or email <u>fisheries@wasing.co.uk</u>. Members will also notify the Head Bailiff on 07849 078139 of anyone they feel is causing nuisance and disturbance to other members or the environment, especially if they are seen to be causing distress to the fish.

The Estate reserves the right to cancel membership upon breach of any of these rules, and to refuse any membership or renewal application without explanation.

Any disputes regarding the interpretation of these rules will be settled by Wasing Fisheries Management. Bailiffs may ask members to leave the fisheries if rules are not being adhered to.

2. MEMBERSHIP RULES

- a) Members will abide by all Terms & Conditions stipulated within this document.
- b) Wasing Fisheries memberships are not transferable.
- c) All members must keep their contact information up to date on their Clubmate profile.
- d) All anglers on Wasing Fisheries must be in possession of a valid and correct EA Rod Licence and present this when requested. All relevant EA byelaws will be observed on Wasing Fisheries. Failure to present a valid EA licence on request or abide by EA byelaws could lead to expulsion from Wasing Fisheries.
- e) Wasing Bailiffs and all other members (on production of their own licence and Wasing Fisheries permit) are authorised to check the EA licence and proof of identity of any angler on Wasing Fisheries.
- f) Members may only fish during the permitted dates and times stipulated for their syndicate.
- g) All payments for permits and guest tickets must be made via Clubmate or directly with the Estate Office. Bailiffs will not take any payments.
- h) Wasing Fisheries reserves the right to inspect any vehicle, in the presence of the driver, who may be suspected of rule infringement or theft.
- i) Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult permit holder and be supervised at all times.

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- j) Dogs are permitted anywhere on the fisheries. They must be kept on a lead and under control at all times. Any dog mess must be cleared and removed from the fisheries. Anyone failing to follow these rules will be banned from having their dogs at the fisheries.
- k) Members <u>must</u> provide details and pictures of any fish caught to <u>fisheries@wasing.co.uk</u>. Failure to provide details/photos could result in your permit being revoked.
- I) Commercial vlogging/videography is not permitted anywhere on the fisheries. Members are permitted to take photos of their catches however this must be for personal use only (Photos must not be shared on an influencer channel). Whilst we are flexible regarding our fish being occasionally posted on social media platforms as we recognise that members have existing sponsorships, members must request permission from the Estate Office before catches are shared with sponsorship pages. It is imperative that the location of a catch is not disclosed on any social media platform, regardless of the status of the account sharing it.
- m) Maximum of 1 vehicle per swim. Additional vehicles of any guest must be parked in the car park.
- n) Swims may not be reserved, but may be left for a maximum of 90 minutes.
- o) No campfires, fireworks or lasers.
- p) Barbecues are allowed, weather permitting and so long as they are raised from the ground.
- q) Swimming is not permitted anywhere on the fishery.
- r) Walking on ice is not permitted anywhere on the fishery.
- s) No offensive weapons. If found members may lose their membership or will be reported to the police.
- t) Wading is not permitted on Wasing Fisheries lakes under any circumstances. Members are only permitted in the margins to return fish and/or take a photo. Wading in the lakes poses a health & safety risk, therefore this is a matter we take seriously. Any member found to be wading outside of the margins will have their membership revoked immediately.
- u) No tree climbing or boating.
- v) Drones are not permitted anywhere on Wasing Fisheries.
- w) No excessive consumption of alcohol is allowed on Wasing Fisheries. If you are deemed to be excessively under the influence of alcohol by a bailiff, you will be asked to reel in and may have your membership revoked.
- x) Any member found using drugs on Wasing Fisheries will have their membership revoked with immediate effect and the police may be called.
- y) Wasing Fisheries reserves the right to close the fisheries or individual swims. As much notice as practically possible will be given prior to any closure.
- z) In the event of extreme weather and flooding, Wasing Fisheries reserves the right to temporarily close the lakes/rivers.

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- aa) Should Wasing Fisheries deem that the lakes are unsafe for members, Wasing Fisheries reserves the right to close the lakes/rivers.
- bb) In the case of tracks being inaccessible to the fisheries, Wasing Fisheries may attempt to create alternative, temporary routes at their discretion.
- cc) Wasing Fisheries reserves the right to amend its membership rules and pricing at any time during the season without prior notice. Members will be informed of any changes via email.
- dd) Wasing Fisheries offers Direct Debit as a form of payment through a third party for those whom are already a member. By selecting the Direct Debit option, members are intending on paying all instalments for the fixed season; The member has the right to cancel the Direct Debit in the event of a serious illness or injury. Any other cancellations of direct debit payments will be at Wasing Fisheries' discretion; should Wasing Fisheries not deem the cancellation reasonable; Wasing Fisheries has the right to the remainder of the payments in full.
- ee) If a Direct Debit membership is cancelled mid-season, the member will not be permitted to re-join Wasing Fisheries for a minimum of five years.
- ff) In the event of us being unable to collect any direct debit from a bank account on 2 occasions, the balance of the annual membership fee will be due immediately.
- gg) If Wasing Fisheries are unable to make contact regarding overdue payments, regretfully the membership will be cancelled.

3. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT & OBLIGATIONS

- a) Any queries and feedback regarding the Fisheries should be given to either the Head Bailiff or directly to Wasing Fisheries management via email <u>fisheries@wasing.co.uk</u>.
- b) Any member found to be posting and/or interacting with inappropriate, inflammatory or derogatory material on social media referring to Wasing Fisheries or Wasing Estate will have their membership cancelled.
- c) Members must remove all litter and line when departing from a swim in line with the Go Green campaign. Any member found to be littering will have their membership revoked.
- d) All toilet facilities at Wasing Fisheries must be used respectfully. If members do not wish to use the facilities, all waste must be taken home. Any member found to leave waste on the banks will have their membership revoked. The toilets are designed for human waste only and under no circumstances are bags etc allowed to be put down the toilets.
- e) Members must abide by the Countryside Code: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-</u> <u>countryside-code/the-countryside-code-advice-for-countryside-visitors</u>.
- f) All gates are to be kept locked at all times. If you find a fisheries gate unlocked, please lock it.
- g) Every member will fish in accordance with good angling practice, in a sportsmanlike manner and respect all other anglers when fishing.

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- h) Access to Wasing Fisheries is by existing routes along the tracks only and no access is permitted outside of these routes unless communicated otherwise.
- i) No fishing outside of established swims which are marked on provided maps.
- j) No swims are to be altered or vegetation cut at any time.
- k) If members see any dead, diseased or damaged fish this must be reported to the Head Fisheries Bailiff on 07849 078139 or The Estate Office on 01189 714140 immediately.
- If any swans are seen in distress, members must report it to the Head Fisheries Bailiff on 07849 078139 or The Estate Office on 01189 714140 immediately.
- m) Members must show consideration for other anglers and not encroach on other members' water.
- n) All fish must be returned to the lake they were caught from.
- o) It is forbidden for any fish eggs, fish fry or fish to be removed or introduced to Wasing Fisheries.
- p) Wasing Fisheries Bailiffs reserve the right to check all rigs even if this requires anglers to reel in.
- q) Any angler observed intentionally foul hooking will have their membership withdrawn immediately.

4. BAITING, TACKLE & HANDLING RULES

- a) For the welfare of our fish and to help aid water quality, Wasing Fisheries request that bait is used sparingly.
- b) Baiting is only allowed in a swim you are actively fishing.
- c) Pre-baiting when you are not actively fishing is prohibited.
- d) Live baiting is not permitted anywhere on the fishery.
- e) Any excess bait must be removed from the Fisheries.
- f) Any hook holds and other damage to the fish should be treated with a proprietary antiseptic Carp Care kit.
- g) All tackle must be thoroughly clean and dry on entry to Wasing Fisheries.
- h) Single hook rigs only, all other rigs are not allowed on Wasing Fisheries.
- i) Only Micro-barbed hooks to be used.
- j) Permanently fixed lead rigs are not allowed.
- k) All lead rigs must detach under pressure and pass easily over knots.
- 1) Only Floatation keep sacks to be used.
- m) Rods must never be left cast out and unattended.
- n) Keep nets of any kind and knotted landing nets are not permitted.
- o) Large padded & wetted unhooking mats must be used for all fish.
- p) Adequately sized landing nets must be carried and used.

5. GUEST TICKETS

- a) Guests are NOT permitted on the Carp & Tench Specimen syndicate. Guests are permitted on other syndicates at a specified charge per 24 hours.
- b) The number of guests permits available is limited by syndicate rules and is subject to availability.

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- c) Guests must fish the same swims as the syndicate member.
- d) By accepting a permit, guests agree to abide by these terms and conditions.
- e) The ability to bring guests is a privilege and Wasing Fisheries reserves the right to refuse or revoke any guest tickets.
- f) No member may bring a guest and charge him more than the cost specified above or commercialise this facility in any way.
- g) Upon booking a guest ticket, the member <u>must</u> inform Wasing Fisheries of the guest's name, vehicle registration and lake selection (Only applicable to syndicates with more than one lake). Failure to do so may lead to the guest's ticket being revoked.
- h) To ensure that Wasing Fisheries has sufficient notice, guest tickets must be booked 48 hours in advance via Clubmate. Guest tickets may be booked with shorter notice at the discretion of Wasing Fisheries by telephone only.

6. VISITORS

a) Non-Fishing visitors are not permitted to fish under any circumstances and must be closely related to the member (e.g. partner, family member). Non-Fishing visitors must arrive and leave with the member to minimise the risk of the gate code being misused by those whom are not members.

7. LIABILITY & INSURANCE

- a) Wasing Fisheries gives no warranty that the agreement area is legally or physically fit for the authorised use. Wasing Fisheries shall not be liable for the death of, or injury to, or for damage to, any property or for losses claims demands actions proceedings damages costs or expenses or other liability incurred by the member or their guest in the exercise or purported exercise of the authorised use or otherwise. Wasing Fisheries accepts no responsibility for adverse weather conditions, or other circumstances beyond its control that interfere with or stop fishing. Compensation for any closed periods will be at the discretion of Wasing Fisheries. Members are not entitled to a refund.
- b) Your permit will be exercised on potentially uneven or slippery ground on which hazards may be obscured or concealed by such things as vegetation or water. Great care should be taken while walking. You are advised to arrange personal accident insurance to cover the risks involved to indemnify Wasing Fisheries and keep Wasing Fisheries indemnified against all losses claims demands actions proceedings damages or expenses or other liability arising in any way from this agreement any breach of any undertakings on the part of the licensee contained in this agreement or the exercise or purported exercise of the authorised use. Such insurance is to be in the sum of at least £2,000,000 (two million pounds) in respect of any one incident (unlimited in number).
- c) Wasing Fisheries takes no responsibility for items left on its property and/or land.

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Syndicate-Specific Rules & Regulations

Carp & Tench Specimen Syndicate Waters: Oxlease & Cranwells Lakes

1. GUEST FISHING & VISITORS

Guest fishing is not permitted on the Carp & Tench Specimen syndicate. Non-Fishing visitors are not permitted to fish under any circumstances and must be closely related to the member (e.g. partner, family member). Non-Fishing visitors must arrive and leave with the member to minimise the risk of the gate code being misused by those whom are not members.

2. NIGHT FISHING

Night fishing is permitted. Members may occupy a swim for a maximum of 48 hours, after which time they must vacate the Syndicate lakes for at least 48 hours. In the winter months (1st November – 31st March) the 48-hour rule may be extended to 72 hours at the discretion of Wasing Fisheries.

3. ROD LIMITS

3 rods are permitted per person.

4. BAIT BOATS

Anglers using bait boats must ensure that:

- a) Lines are not dropped into areas where fish are likely to become tethered e.g. around islands into snags or other obstacles.
- b) Use of a boat does not interfere with the fishing of other anglers e.g. by crossing swims.
- c) Bailiffs will settle any disputes regarding the above rules.

5. ROTATED CLOSED SEASON

Each Specimen Lake will be closed for a period, whilst the other lake remains open. This approach allows rest for the fish, whilst providing our members more opportunity to fish. Additionally, it enables our team to carry out essential maintenance work. The closed season will begin on the 1st July and end on the 31st July. Exact rotation dates will be communicated to members, closer to the time of closure.

6. ACCESS

Access to the lake is via existing routes, along the tracks only. No access is permitted outside of these routes.

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Carp & Tench General Syndicate Waters: Shalford, Bottle & Staghead Lakes

1. GUEST FISHING & VISITORS

- a) Permits are restricted on this syndicate to a maximum of two guests per lake per day.
- b) To ensure that Wasing Fisheries has sufficient notice, guest tickets must be booked 48 hours in advance.
- c) Upon booking a guest ticket, the member <u>must</u> inform Wasing Fisheries of the guest's name, vehicle registration and lake selection. Failure to do so may lead to the guest's ticket being revoked.
- d) Non-Fishing visitors are not permitted to fish under any circumstances and must be closely related to the member (e.g. partner, family member).
- e) Guests and Non-Fishing visitors must arrive and leave with the member to minimise the risk of the gate code being misused by those whom are not members.

2. NIGHT FISHING

Night fishing is permitted. Members may occupy a swim for a maximum of 48 hours, after which time they must vacate the Syndicate lakes for at least 48 hours. In the winter months (1st November – 31st March) the 48-hour rule may be extended to 72 hours at the discretion of Wasing Fisheries.

3. ROD LIMITS

- a) Staghead Lake 2 rods will be permitted per person at any one time.
- b) Other Lakes 3 rods will be permitted per person at any one time.

4. BAIT BOATS

Bait boats are only permitted on Bottle and Shalford Lakes. They are not permitted on Staghead Lake. Anglers using bait boats must ensure that:

- a) Lines are not dropped into areas where fish are likely to become tethered e.g. around islands into snags or other obstacles.
- b) Use of a boat does not interfere with the fishing of other anglers e.g. by crossing swims. Failure to adhere to this may jeopardise your membership.

5. SSSI

Please note the Wasing Wood Lakes, including Staghead Lake, are Sites of Special Scientific Interest and nothing should be done to breach the relevant regulations.

6. ROTATED CLOSED SEASON

Each General Lake will be closed for a period, whilst the other lake remains open. This approach allows rest for the fish, whilst providing our members more opportunity to fish. Additionally, it enables our team to carry out essential maintenance work. Exact rotation dates will be communicated to members, closer to the time of closure. Please note, there will be no closed season on Staghead Lake.

7. ACCESS

Access to the lake is via existing routes, along the tracks only. No access is permitted outside of these routes.

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Rowneys Carp & Course & Rowneys Winter Pike Syndicate Waters: Rowneys Lake

1. GUEST FISHING & VISTORS

- a) Permits are restricted on this syndicate to a maximum of two guests per lake per day.
- b) To ensure that Wasing Fisheries has sufficient notice, guest tickets must be booked 48 hours in advance.
- c) Upon booking a guest ticket, the member <u>must</u> inform Wasing Fisheries of the guest's name and vehicle registration. Failure to do so may lead to the guest's ticket being revoked.
- d) Non-Fishing visitors are not permitted to fish under any circumstances and must be closely related to the member (e.g. partner, family member).
- e) Guests and Non-Fishing visitors must arrive and leave with the member to minimise the risk of the gate code being misused by those whom are not members

2. NIGHT FISHING

Night fishing is permitted. Members may occupy a swim for a maximum of 48 hours, after which time they must vacate the swim but may move to another on the same lake. In the winter months (1st November – 31st March) the 48-hour rule may be extended to 72 hours at the discretion of Wasing Fisheries.

3. ROD LIMITS

- a) CARP fishing 4 rods will be permitted per person at any one time.
- b) PIKE fishing 2 rods will be permitted per person at any one time.

4. TACKLE

(only relevant for predator fishing)

- a) Minimum line breaking strain of 20lb and minimum trace of 18" of 20lb wire must be used when fishing for Pike.
- b) Pike anglers must use an effective indicator system that shows drop backbites as well as runs.
- c) Pike may only be weighed using wet nets or slings.
- d) Forceps and wire cutters must be carried and used where necessary. The use of pike gags is prohibited. All fish are to be returned alive to the water. Good care and safe handling of the fish is paramount at all times. Please remember pike are delicate fish despite their appearance.
- e) Pike may only be retained in specially designed pike tubes or retention sacks and only for a minimum period for photographs etc. Do not retain pike for the sake of it.
- f) Semi-barbed double or treble hooks are not permitted. All hooks should be barbless.

5. BAIT BOATS

Anglers using bait boats must ensure that:

- a) Lines are not dropped into areas where fish are likely to become tethered e.g. around islands into snags or other obstacles.
- b) Use of a boat does not interfere with the fishing of other anglers e.g. by crossing swims. Failure to adhere to this may jeopardise your membership.
- c) Using a bait boat over 150 yards is not permitted. Anyone caught fishing over this distance will have their permit revoked.

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6. BOATS/PUNTS

Boats and Punts are strictly forbidden on this Lake.

7. CONSERVATION AREA

Please be aware that fishing is strictly prohibited in the conservation area on Rowneys Lake. Please see the map provided for the exact location.

8. ACCESS

Access to the lake is via existing routes, along the tracks only. No access is permitted outside of these routes. You are not allowed to drive within the paddock boundary.

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River Kennet & Enborne Syndicate Waters: River Kennet & River Enborne

1. GUEST FISHING & VISITORS

- a) Permits are restricted on this syndicate to a maximum of two guests per river beat per day.
- b) To ensure that Wasing Fisheries has sufficient notice, guest tickets must be booked 48 hours in advance.
- c) Upon booking a guest ticket, the member <u>must</u> inform Wasing Fisheries of the guest's name, vehicle registration and beat selection. Failure to do so may lead to the guest's ticket being revoked.
- d) Non-Fishing visitors are not permitted to fish under any circumstances and must be closely related to the member (e.g. partner, family member).
- e) Guests and Non-Fishing visitors must arrive and leave with the member to minimise the risk of the gate code being misused by those whom are not members

RIVER KENNET

| Brimpton Beat | Brimpton Weir (A) to Kings Bridge (B) |
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| Warren Beat | Kings Bridge (B) to Metal Bailey Bridge (C) |
| Dalston Beat | Bailey Bridge (C) to Rowbarge Pub Garden (D) |
| Woolhampton Beat | Cricket Pitch (E) to The Old Mill (F) |
| Aldermaston Beat | Road Bridge (G) to Start of Newbury Angling Association Waters (H) |
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RIVER ENBORNE

| Western Beat | Able Bridge (I) to Shalford Bridge (J) |
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| Middle Beat | Shalford Bridge (J) to Silly Bridge (K) |
| Eastern Beat | Silly Bridge (K) to Confluence with Kennet (L) |

2. NIGHT FISHING

Night Fishing is permitted. Members may occupy a swim for a maximum of 48 hours after which time they must vacate the River. In the winter months (1st November – 31st March) the 48-hour rule may be extended to 72 hours at the discretion of Wasing Fisheries.

3. ROD LIMITS

Only 2 rods will be permitted per person at any one time.

4. SSSI

Please note our stretch of the River Kennet has been identified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and nothing should be done to breach the relevant regulations.

5. ACCESS

Access to the river is by existing routes, and along the riverside path only. No access is permitted beyond such ways. Each beat is marked by an appropriate sign.

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Carp & Tench Heritage Syndicate Waters: Elephant Lake & Staghead Lake

1. GUEST FISHING & VISITORS

- a) Permits are restricted on this syndicate to a maximum of two guests per lake per day.
- b) To ensure that Wasing Fisheries has sufficient notice, guest tickets must be booked 48 hours in advance.
- c) Upon booking a guest ticket, the member <u>must</u> inform Wasing Fisheries of the guest's name, vehicle registration and lake selection. Failure to do so may lead to the guest's ticket being revoked.
- d) Non-Fishing visitors are not permitted to fish under any circumstances and must be closely related to the member (e.g. partner, family member).
- e) Guests and Non-Fishing visitors must arrive and leave with the member to minimise the risk of the gate code being misused by those whom are not members

2. TIMES & NIGHT FISHING

Night fishing is permitted. Members may occupy a swim for a maximum of 48 hours, after which time they must vacate the syndicate lakes for at least 48 hours. In the winter months (1st November – 31st March) the 48-hour rule may be extended to 72 hours at the discretion of Wasing Fisheries.

3. ROD LIMITS

Only 2 rods will be permitted per person at any one time.

4. BAIT BOATS

Bait boats are NOT permitted on Elephant Lake or Staghead Lake.

5. SSSI

Please note the Wasing Wood Lakes, including Staghead Lake, are Sites of Special Scientific Interest and nothing should be done to breach the relevant regulations