

Rules of Macclesfield Flyfishers Club Limited – 2018 revision.

- 1 Membership of the Club will be limited to a total of 100 members. This total will include up to a maximum of 10 Junior/Intermediate Members and 3 Honorary Members or such other numbers as shall be decided from time to time by the members. All Full Subscription Members and Honorary Members must be Members and Guarantors of Macclesfield Flyfishers Club Limited.
- 2 A junior aged 12 – 17 years of age may become a Junior Member of the Club (but not the Company) by being proposed and seconded by two Full Members of the Club and then their application shall be submitted to the Management Committee for consideration and shall be submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company for approval.
 - (a) The number of junior Members shall be limited to a maximum of 10 at any one time, subject to alteration by the members at the AGM of the Company. All applications for Junior Membership shall be dealt with strictly in order of the date the application is received by the Secretary.
 - (b) Junior Members under the age of 18 must at all times, when attending Club waters, be accompanied by and under the supervision of a relative or a Full Member of the Club.
 - (c) The Annual Subscription of the Junior Members shall be 25% of the Full Subscription and 25% of the Full Stocking Levy paid by Full Members of the Club. There will not be a joining fee payable by Junior Members on joining the Club
 - (d) A Junior member may kill one fish each day of fishing at Ridgeway Reservoir and must stop fishing and leave the water when that fish is killed.
 - (e) On reaching his or her 18th birthday the Junior Member may become an Intermediate Member of the Club for which membership they shall pay 50% of the Full Subscription and 50% of the Full Stocking Levy.
 - (f) On reaching his or her 21st birthday the name of the Intermediate Member may be submitted to the Management Committee for approval as a Full Member and such application will have priority over the names appearing on the waiting list for Full Membership.
 - (g) Junior and Intermediate Members are bound by the General Rules of the Club.
 - (h) All Junior Members and their parent or guardian shall hold a copy of the Club Risk Assessment and sign to say that they have read and understood the Club Risk Assessment.
- 3 No Member has nor shall any other person be given or purport to be given any authority whatsoever from any Director of the Company, Officer, member of the Management Committee or otherwise to take any action that could lead to a breach of the law.
- 4 Any Member who infringes any of the Club Rules or makes themselves obnoxious to other Members of the Club shall be called before a meeting of the Management Committee of the Club and they shall have the power to terminate the membership so such Member without further appeal or

financial recourse.

- 5 All Members shall hold a copy of the Club Risk Assessment and sign to say that they have read and understood the Risk Assessment.

6 **Fishing Rules: -**

- (a) On all club waters fishing shall be by means of artificial fly.
- (b) Although it is not mandatory at Ridgeway Reservoir all Members are urged to use barbless hooks or hooks with the barb crushed prior to fishing. On the Club's rivers anglers should always use barbless hooks or hooks with the barb crushed prior to fishing.
- (c) It is the responsibility of all members to obtain and carry at all times when fishing a current Environment Agency Licence and their Club Membership Card.
- (d) Maximum care must be taken with regard to the handling of fish that are to be returned to the water. Fish that are to be killed must be dispatched immediately and humanely.
- (e) Members are required to act as the Clubs bailiffs. Members are not required to deal with suspected poachers and should contact the Club Bailiff or Secretary and/or the police (tel:101) if suspected poachers are seen.
- (f) Holders of Day Tickets and Guest Tickets are treated as Members on the day that their ticket is valid and they are subject to all the Club Rules and some specific restrictions as are detailed on the reverse side of their Day Ticket or Guest Ticket.
Day Ticket and Guest Ticket holders may take a limit of two fish per day from Ridgeway Reservoir. Brown trout taken must be a minimum of 13" measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. There is no size limit for rainbow trout. When the Day Ticket or Guest Ticket holder has killed two fish he/she must stop fishing immediately. A return of fish taken must be returned to the Secretary.
- (g) All holders of Day Tickets and Guest Tickets shall sign to say that they have read and understood the Risk Assessment that is issued with the Day Ticket or Guest Ticket. Recipients of Complementary Tickets shall hold a copy of the Club Risk Assessment and sign to say that they have read and understood the Risk Assessment and undertake to make the Risk Assessment known to anyone with whom they fish.
- (h) It is the duty of all Members to exercise reasonable caution when on Club Waters and to behave responsibly at all times when fishing. The Club does not accept responsibility for the safety of any Member while they are fishing on Club Waters.

7 **Fishing Rules particular to Ridgeway: -**

- (a) Entry to the banks of the Reservoir shall be through the gates provided. Gates must be locked when entering and leaving the water. Members are responsible for the safe keeping of the gate keys.
- (b) Members may make use of the Club fishing hut but must ensure that the hut is locked on leaving the water. No fires or camping stoves are to be lit in the hut or on the banks of the reservoir.
- (c) Only two fish may be taken on any one day. Members must leave the

- water on killing their second fish.
- (d) The Brown Trout size limit is 13 inches measured from the fork of the tail to the tip of the snout. Fish below this size shall be returned uninjured. Members are urged to return large specimens uninjured.
 - (e) There is no size limit for Rainbow Trout but Members are urged to return large specimens uninjured.
 - (f) Wading is not allowed.
 - (g) Only Members and day ticket holders are allowed onto the bankside. No dogs are allowed. No non-members allowed.
 - (h) Fishing is prohibited from the South Dam. Fishing is allowed from the larger West Dam from the water's edge. Anglers are not allowed to cast / fish from the top of the West Dam wall.
 - (i) Angling from the road is prohibited and from the north roadside banks when the water level is high. Angling is only allowed on the roadside bank to the west of the road gate, only if the water level is a minimum of 20 metres from the roadside.
 - (j) Members must be personally aware at all times of the inherent danger of overhead casting. When permitted to fish the north roadside bank casting should be angled so that the back cast does not pass over the roadside wall. Members must take particular care for the presence of horse riders, walkers and members of the public.
 - (k) Members are required to keep a record of all fish caught, returned and killed for the purpose of completing an annual return of fish caught.
 - (l) Members should use the toilet facilities at the rear of the Leather Smithy during opening hours. Alternatively, the toilet facilities at the Ranger Station at Trentabank Reservoir may be used. These facilities must be used as the Reservoir is used for drinking water.
 - (m) Fishing is permitted from sunrise to one hour after sunset.
 - (n) Members are requested to park either in the lay-by at the east end of the reservoir or on the roadside at the west end. Do not park alongside the road gate.
 - (o) Under the terms of our United Utilities Lease Members are required to request trespassers to leave the reservoir surrounds. We are requested to be polite to all such persons as we are representing our landlords. If difficulties are encountered contact our Bailiff or Secretary or a member of United Utilities staff.
 - (p) Day and Guest Ticket holders are not allowed to fish the north bank of the reservoir at any time.
 - (q) While there is no close season for Rainbow Trout on Ridgeway Reservoir, when Brown Trout are out of season they must be returned uninjured.

8 **Rules applicable to the Club's River Fishing: -**

- (a) The Club has fishing on the River Dane, Clough Brook and the Back Dane. Maps may be obtained from the Club Secretary. Parking is to be only in the areas shown on the club maps and parking passes must be left in a visible place in the vehicle. All gates must be shut after entering and leaving.
- (b) The Club has adopted a "Catch and Release" policy for its river fishing. All river fishing should be with barbless hook or with the

barbs crushed down prior to fishing. All Brown Trout to be returned to the river alive. Rainbow Trout must be removed.

- (c) Although it is not mandatory it is suggested that Members should for Safety reasons, be accompanied by another Member when fishing on the rivers. Additionally it is recommended that Members wear a life jacket, carry a whistle and a wading staff especially when fishing Back Dane.
- (d) No fires or camping stoves are to be lit on the banks of or the Club's Rivers and Streams.

9 **Day and Guest Tickets: -**

- (a) Three daily tickets may be issued for fishing on Ridgeway Reservoir and three guest tickets for the River Dane respectively by the Management Committee.
- (b) The fees and terms of the daily tickets shall be fixed by the Management Committee with the approval of the Members at each AGM. See AGM Minutes each year.
- (c) Information about Day Tickets may be obtained from the Club Secretary or Chairman. See Membership Card.
- (d) Day and Guest Ticket anglers are requested to read and complete the Club's Risk Assessment.

21st February 2018.