**CLUB RULES 2022**

1. That this Club be called the Dorset Arms Angling Club, Withyham & the annual subscriptions shall be as follows.

2. Seniors (18 - 64) £45.00, over 65’s £30.00, Family (up to 2 Seniors & 2 Juniors) £65.00, Juniors (13-17) £12.00, under 13’s free. RFA membership/sticker included. Subscriptions to fall due at the AGM, and must be paid by the 1st May, otherwise membership will automatically lapse. A surcharge to apply to online payments. Max number of subscribed members plus non-paying Juniors under 13 to be no more than 195.

3. All members must have a current Environment Agency licence which together with their Membership Card / Rulebook and appropriate I.D. must be carried at all times when fishing & be shown on demand. (Photo I.D. can be a driving licence, bus pass, passport, student card etc.)

4. That the officers of the club shall be President, Vice Presidents, Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Membership Secretary not less than 5 committee members and not more than 12, 5 to make a quorum.

5. These Rules shall not be altered except at the AGM or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. The AGM date will be notified to members at least 14 days in advance. Any member wishing to alter any rules must give the Hon Secretary written notice prior to the AGM.

6. Anything arising & not provided for by these Rules shall be dealt with by the committee whose decision will be final.

7. All coarse fish and Trout to be returned to the water as soon as possible after capture.

8. That no member be allowed to use more than 2 rods when coarse fishing. No rod to be left unattended.

9.  a) That no game be disturbed.

 b) That all gates be kept shut.

 c) That no rubbish be left on the banks including unused bait. Every angler shall be responsible for any litter found within 15feet of where ever they happen to be fishing.

 d) That members walk on the edge of banks & not crops.

 e) That every endeavour be made to prevent any annoyance to other members, owners or tenants by whose kind-

 ness & courtesy we enjoy our sport.

 f) That no radio’s, dogs be allowed.

 g) No illegal drugs allowed. Alcohol in moderation only.

 10. All forms of ground bait to be allowed with a 1Kg max.

 dried weight per session. No unused bait to be deposited

 in the lake after fishing.

11. Any fish entered as specimens may be weighed on members scales providing weight is confirmed by an independent witness, not necessarily a club member & the scales be made available to the committee if requested. The capture of such fish to be recorded in writing by the next committee meeting in order to be eligible.

12. Junior members under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

13. That no fires should be lit other than at working parties.

14. No member shall serve as or be elected as an official or committee member of the Dorset Arms Angling Club whilst serving as an official or committee member of any other angling club.

15.  All complaints must be in writing to the committee.

16. For pike fishing “snap tackle” is banned.

17.  Senior members may purchase a Guest Day Ticket for all DAAC waters except Claygate. Tickets £5.00 for over 18’s & £2.50 for a junior. Guests to be accompanied by the host member. To obtain Guest Day Tickets contact the Membership Secretary or see alternative issuing option on the “Members Area “page of the DAAC website. No charge payable for RFA Guest Tickets available from the Membership Secretary but these must be returned.

 18. Barbless or micro barbed hooks only.

 19. Disciplinary action to be conducted by an appointed Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the principles of “Natural Justice” and “Article 6 of The European Convention on Human Rights”.

 20. Unhooking mats **must** be used when unhooking Carp on the bank. The use of fixed weight rigs is banned, max weight size 1.5oz. Rigs to be made available for inspection if requested by a club official.

  **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR BURRSWOOD**

1. Members to only fish Top & Bottom lakes as indicated on DAAC maps.
2. Access Bottom Lake via lower drive, Top Lake can be accessed via either the upper or lower drives. For parking instructions for both lakes refer to maps available on the website. IMPORTANT: Bottom Lake car park gate to be locked following entry & on leaving
3. No night fishing allowed.

 **RFA Rules also apply when fishing RFA waters.**

 **COMPETITION RULES**

1. That all competitions be controlled by the stewards who have been appointed at the committee meeting prior to the competition.

2. The stewards will start and end the competition.

3. The stewards will be responsible for weighing & checking that fish are eligible & their decision will be final.

4. In the event of more than one lake being fished in a competition further stewards will be appointed to cover all waters.

5. The draw for positions will take place 1 hour before the advertised start time on Sundays & 1/2 hour before on Wednesdays.

6. All competitions are to be pegged & competitors must fish peg selected and not move.

7. At all competitions competitors must produce their current membership card if requested.

8. Selected matches throughout the season will be chosen to enable competitors to fish for the club’s cups and shields. See published match list for further details. 9. If the venue for a competition is unfishable the stewards have the right to change the venue to another water providing a majority of competitors present agree. The competition will be included for competition points.

10. Trophies will be awarded to the overall winner of both Sunday and Wednesday League competitions.

11. Only one rod to be used unless otherwise stated.

 **INTER-CLUB COMPETITION RULES**

1. Teams to be selected by the Match Secretary.