

CONSTITUTION AND RULES



6TH December 2023

NAME

The name of The Club shall be: - **Reddish Angling Club**.

Also referred to as: - **Jacksons**

THE CLUB

Address. The address of The Club shall be that of The Club Secretary or Treasure, as amended from time to time.

Form. The Club shall be a Private Members Coarse Fishing Club.

The Clubs Headquarters

Houldsworth Working Men's Club.
Leamington Road
Reddish
Stockport.

The address of the clubs headquarter can change from time to time.

OBJECTIVE

The objectives of The Club, shall be to promote coarse angling in Reddish and in the wider community and encourage the good fellowship of all anglers.

Property

The Club's property consists of the land, water, equipment and fish stocks situated adjacent to Melanie Drive, Rothay Drive and Harcourt Street playing fields in North Reddish. Known locally as "**Jacksons Pond**"

Trustees

- The Clubs Property shall be vested in The Club Trustees.
- The Trustees shall have in relation to The Club's property all the powers of an absolute owner and shall be indemnified by The Club against any action, cost or claim, incurred in their capacity as Trustees of The Club.
- The property and funds private benefit of the trustees or any other person, persons or organization.
- No less than two and no more than four trustees are required at any one time.
- Trustees remain as such until such time as they request to resign, and a replacement is nominated or become deceased.
- Any new proposed trustee must be elected by a vote taken by the committee prior to being appointed into position.
- Trustees must have a least three consecutive year's membership before being accepted as such.

Management

The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of not less than eight and no more than sixteen members to assume such areas of responsibility as the committee shall determine.

The names of the members serving on the committee will be recorded on The Clubs web site www.reddishanglingclub.com and will be amended from time to time as required.

- Candidates for the Committee must have completed their third year of consecutive membership and must be a senior member.
- The members of the committee are elected by the members at the appropriate AGM for a term of three years. After their full term they may stand for re-election.
- The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability, discrimination and child protection.
- The committee shall uphold and enforce The Club rules.

The Committee shall have the power to:

- Co-opt members to fill vacancies created by the resignation of any officer from the committee.
- A co-opted member of the committee must stand for election at the next available AGM.
- The committee has full powers in all matters save that it will not interfere with or amend any decision of the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- The **remaining** committee will in the case of an emergency have full power to act as the situation demands to safeguard the wellbeing of The Club its property and finances.
- Members serving on the committee are expected to paying the annual subscription fee.

At the date of the adoption of this constitution those areas are :

Chairman

The Chairman's role is to control all meetings of The Club, ensuring that the meetings are conducted in an orderly manner as per the rules of The Club, enforcing where necessary those rules. The Chairman has a **casting vote** which **must and can only be used** in the event of a tied vote.

Club Secretary

The Club Secretary's role is to co-ordinate in conjunction with the other members of the committee and the membership in general the activities of The Club. The Club Secretary must correspond and liaise with the various external bodies that impact on The Clubs activities.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the keeping of proper and correct records of The Clubs finances, providing an audited final account of each year's finances which is given to the members at the AGM

Minutes Secretary

The Minutes Secretary is responsible for keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting, which are to be read out loud at the following meeting to ensure that the record is accurate and understood by those parties concerned.

Membership Secretary

The Membership Secretary's duties are to keep an accurate record of the membership and monitor attendances as appropriate.

Junior Secretary

The Junior Secretary is responsible for the running of the junior section of The Club, its matches and general membership.

Club Welfare officer

The club Welfare is the person who has responsibility for receiving and acting upon concerns reported to them within the club setting. The CWO should be selected for their skills and knowledge, such as being able to handle safeguarding matters in an appropriate and confidential manner.

Head Bailiff

The Head Bailiff's responsibility is for policing The Clubs pond.

Fisheries Officer

The Fisheries Officers responsibility is for the water in The Clubs ponds and everything in them, i.e. fish stocks, plants, weeds and other aquatic life.

Banks Officer

The Banks Officer is responsible for everything above the waterline on The Clubs pond, i.e. the banks, pegs, trees and other flora.

In practice the Fisheries and the Banks Officers are to work very closely together and must liaise with each other before undertaking any work on the pond

Match Secretary

The Match Secretary's responsibility is the organization and running of The Clubs angling matches. The Match Secretary is also responsible for the provision of accounts relating to the matches held, detailing the date, venue number of pegs booked/sold etc. These accounts must be passed to the treasurer no later than 31st October for their provision in that year's final account.

Finances

The Clubs funds are invested with the: -

**NatWest Bank
Stockport Underbank Hall Branch.
10 Great Underbank Stockport Cheshire SK1 1LL.**

- The Club operates a current account for use in all financial transactions.
- The Club operates a reserve fund in the form of a savings account specifically for use in times of need.
- The funds of The Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of the trustees, any member or group of members or any other person, persons or organisation.
- Funds from the reserve fund account must be transferred into the current account by the Treasurer prior to being released for use and then only by agreement of the committee.
- All transactions are to be made by cheque unless agreed by the committee beforehand.
- The signatures for the current and savings account are to be governed by a bank mandate which only members of the committee are to be signatory to, with a minimum of two nominated committee members signatures required to access the accounts one of whom must be the Treasurer.
- On-line banking to be used for:- direct debits/ on-line payments/ bank statements only.
- The use of a bank credit card is to be used by the acting treasurer.
- The Club also operates a petty cash account for use on sundry items at the discretion of the Secretary.
- The petty cash account must be passed to the treasurer no later than 31st October for their provision in that year's final account.
- The petty cash account is to be capped at £100.00. I.E when funds in this account require topping up then the amount transferred from the current account cannot exceed £100.00.

Transactions

- A written estimate for any goods or services to be purchased by The Club must be sought and must be on valid company note papers and must be presented to the committee prior to any agreement to release any funds. The authorization to use The Clubs funds for any goods and services must be taken at a bona fide committee meeting and the decision recorded in the minutes.
- No member is to purchase any goods or services on behalf of The Club without the prior agreement of the committee.
- All goods and services purchased by cheque or with cash from the petty cash account must be accompanied by a valid receipt. These receipts must be passed on to the treasurer no later than October 31st in order for him to complete the balance sheet prior to the AGM.
- Under no circumstances will any monies be paid to any member for goods or services purchased on The Clubs behalf without an authentic / valid receipt.
- The Clubs financial year will run from November 1st – October 31st
- The Clubs accounts are to be subject to an independent audit.
- The Clubs audited accounts are then to be presented for approval by the Treasurer at the annual general meeting.

Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in Coarse Angling upon application regardless of, sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

The Club may have different classes of membership as the committee shall from time to time decide.

At the date of the adoption of this constitution the classes of membership are: -

Senior Member.

Sixteen years old – state retirement age

Senior Citizen Member.

State retirement age.

Junior Member.

Twelve - sixteen years old

Carers/ associated permit

Members who wish to be accompanied by a non- fishing person may apply for an "Carers/ associated Permit" for that person. The carer may only be present on Jackson's pond when accompanied by the full member. The carer has no fishing rights and no vote or right to speak at club meetings. The carer must always have their membership card with them when on Jackson's pond. The full member is responsible for the conduct of the carer.

Membership will run from 1st April 31st March

Existing members must renew their membership at any of the three March joining meetings. (There is no general meeting in March). These meetings will be on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month at The Clubs headquarters, commencing at 19:30hrs. Members must bring their existing membership card when re-joining. Members attempting to renew membership after the March meetings must re-pay the joining fee.

Payment can be made by cheque or cash only.

Cheques payable to: - Reddish Angling Club

New members

- Reddish Angling Club reserves the right to decline any application for membership.
- No new memberships will be dealt with until the third Wednesday in March meetings.
- Thereafter, membership applications will be dealt with ONLY at the end of a general meeting commencing with the April meeting.
- New members must fill in an application form. These forms are available on line at www.reddishanglingclub.com or on request from the members Secretary.
- The completed form must be proposed and seconded by existing members.
- The proposing and seconding members are responsible for the conduct of the new member for the first year. In the event of misconduct on the part of the new member; the members who proposed and seconded that member may have their right to propose new members withdrawn.
- The signed application form must be accompanied by two current passport style photographs and presented to the members Secretary at the end of the general meeting.

New membership fees consist of the following;

Joining fee - Senior £30.00, Senior Citizen £15.00 – junior £10

Yearly subscription fee – Senior £35.00, Senior Citizen £20.00 – junior £15

Gate key fees and deposit - £15.00 (£ 10 deposit, £5.00 cost)

Carers permit - £ 10.00

Details of the current fees can be found on our web site or on application from the members Secretary

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No memberships will be dealt with before the general meeting commences.

No memberships will be dealt with at an AGM or at an EAGM.

Please note.

Failure to comply with any of the above will result in the new member not being able to join at that time.

Joining Fees & Subscriptions shall be set by The Club on a non-discriminatory and fair basis.

The Club will keep subscriptions and joining fees at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

These fees will be reviewed on a yearly basis and any proposed changes to the membership fees will be subject to a notice of motion from the committee at the AGM.

All membership cards and gate keys remain the property of The Club.

Details of membership fees can be found on The Clubs web site www.reddishanglingclub.com

Members records will be held on a secure computer and details will not be passed to any third party or used in way other than for the regulation of membership. Copies of the details held are available on request. (Data protection 2018)

It shall be an obligation on the part of every member to observe the regulations and rules of The Club as laid down in The Club's constitution and rule book. Members will conduct themselves in an orderly and considerate manner at all times. It should be remembered that as a representative of The Club your actions and deeds reflect The Club as a whole.

The Club operates a **ZERO** tolerance towards violent, threatening, aggressive, bullying, racial or sexual discriminating behaviour.

Members of The Club whose conduct is inappropriate, or who decline to abide by the any of the rules, maybe expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the committee, where their entrance fee and subscription s maybe forfeited.

Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the committee with regards to any decision affecting them, if notice of such appeal is submitted to the committee in writing, within seven days of notification of the decision.

It shall also be an obligation on the part of every member to be in possession of a current Environmental Agency Non-Migratory Trout and Coarse Fishing Licence and to observe the conditions set out in the North West Region Rod Fishing Bye-laws.

The Environment Agency Bailiffs have access to our water and can check licences at any time.

Meetings

Committee Meetings

- Except for December, committee meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month, at The Clubs headquarters commencing at **19:30hrs** prompt. It is compulsory that all committee members attend. It is correct and proper that they send apologies for their absence.
- No non-committee members or members of the public are permitted to attend the committee meetings unless specifically invited by the committee.
- A minimum of five committee members is required to form a quorum (i.e. the minimum number of members present for a meeting to be held is five)

General Meeting

- General meetings are held at The Clubs headquarters on the first Wednesday of each month (except January, March and December) commencing at **20:00hrs** prompt.
- All matters must be addressed to the Chairman. The speaker must first state their name and only one person should speak at a time thus allowing that person to be heard.
- No junior members are permitted at the General Meeting unless specifically invited by the committee. Similarly, no senior members are permitted at the junior meeting.
- A minimum of fifteen members is required to form a quorum (i.e. the minimum number of members present for a meeting to be held is fifteen).
- Members are required to attend a minimum of four meeting per year.
- Members must sign the meeting attendance book when attending a general meeting.
- A fine of £2.50 is imposed for each one of the four meetings missed. I.E. none attendance of any meetings will result in a £10.00 fine and must be paid before renewing their membership
- Any member who has a genuine reason for not attending the meetings can write to the Secretary giving a brief explanation of the reason (you do not need to go into personal or medical detail) after which the member will be excused from complying with the requirement.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- The AGM is held on the First Wednesday of December at The Clubs headquarters commencing at 8pm prompt and its function is as follows.
- To elect officers of The Club
- To receive the Secretary's report.
- To receive the Treasures report.
- To Appoint Auditors
- To discuss and deal with notices of motion.

Notice of motions

- Essentially if a member wishes a rule to be changed or amended they must submit a written notice by the September meeting prior to the AGM.
- The written notice of motion should fully detail the change that is desired and must be seconded by another club member. A written notice of motion must be submitted for each rule change that is required.

- The notice of motion should be read out at each of the three general meetings prior to the AGM thus giving member's time to consider the matter(s).
- A notice of motion may be withdrawn prior to the AGM by the proposing member only. This must be done in writing to the committee.
- The proposing member and the seconder member of the motion must both be present at the AGM if the motion is to be heard.
- Once the notice of motion is read out to the members at the AGM the proposing member is to be given up to 10 minutes to clarify the proposal. Secondary and subsequent speakers will be given 5 minutes.
- Amendments to the motion may be made. These will be dealt with in strict rotation.
- The member proposing the motion must be given the right to reply and his/her reply will close the discussion. No member may speak more than once on the same question unless given permission to do so by the Chairman or unless they are drawing the attention of the Chairman to a point of order.
- No member may move or second more than one amendment on any single notice of motion.
- Once the notice of motion is agreed, whether in its submitted form (i.e. as original written) or in an amended form, the Chairman will call for a vote. Those for or against and abstentions will be recorded. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman must use his casting vote. Should the majority vote for a motion, the motion passed becomes a club rule. The amended motion will be voted on first if this is passed the original motion is defeated. If the amendment fails, the original motion is voted on. Once voted upon, a motion will not be discussed further.
- The AGM will deal with all submitted notices of motion.
- A minimum of twenty-five members is required to form a quorum (i.e. the minimum number of members present in order for the meeting to be held is twenty-five).
- No junior members or non-members are permitted at an AGM.
- No new members will be joined at an AGM.

Extraordinary Annual General Meeting (EAGM)

- An EAGM can be called at the request of at least ten senior members. Notification stating the nature of the business and the names of the ten requesting members must be submitted to The Club Secretary. The meeting will then be called at the earliest convenient date allowing for the notification of The Club members which will be done via letter by the Secretary.
- The matter raised is the only business to be discussed. There is no "Any Other Business".
- No junior or any non-members are permitted to attend the EAGM unless the committee specifically invites them, and they are materially relevant to the matter raised.
- A minimum of twenty-five members is required to form a quorum (i.e. the minimum number of members present in order for the meeting to be held is twenty five).
- No new members will be joined at an EAGM.

Dissolution of 'The Club'

If at any general meeting of The Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of The Club, the secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of The Club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

If at that Special General Meeting the resolution is carried by at least 90% of the full members present at the meeting, the general committee shall thereupon, or at such a date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of The Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of The Club.

After discharging all debts and liabilities of The Club, a further meeting will be called to vote on the distribution of the remaining assets.

Rules pertaining to The Clubs water RAC (Jacksons)

Jacksons Pond

1. Membership card and gate key must be carried and produced when requested by a bailiff or any other club member.
2. Members only are permitted on the pond.
3. Fishing allowed from dawn till dusk ONLY (when the street lights go off to when they go on)
4. No dogs allowed.
5. Bicycles must not be ridden around the pond.
6. All vehicles MUST be parked on RAC car park.
7. No electronic bite alarms or indicators.
8. No radios/stereos except personal types and must be used with ear/headphones.
9. No bivvies. Day shelters etc should not obstruct the paths.
10. No fishing after 7pm on club meeting nights (first Wednesday of the month)
11. Entry via main gate only.
12. Fishing only allowed from recognised pegs. NO FISHING BETWEEN PEGS.
13. No stalking

14. Members must be in possession of a seat, landing net, disgorging mat and an unhooking mat.
15. One rod with one single hook to be fished at any one time.
16. All fish to be returned to the water unharmed, if any sores/ wounds found use fish care.
17. Barbless hooks only maximum size hook 10s
18. Braided line and wire traces are prohibited. Only monofilament line and hook length (maximum 10lb) may be used.
19. Maximum ledger/weight – 24 gram
20. Floating baits of any kind are prohibited.
21. Ground bait may be used up to a maximum of 1kg per visit.
22. Liquidised bread may be used in moderation between October and March by pole cup or feeder only. Bread flake/punch may be fished down in the water all year round.
23. No boilies/trout pellets/nuts of any kind/cat or dog biscuits. No cat or dog food or gravy-based meats to be fed or used on a hook.
24. Keep the pegs tidy. All litter to be taken home (this includes cigarette stubs)
25. Unused bait may be thrown into the water to feed the fish, not discarded on the banks (no bread/ bread slices to be thrown in)
26. No cans/tins or glass bottles allowed on the bank.
27. No keep nets only on a bona-fide match.
28. No fish to be retained in a keep net longer than 5 hours unless in a bona-fide match.
29. NO CARP IN KEEP NETS unless in a bona-fide match.
30. Keep nets and landing nets and stink bags to be dipped in disinfectant tub and unhooking mat to be brushed down in disinfectant tub on entering club water at the wash down plant before proceeding to peg. **Failure to comply will result in membership being revoked without deposits.**
31. No alcohol or illegal substances allowed to be consumed on the club water.
32. On Sundays when matches are held on Jackson's pegs 1,2,3,4,5,6 are reserved for pleasure anglers.
33. The deliberate feeding of waterfowl is prohibited.
34. Should all disabled pegs be taken by non-disabled bodied anglers, a disabled angler has the right to ask one of them to move pegs.
35. All fish must be handled with the utmost care. No fish to be unhooked on the ground, this includes laying your landing net on the ground. If an angler is unable to unhook a fish in the landing net on their lap, an unhooking mat must be used. The fish must not leave the area of the peg it was caught, any pictures to be taken quickly and the fish not held more than 6" above the ground. It must then be returned to the water on the peg from which it was caught
36. The magic twig, banned on RAC water.

Failure to adhere to the following rules will result in you being asked to leave the pond and could result in removal of your card and keys for a period of four weeks or depending on severity of rule broken membership revoked without deposits

Work Parties.

- Each member to attend one working party per year. The date of the working parties will be announced at each month's general meetings by the Banks Officer. A yearly list will be given out at the Annual general meeting
- Work parties will commence at 8:30am and will last till approx. 12:00pm
- The Banks Officer will record your attendance. Make sure it is recorded yourself, as well
- Members who fail to attend a working party will be expected to pay £25.00 towards the work party fund, before renewing their membership.
- New members joining after the date of the last work party will be exempt for that year.
- No fishing is allowed during a working party.
- Any member who has a genuine reason for not attending the working parties can write to the Membership Secretary giving a brief explanation of the reason (**you do not need to go into personal or medical details**) after which the member will be excused from complying with the requirement.

MATCHES

A MATCH CONSTITUTION AND RULES IS AVILABLE FROM THE MATCH SECRETARY.

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JUNIOR RULES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MATCH SECRETARY

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIRMAN – temp Danek Imiolek

CLUB SECRETARY –

MINUTES SECRETARY – LAURIE FRENCH

TREASURER – DANEK IMIOLEK

MATCH SECRETARY – PAUL WRIGHT

FISHERIES OFFICER –

FISHERIES/ BANK/ WATER ASSISTANT – SIMON THEWLIS

BANKS OFFICER –

MEMBERS SECRETARY – KATHY BARR

HEAD BALIFF – LEE CHERRY

CLUB WELFARE OFFICER – DAVID GOOCH

GENERAL ASSISTANT – MARK WEATCROFT/ GARY RUSHWORTH

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK OR THE CLUB WEBSITE www.reddishanglingclub.com