**CLUB RULES**

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

2. Seniors (18 to 64) £45.00, over 65’s £30.00 Family comprising up to 2 Seniors & 2 Juniors £65.00, Juniors 13 to 17 £12.00, under 13’s FREE (see Rule 12). Subscriptions to fall due at the AGM, the Club year starting 1st May, & must be paid by the 1st of June otherwise membership will automatically lapse. A surcharge applies to non-junior online payments (see website). RFA membership is included.

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 day ticket for a guest angler (**BURRSWOOD & TICEHURST HOUSE ONLY)**. Tickets will cost £5.00 for a senior guest & £2.50 for a junior guest. Guests must be accompanied by the host member. To obtain tickets contact the Membership Secretary or see the alternative Day Ticket issuing option on the “Members Area” page of the DAAC website.

 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 NOTES FOR BURRSWOOD**

1. Members to only fish lakes shown on DAAC map (disregard parking instructions on current map and follow instructions below)
2. (Updated 8/4/2021) Access lakes via lower road. All cars to be parked in the car park at the Bottom Lake if possible when fishing this lake, only park outside around the Green if the car park is full. For the Top Lake cars must be parked in the main car park at the house or alternatively on the two-way section of the drive approaching the main entrance but ensuring not to cause any obstruction.
3. No night fishing allowed.
4. **CLOSE SEASON 1ST MARCH TO 30TH APRIL INCLUSIVE UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED.**