



## **Rules & Byelaws of the Ogmore Angling Association Ltd 2006 Season**

### **1. General**

- 1) The Company shall be called “The Ogmore Angling Association Ltd.”
- 2) The Objects of the Company are set out within it’s Memorandum of Association. A copy of which is available from the Secretary, email: [secretary@ogmoreanglingassociation.com](mailto:secretary@ogmoreanglingassociation.com)
- 3) The procedures of the Company are set out within it’s Memorandum of Association. A copy of which is available from the Secretary, email: [secretary@ogmoreanglingassociation.com](mailto:secretary@ogmoreanglingassociation.com) .The running of the Company is the responsibility of the Council of Management. Members of the Council shall retire at each Annual General Meeting, but will be eligible for re-election.
- 4) Members will be given at least 21 days notice of the Annual General Meeting.
- 5) Any member of the Association may stand for election to the Council of Management. They need to be proposed (in writing) by another Association member and declare (in writing) their willingness to stand. Both elements of this notification must be left at the registered office of the Company not more than 21 days and not less than 7 days before an Annual General Meeting.
- 6) All applications for membership of the Company shall be made in writing to the membership secretary, ([membership application form](#)). Any application to be accompanied by the written recommendation of ONE member of the Company.
- 7) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by any member who has written evidence of the support of at least 20 members.
- 8) A copy of the rules and byelaws will be issued to all members.
- 9) Any member found to be in breach of these rules and byelaws may be summoned to appear before the Council of Management. The Council shall have power by simple majority to fine, suspend or expel any such member found in breach of the rules and byelaws.
- 10) The decision of the Council of Management is final on all matters relating to these rules and byelaws, and to any other aspects of managing the Company.
- 11) A balance sheet shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- 12) Any person buying a short term or day ticket is bound by the same rules and responsibilities as all other members of the Company.

## 2. Membership Fees and Permits

- 1) The level of membership fees and the cost of limited period permits will be set by the Council of Management on an annual basis.
- 2) New adult members are required to pay an entrance fee of £100.
- 3) Junior members moving up to adult membership are required to pay an entrance fee of £50. (For this purpose, juniors are deemed to become adults if they reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in the year of transition.)
- 4) Limited period permits will be issued on recommendation of Company members and will be for one week only. Weekly permits will cost £40 up until the last day of August and thereafter will cost £50.
- 5) Daily permits (24 hours) are available from local tackle shops at a cost of £15 until the last day of August. Thereafter, until the end of September, £20. Day permits are not available for the first 2 weeks of the season and during October.
- 6) The Company will offer discretionary rates for disabled anglers, in line with its current policy.
- 7) Renewal of membership must be completed by the end of March. Those who do not renew their membership by the end of March are deemed to have left the Company.

## 3. Byelaws: General

- 1) Members may fish with one rod and line only.
- 2) **Members must display their membership ticket in a prominent position about their person when fishing or proceeding to fish. A permit holder will be provided free of charge; additional permit holders will incur a fee.**
- 3) No person may fish any water controlled by the Company without first becoming a member of the Company and taking out an appropriate [Environment Agency rod licence](#). Visitors must take out a limited period ticket.
- 4) Anyone fishing on waters controlled by the Company must produce their authority to do so upon request of a bailiff, or any officer of the Company, or any member of the Company who first produces evidence of his membership.
- 5) Any member of the Company, whilst fishing or intending to fish shall at the request of a bailiff or any officer of the Company, turn out any basket, bag or pocket.
- 6) Members of the Company must protect wildlife and the property of the landowners. All gates are to be closed after use, no fires to be lit, no litter dropped or fishing line discarded. Members must not walk through standing grass or corn.
- 7) No member shall take a dog with him onto private property where he may have permission to fish.
- 8) No member may fish in one spot for more than 20 minutes, if another member, having first signalled, is waiting to fish.
- 9) Only members in possession of a Salmon and Migratory Trout Licence, issued by the Environment Agency are allowed to fish throughout the night. Those anglers in possession of a Non-Migratory Trout Licence must cease fishing one hour after dark and not resume again until one hour before dawn.
- 10) The carrying and use of any gaff or tailer is prohibited.

- 11) A [catch return](#) must be returned at the end of each season on the form issued by the Company.
- 12) The digging of bait on land owned by Merthyr Mawr Estates is prohibited.

#### **4. Restrictions on Angling Methods**

- 1) No spinning or minnow fishing with artificial or natural bait shall be allowed on waters controlled by the Company until 16<sup>th</sup> June each year.
- 2) The use of a fixed spool reel **will be allowed** from 3<sup>rd</sup> March on the River Ogmore, above the railway viaduct at Wildmill and below the swing bridge at Merthyr Mawr. This rule applies to both adult and junior members.
- 3) Members would be allowed to use rod and line for all fish other than game fish at any time below the sewage works bridge using any method including fixed spool.
- 4) All ground baiting is prohibited on waters controlled by the Company.
- 5) The use of maggots and 'Powerbait' as bait is prohibited on waters controlled by the Company.
- 6) The use of bread as bait is prohibited on all waters above the confluence of the Rivers Ogmore and Ewenny.
- 7) No bait fishing is allowed after the last day of September on waters controlled by the Company.
- 8) River Ewenny: Between Treoes Bridge and the A48 Road bridge at Ford's is reserved for fly fishing only.
- 9) River Ogmore: Between the railway viaduct and, Wildmill and the hump back bridge (near the Tennis courts) Merthyr Mawr is reserved for fly-fishing until the 16<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **5. Restrictions on taking fish**

- 1) The season for Brown Trout is 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive.
- 2) The season for Salmon and migratory trout (Sewin) will be from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> October inclusive when all members shall abstain from fishing.
- 3) No Salmon to be kept before the sixteenth day of June each year.
- 4) All unseasonable fish must be returned to the water dead or alive.
- 5) The maximum number of fish taken on any day shall be four; of this total, a maximum of two brown trout may be kept. No more than four Salmon or Seatrout to be kept in any seven-day period. The Company promotes and endorses fishing with barbless hooks.
- 6) The minimum sizes for which fish can be kept, when measured from the snout to the fork of the tail are as follows:

Brown Trout 10 inches (254mm)

Salmon and Seatrout 14 inches (355mm)

- 7) Any fish smaller than this must be returned to the water dead or alive.
- 8) Any fish caught on waters controlled by the Company shall not be sold or exposed for sale.

## **6. Grayling Fishing**

- 1) The season for grayling is from 16<sup>th</sup> June until 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Winter fishing, October to February by separate permit. Catch records to be submitted to the secretary by March the same year.
- 2) Fly fishing only with dry, wet or nymph patterns. Hooks to be barbless and no larger than size 10. No streamer or lure patterns to be used.
- 3) No grayling to be killed or kept. Every effort must be made to return the fish unharmed.
- 4) No wading allowed to avoid damage to Redds and spawning fish (no wading whilst fishing or proceeding to fish)
- 5) Fishing during daylight hours only.
- 6) Grayling permit and Environment Agency rod licence to be displayed when fishing or proceeding to fish.
- 7) The boundaries within which Grayling fishing is allowed will be defined on an annual basis by the Council of Management. The boundaries will be published on the Grayling permits issued each year.