

PFFC Club Rules

Fishing Rules and Regulations. (Revised March 2025)

1. *Members fishing do so at their own risk and on the understanding that the Club accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or injury to persons or property.*
2. *Members must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and show due respect to fellow members and also members of the general public who also enjoy the facilities at Pitfour Lake.*
3. *The hours of fishing are from sunrise to sunset and the season is open all year.*
4. *Guest Ticket anglers, when accompanied by a current member, may fish at the same times as stipulated in the Rules and Regulations for full members.*
5. *Juniors (see Constitution) shall not be allowed to fish unless accompanied by an adult member.*
6. *Guest tickets (if applicable) must be produced to any authorised warden or any other member on request. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action being taken. Tickets, catches and bags must be produced on the request of any warden or club member.*
7. *All members must endeavour to ensure that no unauthorised fishing takes place. If they think unlawful fishing has or is taking place it should be reported to the committee.*
8. *Fly fishing only is allowed. Fishing shall be permitted by the use of Fly Rod, Fly Line and Flies. Barbless or de-barbed single hooks must be used at all times. Floats, spinners and ledgers are forbidden. Ground baiting or any form of bait fishing is forbidden.*
9. *Members must only fish with one rod, which must be “in hand” at all times. However members may carry more than one rod ready for use if they so wish.*
10. *Only **1 fish** can be killed in any one day. All brown trout and coarse fish should be returned to the water regardless of size. Should a fish be hooked badly or bleeding excessively it should be dispatched as quickly and as humanely as possible and returned to the water. All Brown Trout shall remain the property of Pitfour Fly Fishing Club and must not be taken.*
11. *The number of fish taken is restricted to a total of **10 per year**.*
12. *Fish over **20 inches** in length shall not be killed.*
13. *No dogs allowed when fishing and no dogs allowed in the water.*
14. *When you fish, all members will provide fish returns on a daily basis, the time fishing started and finished. This must include any nil returns. This is a mandatory requirement. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.*
15. *The use of boats is on a first come basis. Lifejackets shall be worn when in the boat. Members may use electric outboards, but internal combustion outboards are not to be used unless for committee approved activities. Boats must be secured with the chain and padlock and oars returned to the bothy at the end of fishing.*
16. *No wading is allowed, but access to the water using float tube type devices is. As with the use of the club's boats, lifejackets shall be worn at all times.*
17. *No firearms or shooting of any type is allowed on club premises.*
18. *Fishing is not permitted beyond the boundary markers, or in front of the landlord's premises.*
19. *Anglers must not interfere with, disturb or damage any of the local flora or fauna, surrounding infrastructure or with any of the Landlord's installations.*

20. *Anglers are responsible for ensuring that the banks and water are kept free of litter and waste fishing line, which should be disposed of by taking it home with them.*
21. *The gutting and cleaning of fish on the banks or in the water is strictly forbidden.*
22. *Members may only use the Club's car park and facilities in the Bothy. Access to the club carpark is via the Saplinbrae Hotel through a locked gate, care and consideration must be shown when driving through the hotel grounds and along the access road. The access gate shall be left locked when not in use.*
23. *Members have a duty of care to ensure that the general public are aware of the dangers of fly fishing on the Club's leased waters and to avoid casting their line if there is a risk of causing injury.*
24. *No fires, camping or temporary shelters are allowed on the Landlord's grounds.*
25. *Alterations to the Rules can be made only at a General or Special Meeting called by the Secretary either at the request of a minimum of 10 members (who shall give 21 days notice to the Secretary) or at the request of the Committee. Such proposed alterations must be circularised to all members, 14 days before the date of the meeting.*

Any question of interpretation of these rules shall be determined by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.