

Pitfour Fly Fishing Club Constitution

Club Name

1. The Club will be called Pitfour Fly Fishing Club, hence known as (PFFC) in this document.

Aims

- 2 To maintain, develop and care for Pitfour Lake and the surrounding banks biodiversity and environment, for the benefit of club members and the general public.
- 3 To stock Pitfour Lake with fish for the purposes of fly fishing by members of PFFC and temporary guest ticket holders.
- 4 To promote the sport of fly fishing.
- 5 To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club.

Membership

- 6 Membership is at the discretion of the committee, whose decision is final. All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to have accepted these regulations, policies and codes of conduct that the club has adopted.
- 7 The club will be comprised of four categories of members;
Juniors – aged 5-17
Full members – aged 18-65
Concession members – aged over 65
Temporary guest day ticket holders
- 8 Every member will have a total of 5 guest tickets per year at a cost of £20 per ticket. The tickets will be held and issued by members of the committee once payment has been received. As much notice as possible to be given so as to avoid disappointment. The permit is valid from dawn until dusk on the date it is issued and guests must be accompanied by a member at all times. Members are responsible for the behaviour of their guests and guests fish at their own risk. Guests should adopt a catch and release policy unless it is deemed necessary to dispatch a fish.
- 9 PFFC is a non-profit club and as such all funds are to be spent improving and maintaining the lake and its amenities. All members are expected to support the club, help with the general maintenance and help take the club forward for the benefit of all members.
- 10 Members will receive their membership renewal forms, along with their AGM notification letters, which will state the cost of the up- to-date fees.
- 11 Fees will be due for payment by the 28th of February each year. If a member has not paid their fees by this date, they will not be allowed to fish at the lake. If no payment has been received within 14 days of the due date a £20 fine will be charged. Failure to pay after this time will mean they will be treated as a new member and have to pay a joining fee, unless there is a prior arrangement with the Treasurer.

Membership Cont'd

- 12 The committee has the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any member who breaks the club rules or whose conduct brings the club into disrepute. A letter will be issued to the member, inviting them to appear before the committee, where they will have the opportunity to answer any complaint brought against them. If a member fails to appear the committee will then have the power to come to a decision in their absence. The decision of the committee is final.

Committee

- 13 A committee member must be nominated and the nomination seconded. A vote will then be taken to confirm the members agree with the decision.
- 14 A committee will consist of a Chairman, Vice -Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and two other members.
- 15 The duties of the Treasurer will include keeping accurate accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the club. A copy of the accounts and a cash statement shall be made available to all members at the AGM. The Treasurer shall also receive and disburse all money due to the club. Monies shall be lodged in a bank account registered in the club's name. Cheques will be signed by two committee members.
- 16 The Secretary will be responsible for keeping a complete record of club proceedings conducted at the AGM and any special general meetings. They will be responsible for calling such meetings that are required and conducting correspondence in connection with club interests.
- 17 The committee will meet quarterly to discuss matters relating to the efficient running of the club.
- 18 If a committee member is unable to attend a committee meeting, they will be asked for their opinion on any decision(s) made at the meeting, before it is implemented.
- 19 The committee will make necessary decisions in order to run the club efficiently.

Meetings

- 20 The members will be informed of committee decisions and be able to discuss and vote regarding them in the following manner:-
- 21 An AGM will be held and the members will receive a letter one month before the meeting which will inform them when and where the meeting will take place and include an agenda of the items to be discussed at the meeting.
- 22 Members will be informed of any minor decision(s) made by the committee by email and a notice in the Bothy. They will be able to lodge any objection to the decision(s) with any committee member. If a majority of members disagree with the decision(s) an emergency meeting will then be called to discuss the matter and vote if necessary.
- 23 If a member is not going to be able to attend the AGM or a meeting they will have the opportunity to put their opinion in writing to the committee before the meeting takes place.
- 24 If there is not a full attendance at the meeting then the voting members present will be classed as a representative vote of the total club membership.

Meetings Cont'd

- 25 Five members must be present to form a quorum.

Wardens

- 26 The committee is responsible for appointing wardens. The wardens will carry a warden's permit which they will produce on request.
- 27 The warden's duties are to ensure that members adhere to the rules of the club, promote safe and sustainable fishing within the area managed by the club and report any irregularity to the committee.
- 28 The committee will hold an inquiry into any irregularity in respect of a member. They will gather all necessary information and decide on the action that needs to be taken. Their decision is final and must be adhered to.

Changes to the Constitution

- 29 Should members wish to make suggestions or changes to club policy a submission can be made to the club Secretary. This will then be put to the committee for consideration. Should the committee consider the submission as to be in the club's best interest, it will either be adopted as policy, or put to the members at the AGM for a membership vote.

Dissolution

- 30 In the event that PFFC should cease to exist, all equipment will be sold and the funds added to any monies in the bank. The total monies will be donated to the Salmon and Trout Association.