

All SFWAC members must abide by the club rules at all times! Not knowing the club rules is NOT an excuse!! Any member found not abiding by club rules will face the possibility of expulsion from the club. Rules and regulations are produced for the protection of our fisheries and fish stocks please follow them.

Sunderland Freshwater Angling Club requires that ALL members when fishing club waters, pleasure or matches (including matches at non club venues) be in possession of an annual Rod Licence which are available from your local Post Office or through the internet.

Rules:

1. All anglers using club waters, associated waters or attending club matches or outings, must have in their possession, a valid club card or day ticket and a valid EA licence.
2. It is the duty of every member to challenge and inspect the club card, day ticket and licence of anyone using club waters who they do not recognise. You must show your club card and licence first to give you this authority.
3. Members must only use recognised paths to the waterside and not trespass or light fires, damage trees or river banks. You must not leave gates open, insult any land owner, tenant or employee associated with the land or commit any misconduct that could damage the clubs reputation.
4. Anglers may use a maximum of two rods at any one time. Others must be un baited and facing away from the water. (Anglers with night fishing permission may use 3 rods dusk till dawn only) All rods may only be fished half way between you and the next angler. Adjacent unused pegs may be cast to until someone wishes to occupy them then all rods must be confined to your own swim.
5. Keepnets must be knotless at least 8ft in length with rings of not less than 15 inch diameter or 15" by 12" if rectangular and rings spaced no more than 12" apart along the full length.
6. No fish to be removed from club waters.
7. No fish to be transferred from peg to peg.
8. Landing nets must be knotless and assembled before fishing. All fish over 2 ounces to be landed with a net. All anglers must be in possession of a landing net. Carp anglers nets must have a minimum 36 inch length arms.
9. No Carp in keep nets or Carp sacks.
10. Boilies in moderation only
11. Only 1kg of ground bait per session (dry weight)
12. Strictly no tins containing bait allowed on club waters.

13. Fishing from permanent pegs only. (The coffin and dam are not pegs)
14. No scraping for blood worm (both lakes)
15. No memberships, licences or tickets to be transferred.
16. Radios or any music players are not allowed on any club waters.
17. No spinning, live or dead baiting allowed on Silksworth.
18. No fish in keepnets more than 5 hrs.
19. No litter to be left. You are responsible for litter on and around your peg. Keep the waterside tidy at all times. Remember discarded line can kill wildlife.
20. Any other EA ruling must be adhered to.
21. No baits to be fished on the surface.
22. No fixed rigs. Leads and feeders must be able to eject from the line in the event of snapping off.
22. Carp anglers must be in possession of an unhooking mat.
23. All anglers must be in possession of a disgorging or forceps.
24. Always place fish back in the water, never throw them.
25. When targeting the larger carp use appropriate gear, not match rods and 4lb line. 10lb line min and proper Carp rods are a must.
26. Night fishing is by arrangement only. Applications to the Membership secretary (one year previous membership required)

Anyone found to be in breach of club rules will be removed from the fishing lake and persistent offenders will be refused admission to fish the club water permanently.

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