

## **Romaldkirk Anglers**

Romaldkirk Anglers (hereinafter called the “The Syndicate”)

Romaldkirk Anglers syndicate membership (hereinafter called “members”)

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The Officials, to be known as Executive Offices shall be as follows:-

Ivan S. Cater-Becker, Robert Forsyth and Ronald Wood.

The Executive Officers are responsible for the administration of syndicate business, including the lease, insurance and financial business.

The Executive Officers will foster and promote the sport of Angling at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation and supporting conservation ideals generally and more particularly in respect to the leased water of the river Tees at Romaldkirk.

### **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

The affairs of the Syndicate shall be controlled by a General Committee comprising of the 3 Executive Officers of the Syndicate and up to 3 other members of the Syndicate.

The General Committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than three times per year, with a valid meeting requiring a quorum of at least 4 attendees. The Chairman of any such meeting is to be one of the Executive Officers.

### **Membership**

The Syndicate shall be limited to a maximum of 25 members in total.

Class of membership available:

- Full Membership
- Guest (see below for rules pertaining to Guests)

Membership, of any classification is not normally transferable unless in extremis and only with the express permission of the General Committee.

### **Rules and Guidance**

#### *Membership*

- M1. The annual cost of membership is £100.
- M2. The membership year shall be 1<sup>st</sup> November - 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- M3. Members must pay their fees no later than 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- M4. Each member will be allowed to invite four guests only during any one season without incurring a fee, subject to the following limits-
  - > one guest on any one day
  - > the guest must share their hosts rod

- > only one guest is allowed between the 15<sup>th</sup> August and the 30<sup>th</sup> October
- > a guest can only be invited once per season
- > upon the four guest limit being reached, any further invitations shall incur a fee of £10 and must be approved in advance by an Executive Officer.

M5. Prospective members of the Syndicate may fish as guests without charge if accompanied by an Executive Officer or General Committee member.

### *Fishing parameters*

F1. Fly-fishing is the preferred method throughout the beat and catch and release is encouraged.

F2. The fishing season shall be determined by the following dates:

Salmon Fishing 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Sea Trout Fishing 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Brown Trout Fishing (fly only) 22<sup>nd</sup> March - 30<sup>th</sup> September

Grayling Fishing (fly only) 15<sup>th</sup> June - 15<sup>th</sup> March

F3. All members permitted to fish the beat will have a valid and appropriate Environment Agency Rod License.

F4. The Environment Agency Rod License and any Romalldkirk Anglers membership identity should be available for inspection when fishing the beat.

F5. Members will use the beat in a responsible manner and will undertake to comply with all the current statutory regulations and bye-laws of the Environment Agency. All members must acquaint themselves of the aforementioned statutory regulations and bye-laws.

F6. There shall be no more than 8 rods on the beat at any one time.

F7. Members when fishing must have with them a wading stick, landing net, suitable disgorging tool and priest.

F8. No trout under 10 inches (25.4cm) in length from snout to fork of tail may be taken and no member may take more than two fish in total in any one day. Members are reminded that the minimum size of grayling that may be taken is 30cm and the maximum size is 38cm.

### *Conduct*

C1. It is of paramount importance that all members readily understand the need to foster good relations with the local community, statutory bodies, voluntary organisations, landowners and adjacent fishing organisations.

C2. Members agree to be responsible whilst crossing neighbours land, closing gates behind them and to be liable for any damage caused to private property. Members must follow marked paths and agreed access routes.

C3. A level of fishing etiquette shall be afforded to other Syndicate members and invited guests. Members will be expected to fish the river through and not stand in one particular spot when queuing is necessary.

C4. Any member wishing to fish downstream of an angler already fishing a pool, should first obtain the permission of that angler.

C5. The Executive Committee wish to promote at all times gentlemanly conduct between Syndicate members and guests, members of the public and anglers from adjacent beats. Anyone found not to be upholding good gentlemanly conduct may be expelled or suspended.

C6. Members will at all times park in a manner that does not cause obstructions to other vehicles, access gates, tracks or gates.

C7. Members shall respect nearby residents and return quietly to cars parked in the village.

C8. Members of the Syndicate whose conduct is deemed inappropriate or who declines to abide by any of the Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the General Committee where their subscriptions may also be forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the Executive Officers of the Syndicate with regard to any decision affecting themselves – provided that notice of such an appeal be submitted to the Officers

of the Syndicate, in writing, within seven days of notification of any such decision.

### *General*

- G1. Members will be expected to support environmental friendly appropriate conservation ideals in respect to the beat and encompassing woodland habitat.
- G2. The Syndicate shall affiliate annually to the “Angling Trust” for insurance purposes.
- G3. The Syndicate will not make any improvements or alterations to the river banks without the prior recorded consent of the riparian owner.
- G4. The Syndicate shall keep the river banks and such other land over which access is granted or agreed in good condition.
- G5. Any member observing poaching or illegal fishing shall notify an Executive Officer immediately.
- G6. The Syndicate agrees not to permit any waste or rubbish to be tipped or left behind on the river banks.
- G7. Camping and the lighting of open fires are strictly prohibited.
- G8. Annual Catch returns shall be provided to the riparian owner by the 30<sup>th</sup> November for the preceding annual leasing period (1<sup>st</sup> November - 30<sup>th</sup> October).
- G9. If members have specific problems that need addressing, they shall contact one of the Executive Officers who will take the matter up with the General Committee or any other appropriate body. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should members bypass this procedure and contact any third party directly.
- G10. Syndicate news and updates will be circulated to members by email, restricted access Website and Secure social media. It is aimed to update members at least monthly.

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