

# Girling Angling Society

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## Constitution. Version 5 – June 2024.

1.0 This Society be known as "GIRLING ANGLING SOCIETY" and that membership should be open to individuals sponsored by a member and confirmed by the Committee, provided that such persons agree to abide by the rules of the Society and pay subscriptions as determined from time to time, and further provided that the committee consider that there is a suitable vacancy by virtue of numbers. The categories of membership shall be as follows.

<b>Full Member.</b>	Eligible to fish all club contests.
<b>Associate Member.</b>	Eligible to fish club waters except when contests are booked.
<b>Life Member.</b>	Honorary membership is awarded by the Com. in recognition of service.
<b>Junior Member.</b>	Supervised under 16 year olds can fish the matches on pools with Subscriptions waived but Junior members are not entitled to Club Prize Money. Members must be 16 years of age to Fish the River Matches.

2.0 **Society Trustees:-**  
Trustees can be added to the list of Trustees if agreed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Note list of Trustees as of June 2024:-

Dave Mullins	2019	Became a Trustee during the Land Registry legal process
Frank Bagley	2019	Became a Trustee during the Land Registry legal process
Peter Fawke	June 2024	Added to the list of Trustees following the 2024 AGM decision
Peter Whittingham	June 2024	Added to the list of Trustees following the 2024 AGM decision
Roger Middleton	June 2024	Added to the list of Trustees following the 2024 AGM decision

3.0 **Committee eligibility:-**  
Only Full members are entitled to serve on the Committee or as officers of the Society.  
All members are welcome to attend and contribute to the AGM but only full members are allowed to vote.

**Committee indemnity:-**  
By payment of the first instalment of annual fees the member (all categories) hereby indemnifies each and every officer and committee member of the Society from any and all claim, either for loss and / or damage whether to person or property, however caused.

**Contributions:-**  
That contributions be as laid down by the Committee for that year and approved by vote at the AGM. 50% of the fees are due by the AGM (usually January) and the remainder by the first contest (usually June).

4.0 **Committee Structure:-**  
The Society shall be governed by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer and if possible by at least three Committee members. They shall sit at various times of the year preferably quarterly to transact any business in connection with the Society.

**Voting Rights:-**  
All the members of the Committee shall have equal voting rights and an attendance of three or more shall form a quorum.

**Match Secretary's:-**  
Non-voting Match Secretaries can be appointed with the sole responsibility of running the matches to current match rules.

5.0 **Election of Officers:-**  
That the Society officials will be appointed by a ballot of members attending an annual general meeting which will be held at a date decided by the committee once per calendar year. All officers shall retire after three years but be eligible for re-election.

6.0 **Club Secretary's duties:-**  
The Secretary will be responsible for ensuring management of Society records and meetings and all communications and correspondence. Minutes shall be kept of all committee meetings.

**Treasurers duties:-**  
The Treasurer will record Society accounts received by him on behalf of the Society and these accounts will be audited as required by the committee and reported to the general body of the AGM.

7.0 **Society Affiliations:-**  
The Society will be affiliated to the BAA although only members fishing matches on BAA venues will be required to hold a current BAA card. All members must hold a current Environmental Agency licence.

8.0 **Amendments to Rules:-**  
Proposed amendments or additions to the rules must be given in writing to the Society Secretary prior to the next committee meeting and subject to the said proposal receiving the support of the majority of the committee will be subjected to the general body for acceptance at the AGM.  
Updates to the Constitution must be agreed at the AGM and recorded on the list of amendments (page 2)

9.0 **Any Other Business:-**  
Any items for discussion under "Any Other Business" at the AGM must be proposed in writing to a Committee member prior to the night of the AGM. No other items will be permitted on the night in the interests of time management

10.0 **Compliance:-**  
The above rules must be strictly and impartially adhered to without fear or favour and should any query or circumstance arise for which the said rules do not apply, the decision of the Committee in attendance shall be binding.

11.0 **Fishery Utilisation:-**  
The Fishery is a Match and Pleasure fishing venue therefore the Society does not allow night Fishing or heavy pre-baiting. The Fishery can be booked by trusted clubs for matches at Committee discretion.