

Instituted 1894

**Rules of
Paisley Abercorn
Angling Club**

(Revised 2008)

Rules

1. The Club shall be called the “Paisley Abercorn Angling Club” and its objects shall be to promote and encourage the interests of angling and acquire, by lease or otherwise, suitable fishing waters for its members.
2. The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a President, Vice President, Secretary, and a committee of management consisting of seven members, five of whom will be required to form a quorum. Decisions of the committee shall be carried by a simple majority. In the event of a tie the chairman will have a casting vote. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Social and Competition secretary shall retire annually, other members of committee shall retire in rotation of three and four each alternate year, but all shall be eligible for re-election.
3. In the event of any committee member being absent for three consecutive meetings, the committee shall have the power to declare his position vacant and appoint the member next in order of voting at election.
4. The financial year shall end on 31 December. Two auditors shall be elected annually to examine all books, receipt books and vouchers. A balance sheet duly signed by said auditors shall be submitted to the members fourteen days before the February Annual General Meeting.
5. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the club and shall record the minutes of the meetings.
6. The Treasurer shall bank all monies received on behalf of the club and keep a correct account of the income and expenditure, a statement of which shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting. Any balance on hand at the end of each year shall be carried forward and any deficit be met by levy.
7. The membership of the club shall be limited to 250.
8. Application for membership must be made in writing to the secretary and will be subject to approval by the committee. Vacancies shall be filled in order of date of application. When a vacancy arises, the secretary will send an official application form to the last address given by the applicant. Applicants may be required to appear before the committee on whose approval the application shall be admitted. No person convicted of poaching shall be eligible for membership.
9. The annual subscription and entrance fees for membership of the club shall be such sums as may be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

10. Subscriptions for the following season shall be paid to the treasurer on or before 31 December. Any member whose subscription is unpaid after that date shall cease to be a member.
11. Identity card and current years membership must be carried at all times whilst fishing club waters. Any member unable to produce above when asked for by a bailiff or any member must leave the water and will be reported to the committee.
12. The season for Trout shall be from 15 March to 6 October, both dates inclusive.

The season for Salmon and Sea Trout shall be from 11 February to 31 October, both dates inclusive.

The season for Grayling shall be from 1 July to 14 April, both dates inclusive.

There is no close season for Pike and other course fish.

The taking of Trout, Sea Trout and Salmon during the statutory close season is a criminal offence and shall be reported to the Police and the member(s) expelled from the Club.

13. Members are not allowed to sell their fish.
14. No fish less than 10 inches (*25.4 centimetres*) from nose to fork of tail to be retained. Any member persistently retaining undersize fish shall be expelled from the Club.
15. Members are limited to retaining a maximum of two fish of any one species per day.
16. Members are reminded that the killing of salmon parr or white fish is a criminal offence and due care must be exercised at all times. It is also an offence to take or transfer species such as minnows or sticklebacks.
17. Members must show their fish when requested to do so by other members, bailiffs or other authorised persons.
18. Members known to fish waters reserved by the proprietors of whom the club has rights, or found guilty of conduct injurious to the Club will be expelled. Members knowing of any violation of this rule and not reporting same to the committee will be expelled.
19. Members are entitled to four free visitors permits per season, two to be used before 30 June, the remaining two be used after this date. Members will be responsible for the conduct of their guests and to ensure their compliance with the Club rules and relevant legislation.

20. Members will abstain from all types of illegal fishing and undertake to protect game of all kinds, trees, fences and ground crops, etc. The approach to Club waters must be by a recognised route. Vehicles must not be parked on private roads or land except without prior permission.
21. Notice of any proposed alterations or additions to these rules must be lodged with the secretary one month prior to the Annual General Meeting and members will be notified of any such proposals not less than seven days before the meeting. No alteration or addition can be made unless there is a majority of two thirds of the members present at the meeting in favour of doing so.
22. Sunday fishing is allowed on all Club waters except for Salmon and Sea Trout. No line with a breaking strain greater than four pounds (*1.81 kilograms*) and no hook larger than size twelve may be used on any Sunday or at any time during the statutory close season for Salmon or Sea Trout.
23. Members are not allowed to fish within 40 feet (*12.19 metres*) of another unless by mutual consent and must move 1 yard (0.91 metres) with each cast. Downstream anglers must give way to those fishing upstream.
24. Dogs are not allowed on the Club waters. The lighting of fires and/or digging of banks is strictly forbidden.
25. Camping by use of tent, bivvi or other means is strictly prohibited.
26. Gaffs are prohibited on all Club waters.

Bye-laws

Members must show their cards before taking part in any of the competitions.

1. Trout, Grayling, Sea Trout and Salmon to count in competitions as specified on card.
2. Any member having objection against any competitor must lodge such objection at the weigh in.
3. All members must complete the annual catch return and return this with their annual subscription to the Club treasurer for the following year.
4. All members are expected to report to committee any violations of the above rules and bye-laws which may come to their notice.

Club Waters

Details of Club waters will be printed on the reverse of the catch return card each year.

Set Line Angling

Set line angling is a breach of Scottish law and the committee would draw to the attention of members to the fact that an assembled rod, if laid on the ground becomes a fixed engine if line and bait are in the water. Any member infringing this law will be brought before the committee on first offence and dismissed from the club on the second offence.

Standing Orders

1. The Chairman shall take the chair not later than the stated time and formally open of business of the meeting. In the event of the Chairman's absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside. In the absence of both the meeting shall elect a Chairman from the members of Committee present at the meeting.
2. Any member addressing the meeting shall rise and confine his speech strictly to the subject under discussion. Movers of the motion and amendment shall be allowed 5 minutes each. Seconders and subsequent speakers shall be allowed 3 minutes each. No one shall be allowed to speak twice on the same subject, except movers of the motion and the amendment who shall have the right to reply and be limited to 3 minutes. Asking or answering a question by permission of the Chairman shall not be considered a speech.
3. No proposal or amendment shall be discussed unless it is seconded. Whenever an amendment to an original motion has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment has been disposed of. If an amendment is carried, it shall take the place of the original motion, and will become the question upon which any further amendment may be moved.
4. If a proposition to proceed with the next business has been formally moved and seconded, it shall be put to the vote. If agreed to, all other propositions on the subject shall be considered as disposed of.
5. Once a subject has been discussed and voted on, it shall not be introduced again during the meeting.

6. A notice bearing the signature of the proposer and the signatures of at least one-seventh of the members eligible to attend the meeting will be required to:
 1. Consider rescinding any motion passed within the previous 6 months,
or
 2. Consider a motion substantially similar to any motion which has been declined in the previous 6 months.
7. Whenever the Chairman rises during a debate, any member then speaking or offering to speak must resume their seat.
8. The ruling of the Chairman on all matters must be strictly obeyed.
9. The Chairman shall read the Standing Orders, any portion thereof, when requested to do so by two members.
10. The Agenda shall be taken as follows:
 1. Minutes of previous meeting and business arising thereof.
 2. Correspondence
 3. Secretary's Report
 4. Treasurer's Report
 5. Auditor's Report
 6. Motions of Urgency
 7. Motions of which notice has been given (motions left over from previous meetings, if any, shall have precedence).
 8. Notice of Motions and any other competent business.
11. All Standing Orders shall be strictly enforced but any Standing Orders may be suspended with a two-thirds majority of the members present, but not otherwise. A member moving the suspension of a Standing Order shall state, without comment, the purpose for which the motion is made. If seconded, the question will be put forthwith.
12.
 1. At Committee Meetings five members shall form a quorum.
 2. At General Meetings, twenty members, including Office Bearers, shall form a quorum.
 3. The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month except holiday periods.
 4. The General Meetings shall be held annually in February on dates fixed.
13. The Chairman and other officials shall exercise their right to vote on any motion or amendment, and in the event of an even number voting for a motion and its amendment the Chairman shall exercise his casting vote.

14. Members must keep the club hut, surrounding area, banks, waters and access routes clean and tidy, ensuring all rubbish is removed at the end of each session.
15. Members are required to attend at least one work party per year.