Brynmill and District Angling Club - Fishing Rules

Definitions and Entitlements

Brynmill and District Angling Club currently permits use of lakes/ponds ("The Waters") for Coarse Fishing. The Waters are known as;

a) Fendrod Lake
b) Half Round Pond

Angling Permits are valid from 1st April to 31st March

"Associate Angling Permit – day and night": Entitles the holder to fish at all Waters at all permitted times, in accordance with the rules outlined below.

"Associate Angling Permit – day only" Entitles the holder to fish at all Waters during daylight hours ONLY (dawn to dusk), in accordance with the rules outlined below.

"Members Angling Permit – day and night" Entitles the holder to fish at all Waters at all permitted times, in accordance with the rules outlined below and the Brynmill & District Angling Club (BDAC) Constitution.

"Members Angling Permit – day only" Entitles the holder to fish at all Waters during daylight hours ONLY (dawn to dusk) in accordance with the rules outlined below and the Brynmill & District Angling Club (BDAC) Constitution.

"Day ticket": Entitles a non member to fish at the designated Water(s) for a 12-hour period during daylight hours ONLY (dawn to dusk) in accordance with the rules outlined below.

"Upgrade ticket" Entitles day season permit holders to upgrade to fish at designated Waters during night time, in accordance with the rules outlined below.

"Weekly Ticket": Entitles a non member to fish all Water(s) for 7 days during daylight hours ONLY (dawn to dusk). In accordance with the rules outlined below.

"Guest Ticket": a full club member may purchase two guest tickets each season to allow a guest angler to fish for 24 hours. The full member will be responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their “guest”.

General Rules

1) These rules apply to all Brynmill DAC Waters and the Angling Permit scheme irrespective of where your permit/day ticket was purchased. Holders of the club members’ Angling Permits should also be aware of the BDAC Club Constitution. A copy will accompany all issued members’ permits and replacement copies are available from BDAC direct.

2) A valid Angling Permit and Environment Agency rod licence must be carried at all times. Non-permit holders will be required to purchase a day ticket that covers them during daylight hours (dawn to dusk).

3) Holders of day and night Angling Permits may fish overnight in accordance with rule 15 the ‘Specimen Fishing Rules’. Holders of Angling Permits for day use can fish overnight by purchasing an upgrade ticket to fish at the specified Water for the period that it is bought. Non permit holders are not permitted to fish overnight.

4) No litter or nylon line to be discarded at the waterside. No bait to be taken to the waterside in tins. Reusable containers only please. Anglers are responsible for the tidiness of their peg.

5) Use only barbless or micro-barbed hooks. No spinning or fly fishing allowed.

6) Keep-nets to be at least 8ft by 18ins in size. Any angler must have a recognised landing net for the species for which they are fishing. No fish over 5lb to be kept in keep-nets except during matches and at the discretion of the Match Organiser. Nets must be pegged-out correctly and the vast majority of the net underwater. Retention time should be minimal. Retention of large fish is strongly not recommended in warm weather.

7) Anglers shall be responsible for their own behaviour and of friends who accompany them on the bankside. Noise, bad language, unruly behaviour or intimidation of bailiffs or others, whether verbal or physical will not be tolerated. The use of illegal substances will not be tolerated.

8) The drinking of alcohol whilst fishing is not recommended for safety reasons. Anglers may drink in moderation with their own safety and the consideration of others in mind. Any empty/full cans or bottles of alcohol must not be left on display to the public.

9) No angler to permanently remove any fish from any water

10) Senior anglers may use a maximum of 3 rods on all waters. You must not cast into another angler’s swim. As per NRW byelaws, do not leave your rods unattended with either a hook or bait in the water. It must be possible to exert immediate physical control over any rod with bait or hook in the water. Anglers fishing on pegs 2, 3, 4, 29, 32 and 38 must not leave the pegs whilst their rods are in the water, and must fish with their rods locked up. Bailiffs will interpret that you must be no more than 20 yards or 2 pegs from your rods irrespective of whether you carry a receiver. Fishing only permitted from designated pegs. No fishing from pegs 83 and 36 of the Fendrod.

11) Junior anglers (under 17 years) must only use one rod at a time, unless all rods are alarmed (a maximum of two rods may then be used on any water).
12) Matches to be pegged around existing anglers on the water. During the build up to an open match, non-competitors must vacate the water by 7am on match days or 1pm Saturday for 24hr carp matches.

13) Bailiffs have the right to check angler’s permits and fishing tackle and anglers must be willing to comply with all reasonable requests. A non-refundable day ticket must be purchased if a valid Permit cannot be produced.

14) No cars allowed on the bankside. Anglers must use designated parking areas or park on road obeying all traffic law.

**Specimen Fishing Rules**

15) a) If Carp fishing,
   - your landing net must be a min. width of 36ins.
   - When targeting carp, the angler must have with them and use a suitably-sized carp unhooking mat with sides or a carp cradle.
   - you must use a mainline of at least 15 lb B.S.
   - All rigs must have leads that will come off in the event of a breakage to avoid fish trailing leads or becoming tethered. Rig checks will be undertaken by bailiffs.
   - Fish must be weighed in appropriate weigh-sling and not in a carp landing net.
   - Carp sacks are prohibited. Tackle bags can only be used for carp.
   - Floating baits are prohibited. Tackle bags can only be used for carp.
   - Night Permit holders (or upgraded equivalent) may fish sessions of up to 72 hrs on one peg on the Fendrod Lake. If bivvied on a grass peg, anglers are asked after 48hrs to relocate their bivvies to a new location to protect the grass banks. After 72 hrs anglers must relocate more than 10 pegs away. Return to the same peg is prohibited for a further 48hrs.
   - Night Permit Holders (or upgraded equivalent) may only have 1 non-fishing guest with them if they fish overnight.
   - A bivvy is defined as a 1 or 2 man green or camouflaged angling shelter. A standard camping tent is not a bivvy
   - A bivvy must be sited on carp platforms where provided, and not on the grass bank above them and they must be placed as close as possible to the angler’s rods, and not zipped up whilst fishing to allow a speedy exit in the event of a run. Bailiffs have the right to ask anglers to relocate their bivvy nearer to the water’s edge and the angler’s rods if they have been sited incorrectly.
   - Night Permit Holders (or upgraded equivalent) may fish overnight sessions on the Half Round Ponds of no more than 48hrs, then they must leave the ponds for 24 hours. Return to the same peg is prohibited for a further 48hrs.
   - On the Half Round Ponds, no fishing is allowed off the steep bank. A clear thoroughfare must be maintained at all times.
   - There is no fishing on pegs 36 and 83 of the Fendrod Lake.
   - No bait boats on club waters.
   - Day fishing only is permitted on peg 32 of the Fendrod Lake (Dawn till Dusk), and anglers must fish with their rods locked up at all times on this peg.
   - Anglers must adhere to the clubs “Spawning Policy” when fish are spawning, and must not fish the swims designated in the Spawning Policy when the fish are spawning. The Clubs Spawning Policy is available for viewing on the Clubs website under the heading “Policies and Forms”, and details will also be published on the Club’s Face Book page “Brymill District Angling Fendrod Lake and Half round Ponds”.
   - All carp to be photographed in the swim captured and not lifted more than 18” above the mat/cradle.
   - Anglers in breach of any of these rules can be excluded immediately at the discretion of the bailiff pending a final disciplinary hearing/decision by the committee.
   - Any angler receiving two written warnings in one season will be excluded for 6 months.
   - Bailiffs have the right to ask you to move or leave the lake if they see that you are not complying with rules or you are putting yourself, a member of the public or the welfare of the fish at risk.
   - NEW RULES FOR CARP ANGLERS FISHING PEG 38 (Corner Snags Swim) AND PEG 32 (Day Swim)

**Rule Adherence /Health and Safety**

i) Rules at all Waters are monitored by appointed Bailiffs.
ii) Club member Angling Permit holders will be dealt with in accordance to BDAC Club Constitution.
iii) All other anglers will be dealt with by the designated club sub-committee.
iv) Ignorance of any rule will not be accepted as an excuse.
v) For operational and Health & Safety reasons, rules may be temporarily amended by Brymill and District Angling Club. Anglers will be made aware of the temporary arrangements through the notice boards, BDAC website or through the Bailiff Team.
vi) Rules are reviewed and agreed periodically.