

# **Lymm Angling Club Rules 2017**

The rules governing members and other persons fishing waters or at club events are based on item 33 of the club constitution, which will apply to any situation not specifically covered by the rules below.

## **Item 33**

All members and other persons taking part in any activity organised by the club must conduct themselves in a fair and sporting manner, and must show consideration and respect for fish and other wildlife: crops, vegetation and animals, property, fellow anglers and other water users, local residents and land owners or any other persons. In particular club rules must be scrupulously observed but in any other situation not covered specifically all persons will be expected to act responsibly. The advice or ruling of any club bailiff or official must be observed immediately, even if disagreed with. Any objection to such ruling should be made to the Secretary in writing within seven days, for consideration by the Committee. Members who are aware of infringements, which they are unable to prevent, are responsible for ensuring that these are reported to a club official, the Committee is empowered to take whatever action it deems appropriate against any offenders.

- 1.** Any member fishing club waters or taking part in any activity organised by the club must carry with them a current fully completed membership card and current environment agency permits. These must be produced at the request of any club official, bailiff, EA Official or other member on production of their card. All Environment Agency regulations and bylaws must be obeyed at all times on club waters. Cards and permits are not transferable: any member contravening this rule will be told to leave the water.
- 2.** All members (including juniors) are responsible for ensuring they are familiar with all club rules and any specific water rules before commencing fishing, which may apply. All members must accept the advice or ruling of any club official or bailiff, or any other member who draws their attention to any contravention of club rules. All tackle, bags, boxes, bivvies etc and cars parked on club car parks shall be available for examination when requested by any club official or bailiff.
- 3.** No person using the clubs waters shall cause or allow to be done, any damage to property, shrubs, trees, banks, fencing, crops, livestock, flora or fauna. Nor may they remove or introduce any flora or fauna at club waters without the written permission from the Committee via the Secretary.
- 4.** No person using the club's waters shall cause or allow to be done, any action, which causes offence or disturbance to another person whilst on club waters.
- 5.** No angler shall dispose of any litter, including surplus bait on club waters, car parks or adjoining land.
- 6.** All anglers, especially long stay anglers, must ensure their toiletry requirements are catered for in a way that does not cause any offence or hygiene hazard to any other person/property. Bailiffs will ask what provisions have been made to comply with this rule, if provisions are not considered adequate enough: members will be asked to leave the water. All foul waste must be bagged and removed by the member; failure to comply WILL result in a lifetime ban.
- 7.** Where available, all cars must be parked in authorised car parks or parking areas in a courteous manner. All vehicles are parked at the members own risk. Access to waters is via designated routes only.

**8.** The carriage of firearms or other weapons of any kind is banned on club waters. The lighting of fires (including barbecues) or camping is not permitted on club waters, also members must not take dogs on club waters without the required permit. The only exceptions must be with the express written permission of the Committee, via the Secretary.

**9.** Non prescribed behavioural changing substances, including alcohol, are banned on club waters. Anyone affected by such substances whether or not consumed or administered on club managed sites will be deemed as being a breach of this rule and WILL result in a lifetime ban.

**10.** Fishing is only allowed from designated pegs, with the exception of rivers and canals and Chester Lakes stalking bank. Fishing is not allowed nearer than ten yards from another angler except on designated pegs. On all waters the casting no more than half-way etiquette must be observed if an angler is fishing opposite you.

**11.** No more than **two** baited rods may be in use or baited on any club waters where allowed. If two members are on a designated double peg they are each allowed the maximum permitted number of rods. (See specific water rules).

**12.** The retaining of fish in any form of net, container or retention system is forbidden other than when authorised by the Committee or where live baiting and baitfish are being retained. The sacking of fish is forbidden on club waters. Exception – Keepnets are permitted to be used for pleasure fishing on canals controlled by the Club and in official Club matches however all fish under 2lb must be kept in a separate keepnet from fish under 5lb, fish of 5lb or above must be weighed and released immediately and not retained in a keepnet at any time. No fish are to be kept longer than five hours and nets must be in a sufficient depth of water. All nets and mats including landing nets, keepnets, unhooking mats and weigh slings must be completely dry prior to fishing.

**13.** Anglers fishing club waters must observe any close season and restrictions imposed by the Committee in addition to those of any statutory authority. Currently the statutory regulations are: Coarse fish close season 15th March to 15th June inclusive and only apply to rivers, streams, etc. Trout fishing is allowed on all rivers, but is restricted to methods permitted by any statutory authority.

**14.** Radios, DVD players or any other audio device, including mobile phone call rings, must not be audible to any other person. When using bite alarms and torches consideration must be shown to other anglers.

**15.** No person shall leave a rod or rods unattended with or without a bite alarm. All persons must, when fishing, be able to effect sufficient control over their rods. No person should be more than 3 metres from their rods. When fishing with multiple rods and lines, rods must be placed such that the distance between the butts of the rods does not exceed three metres.

**16.** The use of boats, except those provided by the club, is not allowed. The use of bait boats is also prohibited.

**17.** Junior members on club waters must be accompanied by an adult of over 18 years of age, who will be responsible and answerable to the Committee for the safety and conduct of that junior. Adult members may take their spouse or partner and up to two children or grandchildren (under the age of 16 years old) on their membership carry no extra charge however they must occupy the same peg. In addition to EA rod licence rules the following rod restrictions apply:

Member +1 = 3 rods dawn till dusk then 2 rods maximum.

Member +2 = 3 rods

Member +3 = 3 rods

**18.** No angler shall spend longer than 48 hours on any club water unless stated otherwise in the specific water rules. During the period of 15th March to 15th June inclusive, only members with a valid over stamp ticket will be allowed to fish the waters designated by the Committee each year to stay open for such members. All members are entitled to fish all waters from the 16th June (subject to special rules). All membership classes other than senior **do not** require an over stamp as this is included in their card.

**19.** Members must complete a yellow arrival slip on their arrival to water and immediately post it into the catch return box, whether they fish or not. On departure, likewise, all members must properly fill in a catch return and post it into the relevant catch return box whether fish were caught or not.

**20.** The provision and appropriate use of unhooking mats is compulsory on **ALL** Lymm Angling Club waters, regardless of the species being targeted.

**21.** Bivvies are allowed providing they are purpose made for anglers or of a khaki or camouflage colouring, other forms of tents are not allowed. The modification of any peg or clearance of any area to accommodate bivvies is forbidden.

**22.** Live bait intended for use on club waters must be caught on the water intended for fishing. Only silver fish under 6 inches must be used for live baiting.

**23.** During prolonged periods of extremely low temperatures that see waters freeze over, **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** shall any member break, or attempt to break the ice on **ANY** club water. Doing will result in that person facing disciplinary action.

**\*\*\*\* Additional water specific rules also apply, see below and your membership card and venue notice boards \*\*\*\***

**All waters should be assumed to be open unless otherwise stated on the front page of the website in the red notice banner [www.lymmanglingclub.com](http://www.lymmanglingclub.com)**

## Specific Water Rules

In addition to the club rules the following rules, specific to individual waters, must be adhered to. It is essential that on all waters you adhere to any on site notice/rules/instructions, which may be displayed on the notice board, or anywhere else on the site. It is your responsibility to ensure these are adhered to.

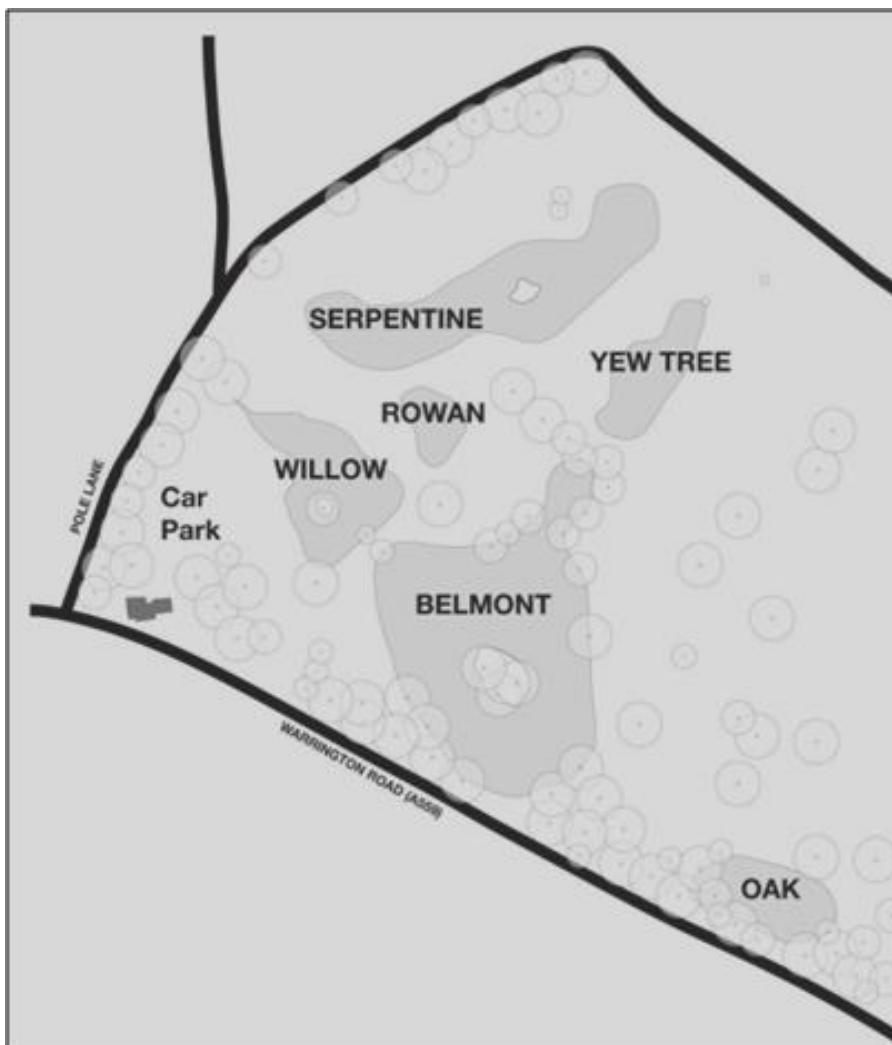
### Belmont Estate

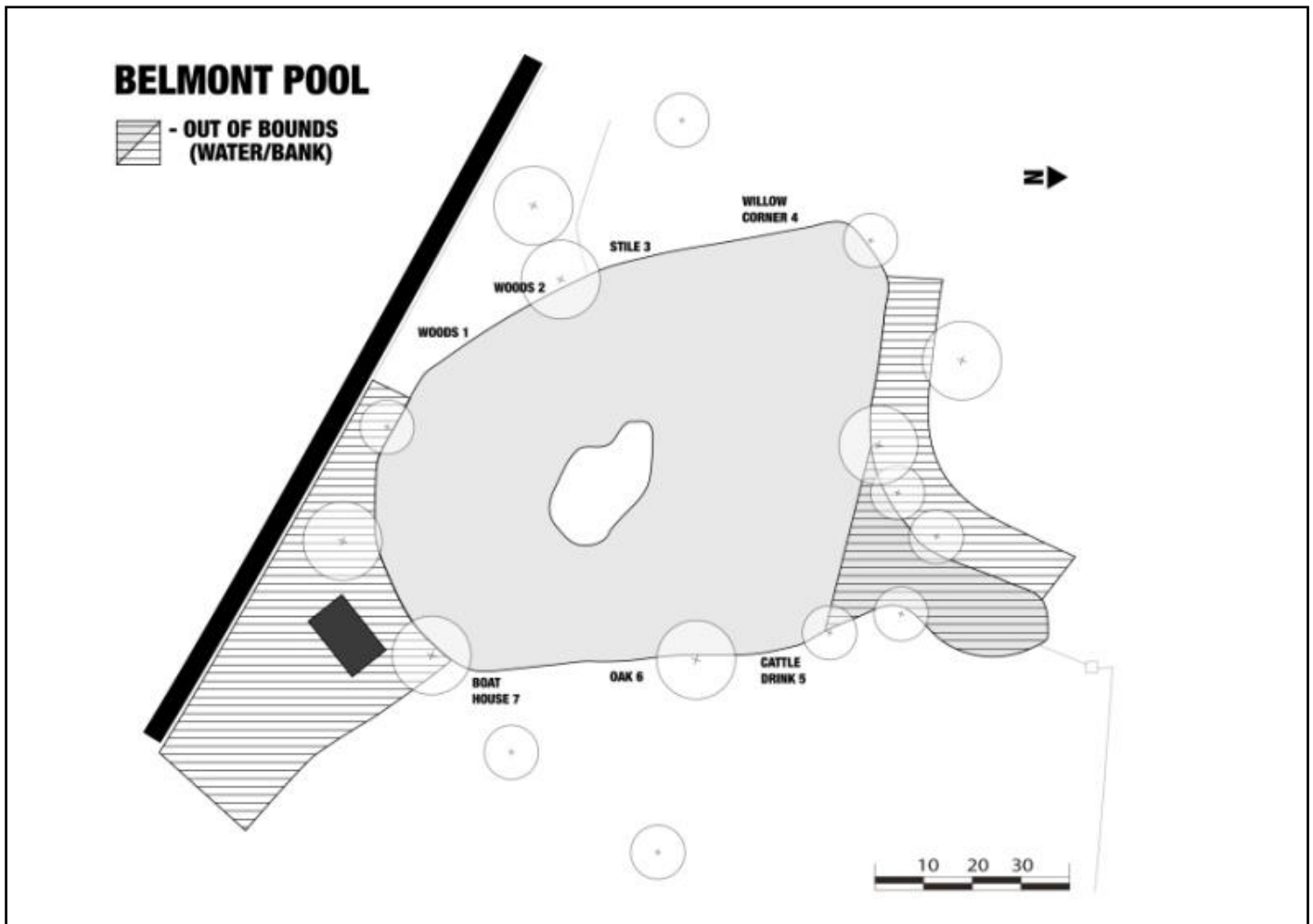
- No vehicles are allowed on the driveway beyond the car park at any time.
- The use of lead core, leaders and fixed or semi-fixed rigs are prohibited on the Belmont estate
- Particles (including sweetcorn, hemp, seeds etc) are prohibited as free offerings but can be used as hook baits. Groundbait containing particles is also prohibited but scalded pellet and crumb is permitted on a method feeder. Plastic hook baits, sweetcorn etc, are allowed.
- Livestock must not be obstructed from drinking in the pool.
- Members should always use the stiles provided.
- No angler may remain on the estate for longer than 24 hours, once an angler has left the estate they may not return within 24 hours.
- No dogs.

### Belmont Pool & Serpentine Pool

- Fishing is only allowed from designated pegs.
- Stalking is not allowed
- Casting into the vicinity of the snags area is not permitted (see local notice board for location of the snags area)

**Willow, Oak, Yew Tree & Rowan Pools - One baited rod maximum.**





### Belmont Moat and Friars Pool

Due to the historic nature of this site, members must not cause any disturbance to the banks. Access to the island is not allowed at any time.

### Bradeley Hall pool

- Barbless hooks only
- The use of lead core, leaders and fixed rigs are prohibited
- The use of a spod or Spomb is prohibited

### Bridgewater Canal

- Fishing is only allowed from the tow path side of the canal
- Members must not cause any annoyance, damage, injury or obstruction to the canal, towpath, tenants or its neighbours or interfere in any manner with boats in or moving through the canal
- Members shall gain access to and egress from the canal at recognised access points only by means of a right of way on foot along the towpath
- ALL fish must be returned, the club operate a catch and release policy and will report ALL fish theft to the authorities

### **Catch Penny Pool (L = Requirement of the lease)**

- Barbless/micro Barb Hooks Only. (L)
- Otter Fence must be kept Locked AT ALL TIMES (L)
- Parking only in the Car Park not in the lane or entrances (L)
- Lymm Permit member holder only (L)
- No Braided Main Lines (L)
- No matches to be held on the water (L)
- Maximum of 2 rods.
- No Dogs, Radios or Fires (L)
- No fish to be kept in a sling or sacked up. (L)
- THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 10 members per day. This will be reviewed when other areas are accessed.
- No access to or use of the boat situated on the water. No bait boats.
- No wading
- No live baiting.
- No fish to be removed or introduced into the lake.
- Fishing only from the designated marker pegs on the field Wooded banking out of bounds at present.
- ALL NETS, UNHOOKING MATS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE THOROUGHLY DRIED BEFORE TAKEN TO WATERS EDGE AND NO STINK BAGS TO BE AT THE WATERSIDE.

Additionally all other club rules apply. This over a period of time will become an exceptional venue. Members must acquaint themselves with the rules as all officers are encouraged to exercise zero tolerance.

### **Founders Pool**

- Fishing is from designated pegs only
- Only 5 anglers allowed during the hours of darkness

### **Grimsditch Mill Pool**

No ground bait of any nature is allowed: please exercise restraint when introducing free offerings into this water.

### **Oasis Pool (Hampton Springs)**

- Commencing on the 1st March 2016 and will facilitate free fishing to the member ONLY.
- There may be an odd occasion where this pool has been pre-booked in which case if that occurs Lymm members will have free fishing on one of the complex other pools.
- Members must familiarise themselves with the onsite fishery rules and bait restrictions and **MUST** at all times follow any directions given by the owner or his staff.

### **Lymmvale and Lymmvale Stock Pond**

- Bivvies must only be erected in designated pegs
- Swims maybe raked
- No snakes or wildlife or their habitat is to be harmed or tampered with
- Braided main lines, wire traces and treble hooks at not permitted.

### **Micklewrights Flash**

- No arrival or departure from the site between 9pm and 7am
- Maximum stay on this water is 24 hours
- Any bivvies must be close to the water's edge not erected on the pasture land
- Vehicles must be parked in the area provided and not driven beyond unless otherwise stated on the notice board
- The use of a spod or Spomb is prohibited

### **Nunsmere**

- Maximum of two rods
- Maximum stay 48hrs
- Parking in designated areas only
- Strictly no access to the hotel frontage or car park
- No fishing in the areas marked on the map book and shown by marker posts at water's edge
- Strictly no wading
- No fires
- No dogs
- Live baiting only with fish sourced in Nunsmere.
- Due respect at all times with the water skiers who use the facility
- Strictly no litter
- Additionally all other clubs rules applied to fishing must be adhered to

### **Peover Eye**

Fishing is not allowed behind Bate Mill Cottage and associated buildings.

### **River Bollin, Tanyard Farm**

Members must **NOT** attempt to drive across the field to the area designated as 'Summer Parking' if the ground is soft or wet and driving across it is likely to cause damage.

### **River Dane, Daisybank Farm**

Access **IS** permitted at any time but it essential anglers do not cause disturbance to farm residents.

### **River Severn, Atcham**

- On the stretch below the confluence with the River Tern, vehicles are not permitted beyond the car park into the fields
- On the stretch above the confluence with the River Tern and near Wroxeter Island, night fishing is NOT permitted
- Dogs must be kept on a lead

### **River Severn, Montford Bridge**

- Always keep gates open or closed as stated on the gate signage
- Livestock have right of way and dogs are not allowed at anytime
- Vehicles must be parked so as not to restrict access for tractors and farm machinery at all times
- If the parking area is full anglers may drop their tackle off but must return their vehicles to the paddock area at the top of the track, they should then walk back down to the river

## River Severn, Llanndrinio

Parking is on the grass verge only: vehicles must not park in the farmyard parking area.

### Shakerley Mere

- Fishing is from designated pegs only
- Barbless hooks only
- No ground bait of any nature is allowed: please exercise restraint when introducing free offerings into this water
- The lakebed contains fluid sands, which are extremely treacherous, and as a result wading is strictly prohibited
- Maximum stay on this water is 72 hours

### Spring & New Pool

- In addition to the clubs rules members have unlimited access to the pools, including night fishing
- Members have access to the on-site toilet however the club reserve the right to withdraw access should any damage or abuse of the facility occur. Please ensure the facility is left in a clean and tidy condition after use

### Tabley Mere

- All members using the punt must be named at time of booking and must complete an arrival slip/catch return.
- No bookings can be made more than 14 days in advance.
- Bookings cannot be made for more than two consecutive days.
- There must be a minimum of two members and a maximum of three at any time.
- Members must not embark/disembark the punt anywhere other than the boat house.
- All members using the punt must wear correctly functioning auto inflate life jacket at all times.
- Members wishing to book the boat can do so by phoning the relevant officer (see officials/diary card
- No dogs
- **Note:** Tabley Mere & Tabley Moat are closed to **ALL** members from March 15<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive

### Tabley Moat

- The driveway must not be obstructed
- Members must keep to the immediate vicinity of the waters edge or designated access routes
- Fishing is from designated pegs only
- Only 2 anglers maximum are allowed on the meadow between the 2nd stile and the woods
- No dogs
- No raking of swims

### Village Pool

- No ground bait of any nature is allowed, please exercise restraint when introducing free offerings into this water
- Only one angler per peg (Juniors may share with a senior)
- Fishing is from designated pegs only
- **One** baited rod maximum

### Woodside Pool

- Fishing is from designated pegs only
- When entering and exiting the car park, anglers must only turn left
- Maximum stay on this water is 24 hours
- **One** baited rod maximum



### **Wrinehill Pool.**

- No more than 12 anglers allowed at any one time on Wrinehill Pool
- Fishing is from designated pegs only unless stalking in which case the permission of any nearby anglers must be sought
- Cars must be parked on the allocated parking area and not driven around the pool

### **Dogs on Club Waters**

Only members issued with a current Lymm AC dog permit are allowed to take dogs on club waters. The only exceptions to this rule are canals and other public access waters such as Shakerley Mere. The club issue a limited number of dog permits each year and current holders of a dog permit are given preference at renewal. To apply for a dog permit send an email to the club Secretary [secretary@lymmanglersclub.com](mailto:secretary@lymmanglersclub.com) or send a letter addressed to the club Secretary to the club address.

Dogs are NOT permitted on the following waters irrespective of whether or not you hold a current dog permit:

- Belmont Estate
- Belmont Moat and Friars Pool
- Catch Penny Pool
- Chester Specimen Lake
- Founders Pool
- Nunsmere
- Spring and New Pool
- Tabley Mere
- Tabley Moat
- Walk Mill Pool
- Any river section where livestock are present

It is the member's responsibility to ensure the dog is under control and on a lead at all times, it is also the member's responsibility to ensure they clean up and remove any foul waste. Members must have third party liability insurance for their dog.