RK LEISURE FISHING AND VENUE SPECIFIC RULES

The following pages cover the rules in place across RK Leisure Venues. They have been purposefully designed to ensure a safe and enjoyable angling experience is available for all members.

The following sections contain rules that are common across all venues as well as a small subset of specific rules for certain venues. Please ensure you study these in detail, we believe they are mostly based on common sense and good angling etiquette as well as ensuring people fish safely for all species at all times.

LENGTH OF STAY, FISHING TIMES AND SEASONS

This section contains the limits on time in swims and also the etiquette required around reserving swims.

1. All members are required to carry their membership card at all times.
2. You are permitted a maximum stay of 3 days/72 hours in one swim, after which you must vacate to a different swim and not return to, or re-bucket the same swim for 96 hours.
3. Similarly, if you fish a swim for 2 days/48 hours and vacate it, you cannot return to, or re-bucket that swim for 72 hours.
4. You are permitted to be away from the venue for no longer than 90 minutes, except under special circumstances and by prior arrangement with RK Leisure Management or one of the Bailiff Team.
5. On arrival, all members have 60 minutes once bucketing a swim to claim it. After 60 minutes the member either enters that swim or his/her bucket can be removed.
6. During their session, an angler wishing to move into another swim can only place a bucket in one other swim (whether occupied or not).
7. Swims must not be bucketed on behalf of other members.
8. If a member is bivvied up on one lake he/she is not allowed to fish another lake.

BAIT, TACKLE AND TACTICS

The rules within this section are mostly common sense and in place to ensure people fish safely and courteously. Please ensure you check venue specific rules as well as these especially if fishing lakes containing catfish.

1. Mainline must be a minimum of 15lb breaking strain (higher at some lakes, please check relevant section at end of rules)
2. Rig checks may be carried out at any time. No bent hooks, fixed leads or long shank curved hooks are permitted.
3. Leadcore and 'unleaded' product leaders may be used but they must be no longer than 1.5m in length.
4. Bait boats are not allowed.
5. Whole nuts can only be used as hook baits and only proprietary brands of crushed nuts can be used in ground bait or as loose feed.
6. Maggots are not allowed in any form with the exception of Jones Pit. Please refer to Jones Pit rules.
7. Please do not introduce bait in the lake prior to vacating your swim as this practice may adversely affect anyone fishing the swim after you. Particularly anglers arriving for short, overnight sessions.
8. Barbed hooks only.
9. Stalking is allowed but please respect all other anglers and only do this in a safe manner as fish welfare is key. Please always remember to have your landing net and hooking mat with you at all times.
10. Baited hooks are not to be left out of the water.
11. No rods to be left unattended with baited rigs in the water at any time, rods will be considered to be unattended if any angler is further than the next adjoining swim.

12. Zig fishing is allowed but this could be seasonal and change at any time depending on weed conditions (adjustable type zigs only with a minimum 12lbs breaking strain hooklink and a maximum of 4ft in length.)
13. No barrows or any tackle transporters may be left on the venue between sessions.
14. Drones are not permitted.
15. When pike fishing (between 1 October and 28 February), wire traces and treble hooks can be used. Barbed hooks only may be used.
16. In the event of abuse by individual or teams of anglers, seasonal bait restrictions or even bans may be introduced which will be communicated to all members. Examples of this in the past have been restricting the use of high oil pellets on the Boat Pool during low oxygen levels and limiting particle use on The Church, when vast quantities were being uneaten. These decisions are taken for the welfare of the fish and venue.
17. 'The Magic Twig' is banned across all RK Leisure venues. Anyone found to be using one will lose their permit.

FISH CARE AND BIO SECURITY

At RK Leisure we take the safety of our stocks incredibly seriously and have put the following in place to not only secure the safety and wellbeing of our fish now, but for years and generations to come.

1. If you have previously fished any venue that has suffered an outbreak of KHV, SVC or similar, please replace your fishcare equipment before fishing our venues for the first time or bring different equipment to our venues.
2. If arriving at our venues from another non RK Leisure lake then please ensure your fish care equipment and leaders are fully dried before fishing, or change them prior to commencing angling then see below.
3. Net dip tanks are in place, please use them on every visit if you are fishing other waters.
4. Members must carry two landing nets.
5. Landing nets must be a minimum of 42'' but the use of 50'' nets is strongly recommended due to the size of the fish (50" required on certain lakes, please check relevant section at end of rules).
6. You must have unhooking mats and weigh slings large enough to deal safely with carp up to and in excess of 50lbs.
7. Fish may be retained in a landing net while weighing/photographic equipment is setup and assistance is found, for a maximum of 30 minutes.
8. Korda Carp Care or other suitable fish care solutions must be used on all hook holds and abrasions.
9. All fish landed must be returned to the water soon as possible.
10. No fish are to be removed from the venue or transferred between waters within the venue. RK Leisure will ban and seek to prosecute anyone found doing so.
11. All fish, irrespective of size and species should be treated with the same respect. Catches of all species should be reported to Bailiffs upon request.
12. The use of sacks and buoyancy retention slings for fish retention is strictly prohibited.
13. Should you get a fish weeded or snagged please find a Bailiff to assist or ring the RK Leisure office on 020 7534 0540 however if you put your rod down and be patient – in most cases the fish will swim free – never be impatient and please DO NOT PULL FOR A BREAK. Please see the following section for more details.
14. Management reserve the right to close swims or entire lake when fish are spawning.
15. Any fish found distressed, diseased or dead should be reported to the RK Leisure office on 020 7534 0540.
16. Bailiffs have the right to ask to examine any vehicle on company property, to ensure fish are not being removed, transferred illegally or stolen.

FISHING CONDUCT, SAFETY, BOAT USE AND TREES

This section concerns basic details ensuring our anglers are able to fish our lakes as safely as possible.

1. Tree climbing is not permitted due to the dangerous nature of many of the trees.
2. No cutting or tampering with trees is permitted.
3. Bivvies must be placed in the designated swims and not on the grass banks.
4. Rods may only be fished in one swim at a time.
5. Boats are only to be used by Bailiffs.

6. If a boat is needed to free a weeded fish please ask a Bailiff or the RK Leisure office on 020 7534 0540 to organize for someone to go out and try and free the fish. Under no circumstances should a member use a boat without a member of the RK Team. Under no circumstances should boats be used after dark.
7. No open fires are allowed, any flames should be contained in a suitable receptacle.
8. Barbecues must be off the grassy areas and not placed directly on the ground.
9. No wading or swimming is allowed.
10. The only time an angler is permitted to enter the water is at times of low water levels, to ensure the safe landing and return of fish and then only to knee level. You may also do this at knee level for photographing fish.

VENUE SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS

The following are across all venues however please see the venue specific sections for more details about your chosen venue(s).

11. You must close and lock the fishery gates behind you at all times. One person is permitted entry per security card so please do not let any other person in behind you.
12. No vehicles may be parked in the road verges outside the fishery. Anyone found doing so will lose their permit.
13. Toilet and shower facilities are provided on most venues and should be used when required.
14. No boots or muddy shoes are allowed in shower blocks, please use appropriate shower footwear and always leave the facilities as you would wish to find them.
15. No litter will be tolerated. All litter must be taken with you on departure.
16. Anyone found tampering with the throw lines will lose their permit. If you notice that a line has been removed or damaged, please report it to a Bailiff or contact the RK Leisure office on 020 7534 0540.
17. A strict speed limit of 5 mph must be adhered to on all sites.
18. Dogs are permitted on all lakes but owners **must** keep them on a lead at all times. Owners are responsible to clean up any mess and have the dog under control at all times. Dogs out of sight are considered out of control.
19. Aggressive dogs will not be tolerated on any site whether this is aimed towards people or other dogs.

VISITORS

Visitor Permits can be purchased for regular site visitors. Please contact the RK Leisure Office for more details.

1. No visitors are allowed on any venue without being accompanied by their associated member.
2. Visitors without a Visitor Permit are not allowed on the complex unless they have notified the RK Leisure office of their attendance by email or telephone, or they have prior permission granted by the RK Leisure Management or Head Bailiff.
3. Visitors that have not purchased Visitor Permits must arrive at the venue in the vehicle of their associated member.
4. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that their Visitor(s) adhere to all rules.
5. Visitors are not permitted to fish at any time unless written permission has been granted by RK Leisure Management.

MEMBER BEHAVIOUR

This section outlines the behavioural conduct that RK Leisure expects from all its members on all venues.

1. Bailiffs are authorised to confiscate the permit of anyone who is considered to be endangering their own, or another person's safety, by being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or solvents and to remove them from the fishery.
2. In extreme cases members will be removed from the venue by the police.
3. Please be sensible, enjoy your fishing and allow others to do the same.
4. Please respect other anglers. If you are unsure of a swims 'water' then please ask.
5. No firearms of any kind are allowed onto the venue, including airguns and crossbows.

GENERAL

1. RK Leisure and management do not take any responsibility or liability for any damage, loss, injury to persons or property or the theft of any vehicles or fishing tackle whilst on our venues.
2. All deposits and memberships are non-refundable. Under no circumstances does RK Leisure offer any refunds.
3. Please keep your keys and access cards safe, £10 will be charged for replacement of lost keys or access cards.
4. All buildings are designated non-smoking and members are only allowed access to members designated areas.
5. All members must possess and carry a valid EA fishing licence for the number of rods in use. Anybody found without one will lose their permit.
6. Bailiffs reserve the right to administer an official warning or temporarily suspend a member while allegations of wrongdoing are investigated.
7. RK Leisure reserves the right to amend rules at any time. All decisions made by management are final.
8. All members must possess a current valid fishing licence. Regular EA checks are carried out across all the venues and anybody found without one will be asked to leave the venue immediately.
9. Any filming must be approved by the RK Leisure office a minimum of 3 working days in advance by emailing rk@rkleisure.com.

ADDITIONAL VENUE RULES

The following detail the additional rules that are venue specific. Please ensure you are aware of these for your chosen venue and especially if moving between venues.

ISLAND LAKE AND WRAYSBURY 2

Both of these venues allow the use of boats and have minimal facilities. The following sections contain rules that apply to both venues.

WRAYSBURY 2 -TYPE OF BOAT

1. Boats must be rigid with a minimum of two flotation chambers. No inflatable boats to be used under any circumstances. Recommended boats: BIC 252 or 245 if unsure please check before purchasing a boat.

ISLAND LAKE - TYPE OF BOAT

2. Boats can be rigid or inflatable. If rigid it should have a minimum of two floatation chambers. Recommended boats: BIC 252 or 245. If inflatable, it should have a minimum of three flotation chambers on the main body. It must be a minimum of 2.4m in length and the material should be no less than 0.7mm in thickness. We recommend purchasing boats specifically designed for carp fishing.

ISLAND LAKE AND WRAYSBURY 2 - BOAT USE

3. No boat may be used during the hours of darkness in any circumstances whatsoever.
4. The use of alcohol or drugs by boat users will not be tolerated. If you are over the legal limit to drive then do not use a boat. Anyone found abusing drugs will have their permit confiscated, will face a lifetime ban and possible prosecution.
5. Boats can be left in the storage areas available and arrangements should be discussed with the Bailiff team. RK Leisure will not be liable for any damage or theft.
6. A lifejacket must be worn at all times whilst using a boat. A buoyancy aid is not permitted. There are no exceptions to this rule whatsoever. The minimum requirement is an automatic inflation jacket approved to c.e, m.s.a, or similar specifications and approvals. Such lifejackets are available from marine chandlers and good tackle shops.
7. Only electric motors or oars are permitted. No angler may use a petrol outboard to power their boat.
8. Prior to using a boat for the first time each season, all anglers must sign a disclaimer regarding their use. In addition, all boats and life jackets must pass an annual safety inspection carried out by one of our Bailiffs. The integrity of the vessel as well as the condition and readiness of the life jacket will be inspected and if any problems are found you will not be permitted to use a boat on the fishery until this has been rectified.
9. Distances across water can be deceptive. Please respect other anglers and swim boundaries. If you are unsure of a swims 'water' then please ask a Bailiff.

10. All boats must display a valid boat inspection pass sticker. Anyone found using a boat without this pass or a signed disclaimer will lose their permit.
11. You should be aware of the risk involved in using a boat at all times, RK Leisure will be pleased to offer further safety advice if required but it is your responsibility to ensure that you take the necessary precautions. Your life is valuable, be sensible and be safe. A breach of any of the above rules will result in your permit being withdrawn.
12. All boat users must be aged 18 or over.

ISLAND LAKE AND WRAYSBURY 2 - GENERAL CONDUCT/ETIQUETTE

In addition, members should ensure they conduct themselves correctly on these venues at all times. The following are specific rules for these two venues.

1. There is a 3 rod limit rule during the entire season on both venues.
2. Wraysbury 2 is part of a SSSI and its upkeep and care is of great importance. Therefore if you to wish to create a new swim on the venue, please do not do so without having first secured permission from the Head Bailiff.
3. No swim creation is permitted whatsoever on the Island Lake.
4. Given the nature of both venues and the volume of snags present, all members are expected to fish sensibly and safety with the welfare of the fish paramount and their first priority. Any anglers found fishing in a way deemed to be dangerous or irresponsible will be asked to cease and any repetition of the same conduct will result in them losing their permit.
5. Due to the lack of facilities and amenities at these venues, especially when in distant swims, anglers are expected to comply with a "No Trace" policy. All human waste is to be disposed of fully and hygienically without exception. Failure to do so will result in losing your permit.

ISLAND LAKE

1. You must fish no closer than 20ft to a buoy and use a tight clutch.
2. There is strictly no fishing beyond the buoys.
3. The Lawns swim can only be fished when either Alders or Carpets are unoccupied. The angler in Lawns must fish in the opposite direction to the occupied swim (left or right).

HORTON COMPLEX

This section contains specific rules for those fishing the Horton Complex.

1. Any member fishing Church Lake or Boat Pool must first sign in at the Lodge before fishing and also sign out prior to leaving the venue at the end of their session (full name).
2. All catches must be recorded in the logbooks in the Lodge as soon after a capture as is practical.
3. A maximum of two baited rods may be used from the start of the season to 31 October. Between 1 November and the end of the season, 3 baited rods may be used (Island Lake allows 3 rods all year).
4. All buckets used to reserve swims must bear the anglers name.
5. The Lodge is to be kept clean at all times.
6. Anyone removing/stealing any property from the Lodge i.e. cups & cutlery will be banned from RK Leisure venues.
7. All cups and cutlery etc must be washed, dried and replaced in the cupboards after use.
8. No personal belongings to be left in the shower block.
9. No boots or muddy shoes allowed in the shower block. Please use appropriate shower footwear and leave the shower block as you would expect to find it.
10. Session bait only is to be kept in the freezer room.
11. Names must be written clearly on all members baits in the freezer room with a marker pen.
12. No bait is to be kept in the kitchen freezer in the Lodge.
13. All food from the kitchen fridges must be removed after a fishing session otherwise it will be destroyed.
14. Car batteries, leisure batteries and barrow batteries should not be charged in the Lodge due to fire risk.
15. Items may only be charged in the Lodge with someone in attendance. Items not attended may be switched off.

BOAT POOL

In addition to the above the following are rules specific to anglers fishing the Boat Pool which are required due to the presence of large wels catfish.

1. Mainline must be a minimum of 18 lbs breaking strain.
2. Landing nets must be a minimum of 50", ideally larger.
3. No catfish may be retained at any time or by any means.
4. No live baits may be brought onto the fishery.
5. No small carp or tench from the Horton complex to be used as live bait at any time.
6. Unhooking mats must be padded and a minimum of 6ft long by 2ft wide and 2'' thick, you can use two mats in conjunction for this.
7. Weigh slings must be a minimum 5 feet in length for weighing catfish.