

## **Rules of Feltham Piscatorial Society and other general information**

- 1. All persons applying to join the society must be proposed by an existing full member and sign an application form agreeing to abide by the rules of the Society. The person nominating a new member will be responsible for the applicants conduct for the first year of membership. The Society's Management Committee will vet applications from applicants not having a sponsor and will allow membership to be granted to suitable applicants. In such cases applicants will be required to attend a membership meeting ahead of their application being approved.**
- 2. Subscriptions must be paid on or before 1<sup>st</sup> May each year. The Society entrance fee will be payable by any person attempting to re-new their membership after this date.**
- 3. When fishing society waters members must be in possession of their membership identity card and key and must clearly display their car parking disc. The membership identity card must be produced when requested by a Society bailiff.**
- 4. Parked vehicles must not obstruct other road users and must be parked only in authorised or designated parking areas.**
- 5. Night fishing is allowed only at Marco's Lake, Sheepwalk Lakes and Fronds Farm Fishery (Kennet). All other society waters must be vacated between the hours of 10.00 p.m. and 4.00 a.m. (Sivyers Lake is governed by a separate rule set out below)**
- 6. No fishing from boats is allowed on any Society water.**
- 7. Only two rods are allowed per member when fishing Society waters (Sivyers lake is governed by a separate rule**

set out below).

**8. Only hooks manufactured as barbless may be used on Society waters.**

**Treble hooks manufactured as semi-barbless may be used when fishing for predatory species. Double “Back to Back” hooks and two hook rigs are not allowed on Society waters.**

**9. Keepnets must be of a minimum length of 8 feet and be a minimum of 18 inches in diameter. They should be of non metallic knotless mesh and incorporate a carp sack bottom section.**

**10. Members must keep away from gravel workings and equipment.**

**Farm gates must be closed after access and exit. Members must not interfere in any way with fences machinery crops and other property belonging to third parties.**

**11. Radios, fires, individual BBQ’s, dogs and the riding of bicycles are not allowed on Society waters. N.B A dispensation to allow Bailiff’s to be accompanied by a dog has been granted by the Management Committee.**

**12. Any metal, glass or plastic containers taken onto Society waters must be removed upon vacating the water.**

**13. Members and visitors must comply with Environment Agency rules regarding angling and in particular lead shot and lead weights above the legal minimum sizes are not to be used on Society waters.**

**14. All fish are to be handled with utmost care. Unhooking mats must be used for the unhooking of large fish.**

**N.B. Unhooking in a landing net, provided that neither the net, nor fish is placed on the ground is an acceptable**

**alternative to the use of mats.**

**15. Fishing must be carried out in a sportsmanlike manner.**

**16. Fish may not be removed from Society waters unless under the direct supervision of the Water Committee having first been approved by the Management Committee.**

**17. Waters on which scheduled Society matches are to be held (excluding inter club and open matches) are to be open to non competitors from 10.00 a.m. with the approval of the Match Secretary.**

**At Sivyers Lake, Eric's Pond will be available for non competitors use during Society matches on the main lake.**

**18. Members will be held responsible for any litter in the swim they are fishing and must take all litter and discarded tackle with them when leaving that swim.**

**19. The sale of guest permits to members to allow visitors to fish Society Waters is available on the following conditions:**

**(i) They are priced at £8 each for adults and £4 for female and Junior anglers (Aged 11-16) Children under eleven years of age may fish free of charge provided that they share a swim with a Full Member.**

**(ii) Only one day ticket may be purchased and only once a month.**

**(iii) Applications for tickets must be made to the Chairman a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the day on which the guest permit is to be used.**

**(iv) No day tickets are available on the bank.**

**(v) The member applying for the ticket must accompany the visiting angler and be present for the whole period that the visitor is at the lake. The member is responsible for ensuring that the visitor abides by the societies rules**

**(vi) A maximum of four guest permits per venue per day is**

available on a first come first served basis. An individual may fish as a guest of the Society on a maximum of four occasions each calendar year.

20. Fish may only be retained in keepnets for a maximum duration of six hours on all Society waters.

21. Leaving baited terminal tackle in the water whilst absent from a swim (i.e. more than two yards from the rod or pole) is prohibited on all Society waters.

22. When fishing for predatory species any livebaits used must have been caught in the water being fished.

23. There is no close season at Sheepwalk Lakes, Marco's Lake or Henry Streeter Lake. All other Society waters are subject to the rules laid down by the Environment agency regarding Close Seasons (A separate rule applies to Sivyers Lake).

24. On waters where dip tanks are provided all nets, weigh slings and unhooking mats must be dipped before the commencement of angling.

25. Any member that attends club working parties in April may upon completion of the work fish Sivyers lake until 8.00 p.m on that same day

## **RULES SPECIFIC TO SIVYERS LAKE**

26. The season for fishing at Sivyers Lake shall be from the 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> March inclusive.

27. Only one rod or pole may be used at Sivyers Lake between 1<sup>st</sup> May & 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive. Thereafter two rods may be used.

**28. The use of audible bait alarms is not allowed between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive.**

**29. The breaking strain of fishing line to be used on this lake must not exceed 8lbs.**

**30. Only 1 KG of dry groundbait may be used by an angler at Sivyers Lake. Boilies may only be used as hook bait.**

**31. The lake is only open from 7.00 a.m. each day. The closing times vary according to the time of year and are set out below:**

**Jan 6.00 p.m   Apr (Closed)   Jul 10.00 p.m   Oct 7.00 p.m.  
Feb 6.00 p.m   May 8.00 p.m.   Aug 9.00 p.m   Nov 6.00 p.m.  
Mar 7.00 p.m   Jun 10.00 p.m.   Sept 8.00 p.m   Dec 6.00 p.m.  
Anglers must have vacated the site by the times stated above.**

**32. The boats moored at Sivyers Lake may not be used for the recovery of lost fishing tackle.**

**33. Any member that attends official club working parties in April (on any society water) may upon completion of the work fish Sivyers lake until 8.00 p.m on that same day.**

**34. In the event that working parties at Sivyers lake during April do not complete the allotted work, the committee may close one bank of the lake during May in order to complete the work programme.**

**In this event twenty four hours notice will be given by the posting of appropriate notices at the water.**

### **Interpretation of these Rules**

**The Management Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and on any question which might arise from the rules and on which they are silent.**

### **General Information**

**1. The boats moored at Sivyers Lake are for fishery maintenance use. Only under the direction of a Management Committee member may they be used to rescue distressed wildlife or tethered fish. Members are reminded that the Society will not accept any liability for accidents arising from the use of these boats howsoever caused.**

**2. Litter is the blight of all angling clubs and ours is no different. Our rules are very specific on this point and members are asked to be particularly vigilant in this regard.**

**3. To avoid the ingress of rats and other vermin members are requested not to leave unused bait in their swims on leaving our waters.**

**4. The notices reminding anglers to close gates, barriers and toilet doors are intended to protect the interests of our Society and our members. We have experienced some very severe vandalism in the past and at least one member has had valuable property stolen from a car parked inside the gates at Sivyers as the direct result of the gates being left open.**