



Angling Trust

PD41 – Rules of Subscriber Membership

ANGLING TRUST LIMITED RULES OF SUBSCRIBER MEMBERSHIP

These rules (the “**Rules**”) are established by the board of Directors of Angling Trust Limited (the “**Angling Trust**”) pursuant to the articles of association of the Angling Trust (“**Articles**”).

In the event of conflict between these Rules and the Articles, the Articles will take precedence.

The categories of Subscriber Membership are as set out in Schedule A hereto, which may be varied or added to at any time by the Angling Trust at any time.

1. DEFINITIONS

Capitalised terms used and not otherwise defined in these Rules shall have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

Subscriber Member means a person who, in accordance with the **Articles**, is a subscriber member of the **Angling Trust** and enjoys the **membership rights** of the category of membership to which they have subscribed. For the avoidance of doubt, a Subscriber Member is not a “**Member**” (as defined in the **Articles**) or for the purposes of applicable company law.

Subscriber Member Meeting means a meeting of the Subscriber Members, called and held in accordance with these Rules.

2. SUBSCRIBER MEMBERSHIP – GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 **Any entrance fee and/or subscription rates for all classes of Subscriber Member will be set annually by the directors of the Angling Trust** and shall be effective in the year following.

2.2 Applications to be a Subscriber Member shall be submitted to and be accepted by Angling Trust subject to the terms of these Rules. As set out in the Article, the Directors of the Angling Trust reserve the right to refuse any application deemed to conflict with the objectives of the Angling Trust or which is otherwise unacceptable in accordance with such Articles. All Subscriber Members accept to be bound by any code of conduct and/or terms of membership applicable to their membership category.

2.3 Any grievance, disciplinary or appeal against the same must follow the process laid down in Angling Trust’s Grievance Disciplinary and Appeals – Members policy.

2.4 The membership of a Subscriber Member shall be effective from the date of payment of subscription in the first year. Renewal of membership will become due on the anniversary of joining in subsequent years.

2.5 Fish Legal membership is offered exclusively to Angling Trust members in

England.

- 2.6 Fish Legal, as a separate membership association, maintains its own rules as to membership applications, membership categories and membership rates.

3. TERMINATION OF SUBSCRIBER MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 If the membership of a Subscriber Member is terminated for whatever reason, all rights and privileges of membership will cease, but the Subscriber Member will remain liable for subscription, dues or debts to Angling Trust which became payable or were incurred before the date of termination.
- 3.2 Any termination or suspension of a member must follow the process laid down in Angling Trust's Grievance Disciplinary and Appeals – Members policy.

4. SUBSCRIBER MEMBER MEETINGS

- 4.1 Subscriber Member Meetings will usually be held at least once in each calendar year and no more than 15 months shall elapse between meetings. Further Subscriber Member Meetings may be called at any time by the Directors of the Angling Trust or by a request to the Angling Trust from at least 250 Subscriber Members. In the event that a Subscriber Member Meeting is called in response to such a request from Subscriber Members it must be called by the directors of the Angling Trust within 40 days of the request being received.
- 4.2 The Directors of the Angling Trust shall ensure that at least 21 days' notice is given to all those entitled to attend a Subscriber Member Meeting by email, web site posting, media announcements or in writing, at the discretion of the Directors of the Angling Trust. The notice must specify the date, time and arrangements for the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted.
- 4.3 **No business shall be transacted at any** Subscriber Member Meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the business. The quorum shall consist of Subscriber Members, or their duly authorised representatives (present in person or by authorized proxy) that exceed 50 votes in total, at least 30 of which must be votes of distinct Subscriber Members. In the event there is no quorum 30 minutes after the start of the meeting the Subscriber Member Meeting will be postponed for 28 days.
- 4.4 **Junior, young adult, adult, senior, coach and life individual members will have one vote on** each resolution at a Subscriber Member Meeting. All other members will have the following number of votes (maximum 12 votes) on each resolution at a Subscriber Member Meeting:

Membership Category	Banding	Votes
Club	1-20	2
	1-50	2
	51-200	4
	201-500	6
	501-1000	9
	1001-2000	10
	2001-3000	10
	3001-4000	11
	4001-5000	11
	5000+	12
Fishery/Riparian	T/O < £10K pa	2
	T/O £10K-£30K pa	4
	TO £30k-£50K	6
	T/O £50K- £100K	8
	T/O £100k - £250K	10
	T/O £250K + pa	12
Trade Members	Trade Associates	12
	Trade Supporters	6
	Retail Associates	2
Affiliates		2
Other	Consultatives & River orgs	2
	Charter Boats	3
	CAAGS	3

4.5 The Chairperson of the Angling Trust, or failing their presence, the Senior Independent Director, or failing their presence any director of the Angling Trust (**AT Directors**) who shall be appointed for this purpose by the AT Directors, shall preside as Chairperson of a Subscriber Member Meeting.

4.6 At each Subscriber Member Meeting, each Subscriber Member shall have votes allocated according to paragraph 4.4. above.. Each and every resolution shall be determined by the total number of votes cast by Subscriber Members. The Chairperson will appoint an official counter to count and record the votes.

4.7 All matters shall be decided on a majority vote unless determined otherwise by the Angling Trust or as set out in these Rules.

4.8 In the case of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the meeting at which the equality vote occurs shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

5. NOMINATION OF ANGLING TRUST DIRECTORS

5.1 If there are vacancies for “**Nominated Directors**” on the board of the Angling Trust (subject to the terms of the Articles), the candidates for consideration will be tabled at the annual Subscriber Member Meeting.

5.2 Nominations for Nominated Directors must:

5.2.1 be received by the Angling Trust as specified by the deadline in the Notice advertising for Expressions of interest in becoming a

Nominated Director, which will be advertised by the Angling Trust;

5.2.2 include a curriculum vitae of the relevant person for review by the Angling Trust Board, a 300 word biography for circulation with the notice of the meeting and a signed declaration that he or she is willing to stand; and

5.2.3 be an individual person who is a paid-up individual Subscriber Member or a life member of the Angling Trust.

5.2.4 be nominated by another individual person who is a paid-up individual Subscriber Member or a life member of the Angling Trust.

5.3 It is essential to maintain an appropriate mix of skills on the Angling Trust Board and as such the Board will review nominations for suitability and has absolute discretion as to which candidates are put forward to the Subscriber Members Meeting for consideration and voting.

5.4 All nominations which meet the Board criteria for the Nominated Director vacancies at that point in time will be put before the Subscriber Member Meeting for consideration. The number of Nominated Directors that the Subscriber Members may appoint in accordance with the articles of association of the Angling Trust will be stated at the start of the meeting (the “**Nominated Director Allocation**”) and all Subscriber Members shall vote as set out in paragraph 4.6 above. The candidate with the most votes will be elected as a Nominated Director. The candidate with the second largest number of votes shall also be elected as a Nominated Director (and so on until the Nominated Director Allocation is filled). If there is an equality of votes between candidates or if there are any other matters which require a decision or determination to be made in relation to the Nominated Directors which are not set out in these Rules, then the Chairperson of the Angling Trust shall make such decision or determination, acting reasonably and in good faith.

5.5 Any person so elected shall assume office as a Nominated Director in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Articles.

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SCHEDULE A
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Individual (including junior, young adult, adult, senior, life)
- Club (split by bandings determined by individual membership of the club)
- Trade (including trade associates, retail associates and trade supporters)
- Fishery and Riparian (split by bandings determined by turnover).
- Affiliates (including Federations)
- Others (including river associations, county angling action groups, charter boats)
- Coaches

Note: the categories of membership and the terms attaching to each of those categories are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Angling Trust.

The annual subscription fee for each category of membership is set by the Angling Trust and may be varied at any time at the discretion of the Angling Trust.

For up-to-date information, please go to www.anglingtrust.net