

Deeping St James Angling Club



Club Constitution

1. The club shall be known as “DEEPING ST JAMES ANGLING CLUB” (DSJAC)
2. The object of the club shall be to promote the general interest of all anglers, the acquisition of suitable waters for members use and provision and preservation of fish.
3. The Headquarters of the club shall be “22 Park Road, Deeping St James. PE6 8ND” or at any such place as shall be decided by the General Purposes and Finance Committee (GPFC)
4. The Officers of the club shall comprise of; The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary and the Work Party Organiser, these Officers will form the GPFC. They shall meet as considered necessary on notice from the Secretary on the date and at the place stated within that notice. (Motions shall be carried by a majority vote).
5. There will also be a General Management Committee which shall consist of the Officers of the club, plus an addition of up to SEVEN other elected members, each member shall on First appointment reside within a twenty-mile radius of the club’s Headquarters. This Committee shall meet quarterly at the club’s headquarters or at a place advised by the Club Secretary these dates will be published on the Club Website. Additional meetings may be held at any other time or place as deemed necessary on notice issued by the Club Secretary. All decisions and proposals will be decided democratically by majority vote of those members present.
6. All members of Club Committees shall be entitled to vote with the exception of the Chairman who in the event of a tie vote shall make a casting vote.
7. Each Club Officer and Committee member must have been a member of DSJAC for at least ONE year prior to election. Any such elected member may resign from post by written notice and the return of their Membership Card / Bailiff ID and folder to the Club Secretary, no reason need be given.
8. Every Club Officer and committee member shall retire having completed three years’ service and shall be liable for re-election.
9. If any Officer or Committee member fails without good notice or explanation to attend 3 consecutive committee meetings then they shall no longer be considered a member of any club committee.
10. The GPFC may appoint up to FOUR Trustees of the Market Deeping Several Fishery. Trustees must reside at the time of appointment within a twenty-mile radius of the Club Headquarters and must have held membership in DSJAC for at least Three years.
11. The club shall hold an Annual General Meeting on the last Tuesday in April each year. Entry will be on production of their current Membership Card; only members residing within a twenty-mile radius from the club’s Headquarters are entitled to vote on any propositions.
12. The Agenda for the AGM shall be as follows:
 - Minutes of previous AGM
 - Matters arising
 - Secretary’s report
 - Treasurer’s report and Accounts
 - Match Secretary’s report
 - Work Party Organisers Report
 - Chairman’s report

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- Elections to fill vacancies of Club Officers and General Management Committee In accordance with Rule 13
 - Propositions submitted to the Secretary under Rule 20
 - Rule changes, not previously notified to the membership Rule 19
 - NO other business will be discussed unless notified under Rule 20, except questions raised to clarify points given in the reports
- 13.** Any member intending to stand for election to the Management committee shall notify the Club Secretary giving at LEAST 45 clear days' notice in writing to the Club Secretary prior to the date of the next AGM
 - 14.** Committee members cannot become a Committee member or Officer of any other freshwater angling club without first obtaining the agreement of the DSJAC Management Committee during their term of office. Those standing for election to the Management committee shall not be a Committee member or Officer of any other freshwater angling club unless agreed by the committee
 - 15.** An Extraordinary Meeting may be convened at any time by the Chairman or by any Club officer on notice to the Secretary, or by not less than Twelve Adult members of the club stating the business of that request by written notice to the Secretary. Only the business advised in writing to the Secretary will be discussed and a majority of two thirds present will be required for adoption. Voting rules as for the AGM will apply.
 - 16.** The General Management Committee shall at its first meeting following the AGM elect from within its membership leaders and members for each sub-committee as follows:
 - Match Committee (Led by the Match Secretary)
 - Work Party committee (Led by the Organiser)
 - Head Bailiff, who may then appoint "DSJAC Water Bailiffs"
 - Entertainment committee
 - Each sub-committee shall consist of a Leader plus at least one other member, any decisions required to be made by the sub-committee shall be democratic.
 - The Club Chairman or in his absence the Vice Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees and where necessary shall have the casting vote.
 - 17.** The General Management Committee shall have power to award Honorariums and or Club Membership Cards and Permits to serving Officers and Committee members, and to other deserving persons.
 - 18.** The General Purposes and Finance Committee shall have power;
 - To expel from the club any member who contravenes any club rule or commits any act which may bring the Club into disrepute, causes disruption or fails to pay any monies incurred by use of the Club's waters or entering Club organised matches or events.
 - To co-opt Committee members for Special Duties.
 - To recommend to the General Management Committee, fees and charges for Annual Memberships, Permits, Day Tickets and any other related service provided by the club.
 - To authorise payment of utility bills, club affiliation fees and insurances.
 - 19.** The General Management shall have power;
 - To overturn on appeal a decision made by the GPFC to exclude a member who submits a written appeal.

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- To make new rules or amend existing rules deemed necessary for the proper running of the club, Rule Changes will be added onto the Club's Website as Formal Notice to Members.
 - To fill any Committee Vacancy until the next AGM.
 - To confirm club fees and charges, recommended by the GPFC.
 - To authorise purchases and make payments considered necessary on behalf of DSJAC.
- 20.** Any member supported by not less than Three Adult members may notify the Secretary in writing of a Proposition to be made at the next AGM, such notice must be received by the Secretary not less than 40 days prior to the AGM and shall contain the Actual Wording of the Proposition.
- 21.** On leaving Office or Committee all club property must be passed to the newly elected person or to the Club Secretary within 30 days of any request.

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