

# Deeping St James Angling Club



## Angling Rules

1. DSJAC Membership runs Annually from May 1<sup>st</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Membership fees, Horseshoe Lake fees, and Day Ticket costs are as stated on the website, relevant advertising leaflet or day ticket.
2. DSJAC Membership Cards, Day Tickets and Environment Agency Rod Licences must be produced on demand to any DSJAC Bailiff or Club Officer by any person fishing or having fished on any Club Waters.
3. All Membership Cards and Day Tickets remain the property of DSJAC and may be seized by a Bailiff or Club Officer who shall then advise the Head Bailiff and Secretary of the circumstances. Once seized, membership will cease. Such persons cease to be members of DSJAC. The member may appeal to the General-Purpose & Finance Committee for re-instatement of Membership.
4. Monies paid to the club are not refundable without agreement of the General-Purpose & Finance Committee.
5. Any abuse or obstruction to a Bailiff or Club Officer will be considered unacceptable behaviour and may bring exclusion under Rule 18 of the Club Constitution.
6. The upper age limit for Junior Anglers shall not exceed 16 years on the 30th April prior to the start of the new season on 1st May. Junior members or guests under 16, must be accompanied and supervised by an Adult at all times whilst on DSJAC waters or whilst attending any Match or other event organised by DSJAC.
7. Senior Citizens membership shall be restricted to persons having attained the age of at least 65 years on the 30 April prior to the start of the new season on 1st May.
8. River members may take up to two guests per day on Club Waters once they have purchased a Guest Day Ticket.  
River members may fish on Horseshoe Lake once they have purchased a Lake Day Ticket but they are **NOT** permitted to take guests.  
Lake members may take one guest to Horseshoe Lake once they have purchased a Lake Day ticket. Day Tickets are available on line and must be purchased **BEFORE** fishing commences.
9. Members are responsible for the actions and behaviour of their guests whilst on any DSJAC waters.
10. Any person unable to produce the relevant Membership Card or valid Day Ticket will be required to purchase an appropriate Day Ticket and/or be asked to leave the fishery. (unless a junior angler, when Rule 6 will apply).
11. Instructions as to permitted dates and times of fishing club waters are contained within the Our Fisheries section on the club website under each venue, and on Guest Day Tickets. These instructions must be complied with at ALL times; any breach of this rule may be dealt with under Rule 18 of the Club Constitution.
12. Members are required to ensure that all gates are securely closed and locked immediately after entering or leaving any fishery. Padlock code numbers where required are printed on the Membership Cards for Members only and are NOT to be divulged to any other person. Breaches may be dealt with under Rule 18 of the Club Constitution
13. The rules of the Club are binding; any cases of dispute shall be referred to the Club Secretary. The General Management Committee's decision is final on any matters referred to them by the Club Secretary.

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14. NO BBQ's or Open Fires are permitted at any club waters, unless authorised by the Committee.
15. All litter and waste MUST be removed from the fishery and properly disposed of. Rule 18 of the Club Constitution applies.
16. There shall be NO transfer or removal of fish from any Club fishery without permission from a Club Officer. All cases of fish theft will be reported to the Police for prosecution.
17. Members are only permitted to occupy ONE swim or peg and if using more than one rod where permitted must use common sense so as not to cause interference with other members. Anyone found breaking this rule may be asked to leave the fishery by any Club Officer or Bailiff.
18. No baited rod or pole shall be left unattended in the water at any time.
19. The use of keep nets is banned for retention of carp on all Club Waters; all carp must be returned immediately to the water except during an official Club match when other rules shall apply.
20. No Live fish baiting is permitted on any Club waters.
21. The use of any Automatic or Self Hooking devices such as "Magic Twig" are NOT PERMITTED to be used on any DSJAC waters.
22. Due consideration of all fellow anglers should be given at all times and this includes: Playing radios quietly and keeping noise disturbance on the bank to a minimum.
23. Venue Closures:

On any Work Party Day, fishing is not permitted on any water where work is being undertaken until after 3pm, locations will be published on the Club website.

During any match authorised by the Management Committee the water being fished will be closed to members not involved in the match until two hours after the end of the match, location and times will be published on the Club website and a Notice will be placed in advance at the fishery.
24. Fish Welfare and Safe Handling to be practiced at all times. Our recommended Best Practice includes:
  - Assemble landing net and pole before fishing commences.
  - Use a suitable disgorger to unhook if required, whilst cradling the landing net between your knees and off the ground, or use a wet unhooking mat or cradle.
  - If photographing, keep the fish and hands wet, holding closely over the wet mat / cradle.
  - Return the fish to the water as soon as possible in your landing net.
25. Night fishing on our rivers, including the Refuge, is for members only. A member is allowed to take ONE guest only, who they must accompany at all times. The guest must purchase 2 day tickets, one dated for the day of arrival and one for the day of departure, and both tickets must be purchased BEFORE fishing commences.
26. Fishing is not permitted from any road, pedestrian or other type of Bridge on Club waters
27. Horseshoe Lake closure dates. The fishing season for Horseshoe Lake is May 1st to March 31st and the Lake is closed to ALL anglers throughout the whole of April. This is a condition of our lease with the landowner and is not negotiable. A separate lock combination restricted to Committee Members is applied at the Horseshoe Lake Entrance Gate Annually throughout the Month of April.

NB: There are additional Rules applicable to Horseshoe Lake, members intending to fish the Lake should read and comply with these accordingly. A copy is displayed on the Notice Board at the entrance.