BYE-LAWS OF

ISLE OF WIGHT FRESHWATER ANGLING COMPANY LTD

1. The Company shall not be held responsible for the actions of its members

2. No open tins allowed on the bank (i.e. Sweetcorn/luncheon meat etc.) Members must not discard litter, fishing line, hooks or unused bait on properties owned or rented by the Company.

3. The discharging of any dangerous weapon (excluding bait catapults) is forbidden unless the directors of the Company have given written approval.

4. Proof of membership of the Company shall be shown to other members and bailiffs on request, once membership of the requester/bailiff has been established.

5. There shall be no fishing on Company controlled rivers during the coarse fishing close season.

6. The Directors written approval shall be required to permanently add or remove fish from any Company waters.

7. All members shall use a suitable landing net and unhooking mat on all sites and be responsible for the safe handling and return of all fish.

8. The use of keep nets are not permitted except for use during a Company competition. The use of Carp sacks/slings is forbidden on all Company waters.

9. Keep nets shall have a minimum length of 3 meters and a diameter of 45 centimeters at all rings. When in use at least 1 meter shall be in the water. All nets must conform to legal requirements.

10. No dogs on company property except those that have been given permission by the board.

11. No member shall use the following methods or tackle on Company owned or controlled waters.

a. No more than one hook per rod except for Pike fishing.

b. No fixed method feeders, paternoster rigs, or tether rigs.

c. No triple hooks except for Pike fishing

d. No live fish baits

e. No barbed hooks (except whisker or micro barb)

f. Boilies may be used on all Company waters

g. All braid mainlines are banned on all Company waters.

12. No more than 3 rods per angler on any lake.

Gunville – The Board advise a minimum line strength of 12lb

Kingfisher – No more than 2 rods may be used

Holliers – 1 rod to be used from 01/05 to 30/09 each year

* 2 rods may be used from 01/10 to 30/04 each year

13. Bailiffs, Company Officers and Directors shall have the authority to advise members who use unsuitable equipment.

14. Company awards shall not leave the Island.

15. Junior members shall not fish any Company property after dark unless accompanied by an adult or Senior member. An adult or senior member must accompany children under 16 years old at all times on Company property.

16. A maximum speed limit of 10 mph must be adhered to on all Company waters. All vehicles must be parked in designated spaces provided and under no circumstances be driven around the Company water.

17. A valid Environment Agency rod licence must be held by all members before commencing to fish. If fishing 3 rods, the correct licence must be held.

18. In the event of a member leaving their swim temporarily, then hooks shall be removed from the water, and any bait removed from the hook.

Clarification – You must not leave your rods in the lake whilst you visit another swim – YOU must be by your rods at all time – if you wish to go to the next swim for a chat, your lines must be reeled in. If you are caught your will be subject to disciplinary action. This is for the protection of our fish stocks.

19. All members when fishing Heron/Gunville Lakes must have ready for use an unhooking mat and landing net of minimum 42 inches wide and a Carp care kit i.e. Bonjela.

20. Pike fishing only allowed 1st October to 14th March each year.

21. No unauthorized use of manned boats on all Company waters.

22. Members are not permitted to have open fires on Company property unless during a working party for the destruction of materials gathered during that work party.

23. Members are allowed 2 guest tickets each year. Members are responsible for their guests actions and must ensure that guests have the appropriate equipment and care kit. Please e mail [iowfacmembers@gmail.com](mailto:iowfacmembers@gmail.com) giving at least 48 hours notice, stating membership number, name of guest, venue and date fishing. An e mail will be sent to the member which must be taken with them to the fishery. Bailiffs are aware that “no e mail, no guest”. Fishing is from dawn to dusk only. Once a member has used up their 2 free tickets they can apply to the Company Secretary for a payable guest ticket which will cost £10 and is valid for one day only, and again the member can apply for these via the above e mail. There is no limit on the number of payable tickets that you can apply for provided you are with your guest and assume full responsibility for their behavior. They are also required to hold the appropriate EA rod license

25. Members MUST turn left onto main road when exiting the Holliers site.