

# **INVICTA Fly Fishing Club Cambridge**

## **Constitution & Rules originally adopted at AGM 12 October 1988**

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### **CLUB NAME and AIMS**

1. The club shall be known as "INVICTA FLY FISHING CLUB, CAMBRIDGE".  
The aim of which is to participate in and promote the sport of fly fishing.

### **CLUB COMMITTEE**

2. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee, elected at the AGM to control the Club's finances and activities. A minimum of 4 voting shall form a quorum.
3. The Committee shall be made up of: 1) the Officers ie, President; Chairman; General Secretary; Minutes Secretary; Treasurer and Bookings Officer and 2) up to six Committee Members.

### **CLUB OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

4. The Officers and committee of the Club shall be elected annually at the AGM. The Chairman, however, shall not normally serve more than five consecutive years in that position.
5. The President shall be elected primarily in recognition of services to the Club. He may attend but not vote at Committee meetings.
6. A report on the Club's activities during the previous year, together with a written financial statement shall be presented at the AGM.
7. One Honorary Auditor, who shall not be a member of the committee, shall be elected at the AGM and shall audit the Club accounts for the year 1st January to 31st December.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

8. Membership shall be open to any person, however the committee shall have the power to suspend or cancel membership where the name of the club has been brought into disrepute. In this event any member affected shall have the right of appeal in person to the committee.
9. There shall be an annual subscription with concessions as determined at the AGM.
10. The Club year for purposes of club competitions and subscriptions, shall be per calendar year January 1st to December 31st.
11. Members who have not paid their annual subscription by the end of March each year and having received written notice to the address last notified to the Club General Secretary, shall be deemed to have lapsed from membership.
12. Honorary membership shall be reviewed at each AGM.  
Honorary members shall be exempted payment of annual subscriptions, shall not be entitled to vote at any Club meeting and shall not be eligible to hold any Office of the Club except that of the President.  
Life members may be elected (once by majority vote at AGM) pay no subscription but be eligible to vote.
13. A list of paid-up members, as a club directory of names, telephone numbers, and email addresses will be circulated to Club members each year. Members not wishing for their details to be included must notify the General Secretary.
14. The Club shall maintain a Third-Party Insurance Policy to cover any member from any claim arising from their fishing activities. The limit of cover shall be reviewed periodically by the committee.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

15. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held each year on any date in January, February or March at the discretion of the Committee to reflect the requirements of the Club at the time, at a time and place to be notified to members by the General Secretary at least fourteen days in advance.
16. All members shall have the right to vote at General Meetings except Honorary Members.
17. The quorum for General Meetings shall be twelve percent of the membership. Should a quorum not be present for a general meeting then the meeting shall be recalled at a time and place to be notified by the General Secretary at least fourteen days in advance. The business of the recalled meeting shall be decided by the majority of members present.
18. Club Officers and Committee Members shall normally be appointed at the AGM by a simple majority vote. Nominations of absentees will be accepted provided they have expressed their willingness to stand to the General Secretary.
19. Members may place items on the agenda for the AGM by notifying the General Secretary before the meeting.
20. Proposed changes to the Club's Constitution shall be adopted only when carried by at least a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at General Meetings.
21. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be requested by any member to deal with any matter relating to the Club. Requests shall be notified to the General Secretary in writing and signed by six members. At least fourteen days notice by the Secretary is to be given to members for an EGM to be called.
22. In the event that it becomes necessary to wind up the Club's activities after agreement by at least two-thirds majority of those present at an Extraordinary General Meeting, all Club monies and property shall be divided equally between all members at that time.

## **ACTIVITIES**

23. Winter meetings. The number of meetings required through the winter period will reflect the needs of the Club at the time and be published by the Committee.  
Fishing and other events shall be arranged by the Committee.

## **CLUB TROPHIES**

24. All members are eligible to compete annually for:
  - a) The Carr Cup, to be awarded to the member who accumulates the most points during designated Club trips. (10 points for attendance and 5 points per fish caught up to the venue's single limit) with one venue discarded if all venues are fished.
  - b) The President's Cup, awarded for the heaviest bag up to a single limit on a specified day and venue.
  - c) The Carl Hunter Bowl, awarded for the heaviest bag up to a single limit on a specified day and venue.
  - d) The Graham Williams Trophy, awarded for the heaviest bag up to a single limit on a specified day and venue.
  - e) The Beecroft Shield, for the heaviest Rainbow trout caught from a public day ticket reservoir.
  - f) The Brown Trout Trophy, for the heaviest Brown trout caught from a public day ticket reservoir.
  - g) Norman Shippey Memorial Trophy, for the most fish caught by an Invicta member in the Spring Bank Match.
  - h) The Arthur Sexton Trophy, for the most fish caught by an Invicta member in the Fur and Feather Bank Match.
  - i) The Invicta Trophy, to be awarded at the Committee's discretion.

## **EXTERNAL TEAM COMPETITIONS & EVENTS**

25. The Committee shall supervise the representation of the Club in National and other Fishing Competitions.
26. Members wishing to use the Club's name when entering competitions organised outside the jurisdiction of the Club must seek prior approval of the Committee.
27. Authorisation by the Committee for the use of the Club name in events not organised by the Club does not imply that the Club accepts any liability towards members or third parties whether arising from accident to, or damage caused by, a club member or in any other way. Financial commitments entered into by members or entry into such events shall be the responsibility of the individual members concerned.