



Constitution & Rules as amended at AGM 20th August 2021

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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.
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 the President, Chair, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Bookings Officer and up to 3 committee members. The committee may temporarily co-opt additional members for specific roles.

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 and Life membership will be reviewed annually by the committee and any awarded should be announced at the AGM.

Honorary members are persons who may not be current members of Invicta FFC but have made significant contributions to the club or fly fishing. They shall be exempted payment of annual subscriptions, shall not be entitled to vote at any club meeting and not be eligible to hold any office of the club except that of president.

Life members are persons who have been long term members of Invicta FFC and have contributed significantly to the club over a number of years. They pay no subscription but are 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 members while fishing in its official club events and officially representing the club in its approved teams for external competitions.

GENERAL MEETINGS

15. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall normally be held before 30th April each year but may be held later in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the committee. The time and place will be notified by the secretary at least 14 days in advance.

16. All members (with the exception of Honorary Members) shall have the right to vote at General Meetings.

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 secretary at least 10 days in advance of 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 (EGM) 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) President's Cup, awarded for the heaviest bag up to a single limit on a specified day and venue.

c) Carl Hunter Bowl, awarded for the heaviest bag up to a single limit on a specified day and venue.

d) Graham Williams Trophy, awarded for the heaviest bag up to a single limit on a specified day and venue.

e) Beecroft Shield for the heaviest rainbow caught, weighed and witnessed at an Invicta FFC organised event or while officially representing the club at an approved event organised by others.

f) Brown Trout Trophy for the heaviest brown trout caught, weighed and witnessed at an Invicta FFC organised event or while officially representing the club at approved event organised by others.

g) Norman Shippey Memorial Trophy, for the most fish caught by an Invicta member in the Spring Bank Match.

h) Arthur Sexton Trophy, for the most fish caught by an Invicta member in the Fur and Feather Bank Match.

i) Invicta Trophy, to be awarded at the Committee's discretion.

j) Such other competitions and trophies as the committee or AGM decide to organise or award.

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.