



## THE GORMANSTON AND DISTRICT ANGLERS

### Club Rules 2019

1. Only fully paid up members or tourist/day ticket holders (who are accompanied by a member) are allowed to fish on the lake. Only fully paid up members & Day ticket holders are allowed to fish on the river.
2. All members must display their club membership card at all times while on the fishery, and be willing to submit same for inspection to any card bearing member, committee member, or other officer of the club, should they be requested to do so. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from lake
3. The bag limit for fish shall be one fish per day. .
4. All trout caught less than 9 inches in the river and 12 inches in the lake shall be returned to the water. Members and friends, when fishing, shall be prepared at all times on demand to show their fish to a member of the committee or appointed officer. Bag-limit for the following season will be set by the members at the AGM.
5. No live bait, float fishing or spinning is allowed on the lake, under any circumstances (fly fishing only).
6. Day ticket holders on the lake are permitted to fly fish from the bank or boat and only when accompanied by member at all times.
7. Members fly fishing on a catch and release basis must use barbless hooks only.

#### **Boats**

8. Only senior members, (who are sufficiently proficient in the use of same) are allowed to use the club boats. By using a club boat, that member is declaring themselves to be sufficiently proficient in the use of same).
9. Lifejackets must be worn by all occupants of boats. It is the responsibility of the club member who is in control of the boat to ensure that all occupants are wearing life jackets.

10. Fishing from anchored boats is not allowed.
11. Petrol Outboard motors are only allowed to be used on the lake for maintenance purposes. Electric outboard motors are allowed for fishing purposes.
12. Only fly fishing is allowed from boats on the fishery.
13. For health and safety reasons, any damage caused to club boats, or other club equipment must be reported to a committee member immediately.

### **Other**

14. Members should procure their own insurance.
15. Members should not disclose the code required or the key to open the gate to the fishery to any non members.
16. All litter must be removed when leaving the lake or river, i.e. nylon or casts, as it is a danger to wildlife. The members of the club carry some responsibility for the environment and local area.
17. All anglers/guests must observe good sportsmanship, do not crowd other anglers and respect the wildlife and our neighbours.
18. No trespassing on adjoining lands or the islands on the lake
19. No member or guest will offer up for sale fish taken from the club waters
20. The gate must be closed by all anglers or guests after they enter the lake environ and again on departure. This is to protect the fishery and local livestock.
21. All members and guests are also subject to additional club rules, which can and may be introduced during the season. These will be posted on the notice boards of both fisheries.
22. For health and safety reasons, the Health and Safety (Lake Development) officer, or other club committee member may introduce or amend rules on a temporary basis, until same is approved at the next committee meeting. This will only be done for health and safety reasons, in order to protect the assets of the club, or in order to promote good sportsmanship.

### **Competition Rules**

The same rules that apply to all club members, shall also apply to competitions on the fishery. In addition, the following rules apply to competitions:

1. On the day of a competition on the lake or river that fishery will be closed prior to and during the competition and will only re-open to members / guests after the competition.
2. Every effort should be made to return fish alive to the fishery. Where a member chooses not to, the bag limit for competitions shall be three fish.
3. Club competitions shall be run on one of three basis. Either:
  - a. A points system - Points will be awarded for all fish caught, as set out in rule 4 below, or
  - b. On a weight basis - Competitions may be based on the heaviest bag, as set out in rule 5 below.
  - c. On a different system - Competitions will be based on rules publicised before the event takes place.
4. When the points system is used, the following rules shall apply:
  - a. Points shall be awarded for the length of each fish caught. Upon catching a fish, each member must measure same, and have this length certified by another member of the club. Where another member is not available, the member must take a picture of their catch, and have same certified at the earliest opportunity.
  - b. The point scale for all competitions shall be as follows:
    - i. Below 30 cm - 0 points
    - ii. 30-31 cm – 30 points
    - iii. 31-32cm – 31 points
    - iv. 32-33cm – 32 points etc
  - c. When measuring fish, anglers should measure from the nose of the fish to the centre of 'V' (fork) of the tail, and then round up to the nearest centimetre.
  - d. The member with the most points shall be deemed to be the winner.
5. When the weight basis is used, the following rules shall apply;
  - a. Only the first three fish above the legal size limit may be kept by the angler – all other fish must be returned alive.
  - b. If an angler chooses to return fish alive before his bag limit has been reached, these fish will be deemed to be 1 lb in weight. Appropriate proof of catch must be provided to the stewards of the completion at the weigh in.
  - c. If an angler continues to fish after his bag limit of three has been reached, each additional fish above the legal size shall be deemed to be 1 lb in weight.
6. On the day of competitions, only disabled anglers are allowed to fish from the Jetty area.
7. Members fishing in a particular area for over 45 minutes must move at least 15 metres if requested to do so by another angler.
8. In the event of dispute, the Committee's decision is always final.