

Felixstowe Sea Angling Society Constitution

1) NAME OF THE SOCIETY

1. The Society shall be called the Felixstowe Sea Angling Society with Headquarters at Manor Terrace, Felixstowe.

2) OBJECT

2. The main purpose of the Society is to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of sea angling both from the beach and from boats and to provide competitions, training and special events for adult and junior members in Felixstowe and venues on the rivers and North Sea off East Anglia.

2B. The Society is intent that children and vulnerable adults will find sea angling a safe environment in which to have fun, learn and develop, by promoting the Angling Trusts Child Protection Policy Guidelines Documentation which is available at this Website address: - <https://anglingtrust.net/safeguarding/>

2C. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

2D. Upon dissolution of the Society any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

3) MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership of the Society shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

3A. The Society may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. The Society Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Society or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

4) OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

4. The Officers of the Society shall be the President and Vice-Presidents; the Chairman and Vice-Chairman; the Secretary; the Treasurer; the Competition Secretary and Assistant Competition Secretary; the Senior Compound Steward (Boat Stewards to a maximum of four may be appointed to assist him); the Senior Clerk of Scales (Assistant Clerk of Scales to a maximum of four may be appointed to assist him); the Press Officer; the Membership Secretary; the Social Secretary and the Honorary Auditors (to a maximum of two). The Committee of the Society consisting of nine members, excluding those appointed as Officers of the Society, and one Junior Member. All the above Officers and the Committee shall be elected, by ballot, if necessary, annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

5) TRUSTEES

5. There shall be not less than two Trustees of the Society. The first Trustees shall be appointed by the Committee and the property of the Society (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution. (Of which an entry in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence).

5A. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Society's property.

5B. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a Resolution of the Committee which may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of the members of the Committee present and voting at any meeting remove any Trustee or Trustees from the Office of Trustees.

5C. Where by reason of any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed or, if the Committee shall deem it expedient, to appoint an additional Trustee or Trustees the Committee shall by Resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees.

5D. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Society within the meaning of the Trustees Act 1925 section 36 and he shall by Deed appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Society and the provisions of the Trustees Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment.

6) SUBSCRIPTIONS

6. Subscriptions and boat storage fees shall be paid annually at such rates as are determined at the Society's Annual General Meeting. They shall become immediately payable from the date of the Annual General Meeting and cover the period up to the next Annual General Meeting. If a member's subscription has not been paid within three months of the date of the Annual General Meeting, he shall no longer be considered a Member of the Society. A member with a boat stored in the Society's Compound who fails to pay the appropriate boat storage fee within the above period will be served with a formal notice in writing to remove the boat from the compound in accordance with the terms of the written notice. Failure to comply with such a written notice will empower the Society to remove the boat from the compound and arrange for its disposal at the Committee's discretion. A notice served to that member's last known address shall be deemed sufficient. No member shall be eligible to participate in any match or other event organised by the Society on a competitive basis until the appropriate membership subscription has been paid.

7) COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7. Meeting schedules are discussed at the beginning of each fishing season following the appointment of a new committee. This takes place directly after the AGM which is held on the first Monday in September. The only exception being if it falls on a bank holiday, in which case it will be held on the second Monday in the month. Any Meeting of the Committee of the Society shall have not less than a total of five members of the Committee and Officers present to constitute a Quorum. All members of the Society are entitled to attend any Committee Meetings in a non-voting capacity with the exception of the meeting held immediately following the AGM in September, which shall be a closed meeting.

7A. The Chairman or Secretary of the Society shall have the power to call additional meetings of the Committee as required.

7B. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held each year on the First Monday of September. Members unable to attend an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall be entitled to vote on any matter of contention on the agenda of that meeting by completing a Proxy Voting Form supplied by the Secretary and returning it to the Secretary in time for the meeting.

7C. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall be called by the Secretary in the following circumstances:

1. On the direction of the Committee of the Society.
2. Upon a requirement in writing signed by twelve fully paid-up members stating the special object thereof which must have reference to the management and constitution of the Society. Such meeting shall be held within 28 days of the receipt of the requirement and of which 7 days notice shall have been sent to every fully paid-up Member of the Society. The notice convening such Meeting shall state the object of the Meeting and shall be the only matter for discussion.

7D. The rules of the Society shall be drafted and amended by the Committee. All such Rules and Amendments shall be displayed on the FSAS Website (www.fsas.org.uk). They will be deemed effective one month after the displayed revision date.

7E. if a committee member fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings with no plausible reason they can be removed from the committee.

8) ACCOUNTS

8. Payment of all financial liabilities of the Society shall be made by the Treasurer from the finances of the Society after approval by the Committee. Routine payments of accounts for services such as electricity and water may be made by the Treasurer without prior reference to the Committee.

8A. The Treasurer shall prepare a full annual statement of the accounts of the Society showing its financial situation to the end of the month preceding the Annual General Meeting. The accounts and statement must previously have been submitted to the Honorary Auditors of the Society for scrutiny and certification.

History

Revision	Author	Date	Notes
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Approval

Approved by	Date	Notes
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