

BLANDFORD AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB



Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) Governing Document

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1. Introduction

Blandford & District Angling Club was formed in 1954 by local anglers to provide a means to fish local stretches of the river Stour in agreement with landowners and their agents. Additional facilities and venues are arranged through partnership with neighbouring clubs.

The club looks to the future to ensure its ongoing operation, maintain and increase its membership and the officiate arrangements made. In doing so the governing document has been brought together to enable the application to become a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) and be recognised in an official capacity. Here in lies the clauses that provide the minimum standards for the governance of the club, our club rules and handbook do not take priority over these minimum standards.

2. Main purpose

The main purposes of the club (Blandford & District Angling Club) are to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of Angling in Blandford Forum and surrounding districts, in the North Dorset area.

3. Open to the whole community without discrimination

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Angling.

The club 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 Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members. If any member or prospective member feels that our governing document or supporting model for membership presents as discriminatory in any way, we would welcome a conversation to overcome such issues and ensure the club is as open and available to all as possible – please contact via email blandfordangling@outlook.com or Pete Brundish (Secretary) on 07867 988306.

4. Non-distribution to members

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

5. Application of assets on dissolution

Upon dissolution of the club 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.

Even slight departure from this wording for example, referring to 'charitable and benevolent purposes may mean that requirement is not met. This does not prevent a club from repaying any unspent grant to a grant-making body where this was a condition of being made.