



## Rules & Constitution of The Grayling Society

1. This Society will be called THE GRAYLING SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as 'the Society'.
2. The Objects of the Society is to bring together those who are interested in grayling and grayling fishing and so:-
  - (a) Promote and publicise a proper appreciation amongst anglers, riparian owners, Water Authorities, conservationists, the sporting press and the like, of the sporting and other properties of the Grayling as a game fish in its own right and as a member of the salmon family, and to correct the many misapprehensions concerning it:
  - (b) Help conserve, maintain and improve stocks of grayling and their environment:
  - (c) Collect and record information as to the distribution of grayling throughout the countries in which it abounds and to collect all scientific and other material data relating to its weight, growth rate, habits of spawning and feeding, diseases and habitat, and other peculiarities and features of the Grayling so as to confirm or correct and increase the existing scientific and other knowledge relating to it:
  - (d) Provide Members with information and advice as to the introduction and control of Grayling in Trout and other fisheries, and information as to the availability and quality of Grayling fishing in districts in respect of which information may be sought:
3. The officers of the Society will be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Scientific Officer, Public Relations Officer, Conservation Projects Officer, Symposium Coordinator, Marketing Officer and such others as may, from time to time, be considered desirable for the effective administration of the Society.
  - (a) The Officers shall form the General Committee of the Society together with all of the Area Secretaries. The Officers, all of whom shall hold office in an honorary capacity, shall, with the exception of the President and Vice President(s), be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society and shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election.
  - (a) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer shall form the Executive Committee of the Society.
  - (b) The Committee may, if thought fit, co-opt up to three additional members who shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
  - (c) Area Secretaries to be appointed by the Committee after suggestions / recommendations from the General Secretary.
4. The management of the Society shall be vested in the Committee and at any meeting of the Committee six shall constitute a quorum of whom at least three shall be elected officers. The Committee shall at any time the Committee considers necessary be empowered to appoint one or more sub-committees consisting of two Members and an Area Secretary who shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of the Committee. The Committee shall also be empowered at any time to appoint to the Committee one or more other Members of the Society, providing that such appointment or appointments shall be subject to confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.
5. Membership of the Society will be via the Society's website. New members will be bound by The Society's rules and pay the annual subscription that is decided in an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting and published on the Society's website. Renewal is through our online membership system. The various categories of membership and current annual fees will be as shown on the Society's website.
6. The financial year of the Society will commence on the 1st of July and shall end on 30th of June in the year following and a General Meeting of the Members of the Society shall be held as soon as reasonably possible after the end of the financial year. The formal business of such Meeting, of which not less than 14 days notice shall be given to each Member shall be:
  - (a) To receive a Report and Financial Statement for the past year.
  - (b) To elect Officers for the ensuing year and to appoint an Auditor.
  - (c) To transact any other business of which notice shall have been given.

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7. The Treasurer shall be empowered to receive subscriptions for Membership of the Society, any monies arising from activities of the Society, and additionally any loans made to the Society by Members or friends on terms specified in a Certificate of Deposit which shall be issued for that purpose provided that the Committee ensure that at all times the assets of the Society shall be adequate to repay such loans given the required notice for repayment.

8. The Secretary may at any time, and shall on requisition in writing of fifty or more of the Members, and in the case of his refusal, fifty or more of the Members may convene a Special Meeting of the Members by posting to the addresses so far as is known of every Member at least 7 days before the date of the Meeting a circular setting forth the time and place and object of the Meeting.

9. Every Annual General and Special Meeting shall have the power by a majority of votes of those present to determine all matters relating to the affairs of the Society, to amend the Rules or to make new Rules, to remove any Secretary or other Officer or Member of the Committee and in case of such removal or vacancy to elect a successor; but no question shall be brought before any Meeting and no Rules shall be made or altered unless notice of such question or alteration shall have been given in the circular convening such Meeting. Any Member may without notice move an Amendment being in the nature of a qualification of any Resolution at any Annual General or Special Meeting.

10. Members may cancel their membership of the Society at any time but will not receive a refund, or partial refund, of their subscription or any other monies paid.

11. Any Member may be expelled from the Society by a Resolution passed at any Annual General or Special Meeting of the Members by the votes of the majority of the Members present and the power to expel a Member conferred by this Rule shall be absolute. Any Member expelled shall be liable for the current Subscription and any arrears that may be owing.

12. Any person retiring from Membership of the Society or being expelled there from shall forthwith forfeit all non-financial interest in the assets of the Society.

13. The Chairman and the General Secretary shall have the custody of the property of the Society and all Subscriptions shall be deemed a debt due to the General Secretary for the time being who may sue for same: but he shall have no power to pledge the credit of Members.

14. In the event of the dissolution of the Society any property or cash remaining after the satisfaction of all debt and liabilities shall be donated to the Grayling Research Trust in the first instance or any other charity which has similar purposes to the Grayling Research Trust.

15. The decision of the Committee shall be final and conclusive in all matters not provided for by these Rules.

16. The Grayling Society may hold personal information including member's full name, address, telephone numbers and email address in its membership database. This information will only be used for legitimate membership and administration purposes and never divulged to third parties without the consent of the individuals concerned or where the Society is legally obliged to do so.

Any electronic device that can access or store members data must be password protected. Documents containing members personal details held on electronic devices must also be password protected. Hard copies of personal information should not be retained and destroyed in a manner that prevents them being read.

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Categories of membership and annual fees are as described on the Society's website.

The renewal date of all annual subscriptions is 1st January each year.

New members whose application is received before 1st October are asked to pay that year's subscription in full and will receive all copies of that year's *Grayling* magazines and Newsletters. For members joining on or after 1st October their subscription renewal will be due the second January after joining and thereafter on an annual basis. They do not begin receiving the *Grayling* magazines or Newsletters until the first January after joining, but may purchase back copies if they so wish.

All members of the Society will comply with the Society's privacy policy

## **OFFICERS and AREA SECRETARIES of THE GRAYLING SOCIETY**

Full details of all Officers and Area Secretaries will be found in a current issue of *Grayling*, the Journal of The Grayling Society, or on the Society's website at 'graylingsociety.net'.