

START BACK PROCEDURES AT PONDWOOD CRITERIA: (POST 1)

THESE RULES AND PROCEDURES APPLY TO BOTH MATCH AND PLEASURE ANGLERS.

IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO COMPLY. OTHER PONDWOOD RULES ALSO APPLY.

The criteria will be anything included in the entire script as published on Facebook over the coming days. It is not a proposal, it is how it will be subject to possible alterations and inclusions, determined by input and government recommendations. The emphasis will be on welfare of both anglers and staff. All safety precautions will be taken to ensure this, to the best of our ability and knowledge at the time of printing and implementation.

Arrival and parking: (POST 2) will have stated distances to park and other aspects.

Social distances: (POST 3) will have social distancing procedures and will be adhered to at all times.

Payment: (POST 4) will state ways of making payment that are safe and easy.

Peg draw: (POST 5) will state safety procedures to ensure distancing and no other contact.

Use of toilets: (POST 6) will require total co-operation and involve the use of PPE.

Waste disposal: (POST 7) will cover all rubbish disposal and safety issues.

Food: (POST 8) There will be a facility for food, and this will be stated when this section is published.

Weighing fish: (POST 9) has already been highlighted by Josh with his custom-made appliance but will be reiterated in this section.

Prize award: (POST 10) We had adopted this safe procedure to some extent during the Winter series and will again reiterate and improve in this section.

PP. (Personal Protection) and PPE. (Personal Protection Equipment) (Post 11)
What you need to bring with you.

Just be aware that these procedures are for the benefit of all. Noncompliance will invoke a ban from fishing at Pondwood. All attending has a responsibility to Police everyone and everything that is likely to cause infection and or concern to others, and failing co-operation by anyone to comply, contact myself or Josh, there is always someone around. For Club matches, again the same applies. However, with a club not complying, or ensuring a member does comply, could result in the entire club being banned. There will be no second chances.

ARRIVAL AND PARKING: (POST 2)

Parking will differ from what you are used to. For a start, there will be less anglers on each match so more space available for cars. Each car must have a minimum 1.5m between it and the next car. Do not take up more space than stated as it may leave someone else short of a space. If you are unable to maintain a 2m distance from the next person, do not get out of the car until you can. It matters

not how well you know someone, do not encroach on their space. Maintain the 2m distance. This is not always easy, and some might tend to go closer. Remind them. Policing is the responsibility of everyone. If they object to being told, then they should not be there. You may unload your equipment from the car and register with the organiser, again maintain your distance. He will then advise you how to proceed. Hopefully, you will already know so listen to him in case there are changes made. If 2 of you arrive in the same car as sometimes happens, as soon as you have unloaded your tackle, you must then comply with the social distancing. This is to save confusion with those that might comment and negate the risk of, (Well if you can do it so can I)

There are 5 car parks at Pondwood so be sure you know which car park you should be in before you arrive. Generally, you would have been told this on booking.

Car park 1 is the main car park being the first one you come to, and in front of lake 1.

Car park 2 is further along Pondwood Lane, turn right onto the farm track towards Middle Lane Farm, turn right at the end and the car park will be in front of you. This is the car park for Snake matches sections 1-4 inclusive.

Car park 3 is passed the Pondwood Lane turning on Smewins Road, turn left into the side gate. This car park is for Snake matches section 5 only.

Car park 4 is for the café only.

Car park 5 is for the woodland lake only and is situated to the side of car park 1.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: (POST 3)

Social distancing is something that is likely to be around for some time yet so best get used to it. Now the rule is seemingly set at 2m, there are those that suggest that this is not enough. However, the government is in discussion as to if the distance should be less. It is now likely that they might decrease to 1.5m or even 1m. Regardless as to what they decide, there is a great deal of space at Pondwood and so we will be keeping it at 2m. This allows a safety margin should someone wander a bit too close. Having said this, it will not be condoned should you do so. Keep 2m distance from others. There are certain times when you might find that this is not achievable, well it is, you may need to go wide when passing someone, you may be tempted to draw your peg before the person in front has finished his draw. Just give it some thought and let us keep ourselves and others safe. I have notice that during the last leg of the Winter series, the gathering at the end for the prize giving was the most vulnerable time as everyone wanted to talk to someone else to see how they fished etc, and did encroach on each other's space. Avoid this. You all need to police and ensure 2m distance.

PAYMENT: (POST 4)

AS many of you know, we have a problem maintaining a mobile signal at Pondwood. We do have a card facility that works off our café internet, the café must remain closed until further relaxation announced by the government. So, we are only able to take cash. You will be notified the amount to pay prior to your arrival. If you do not know this, find out before you set out. The exact amount must be paid as we are unable to give out change. The money will be deposited in a landing net so that only the person paying need touch the money at that stage. At this point you will then draw your peg number. (See peg draw) The money will then be dipped in a 1% Hydrogen Peroxide solution to clean the money. (See prize award)

PEG DRAW: (POST 5)

The peg draw will be as at the last leg of the Winter series. When you pay for your entry, there will be cards laid out on the table. On the side facing down your peg number will be written. You choose

the card to reveal your number and then tell and show it to the organiser. You then dispose of the card in the bin. I know clubs may well do there draw differently and that is down to them. I know also that some others may have their numbers drawn by the organiser, we will allow you to choose for yourselves. You will only draw one card and not touch any other cards, and do not touch anything else. This applies to all Open matches at Pondwood.

USE OF TOILETS: (POST 6)

At some point it is likely that you may need to use the toilet. If you do not know where these are situated, ask. This will be the most likely place for infection so think seriously about this. It will be almost impossible to use a toilet without touching something with your hands.

The safest way is to use your toilet at home before you leave. There are many of us that need to go on a more regular basis however, if you do need to use the toilets, then please adhere to the following. You will need to bring with you some disposable gloves and a facemask. There should be no reason why you are unable to source these, although those selling them are asking extortionate prices for items that used to cost pennies before Covid 19. If by any chance you are unable to source these items, we will have a limited supply at Pondwood. We will make no charge for these so do not abuse our generosity, you need to ask for these at the start of day if you feel you might need them. I know that is not always foreseeable in which case you may have to hold it a bit longer while you seek us out.

Due to what is called a “toilet plume” faecal or urine matter can be pushed into the air from the toilet during flushing. Before you flush, you need to close the toilet seat lid. Scientists believe that this matter could pose a risk of virus transmission as contaminated toilets have been shown to produce large droplets of nuclei bioaerosols during flushing.

The toilet door to the men’s will remain open during fishery hours to avoid having to touch the outer handles. Covid 19 can be spread by touching something and or from saliva, so the less you must touch the less you are likely to spread disease, this is of course if you have it. You may not know, so we must assume it a possibility.

Before you enter the toilet, you must call in to ensure there is no one else in there, if there is you must wait for them to finish. It would not be possible to maintain the 2m distance otherwise. Prior to entering, you must put on your face mask, the reason for this is that there are too many surfaces that may well be subjected to your saliva. Afterwards you must wash your hands thoroughly and may take your mask off on exit. The gloves are in case you feel you need to put these on at any stage for your own piece of mind as will the ladies in their dedicated toilet.

The taps for handwashing are timed push taps. Push down with the back of your hand and dispense the soap with the back also. Do not touch any surfaces or things unless it is necessary, before or after washing your hands. Please ensure you deposit the hand wipe towels in the bin provided.

This procedure may well change to some extent if another risk or method arises. You will appreciate the use of the toilet is a difficult one to deal with and even after you have finished, our staff must clean and disinfect. The alternative to noncompliance is to close the toilets. As many of you know, toilets are always abused and anyone doing so will not be using them again. We do not want anyone at Pondwood that has a blasé attitude towards the prevention of spreading this virus or indeed for lack of respect for the facilities we provide.

DO NOT DISPOSE OF ANY OTHER MATERIALS DOWN THE TIOLET OTHER THAN YOU BODILY WASTE AND TIOLET PAPER. A BLOCKED TIOLET WILL CAUSE THE CESATION OF THESE FACILITIES FOR ALL.

WASTE DISPOSAL: (POST 7)

For all matches and pleasure angling, a black bin liner or more if needed will be placed by each section in a bin with the lid open. Do not attempt to touch the bin or close the lid, the less you touch anything the less chance you are able to catch or spread a virus. At the end of each match put your rubbish in the liner. This liner has a habit of collapsing as you empty your rubbish into it, as you will see under (PP and PPE) you should have some gloves with you. Please ensure that if the liner collapses, reposition it, otherwise others are likely to just tip on top and create a problem for our staff. The alternative would be that you take all your rubbish away with you. Once again please do not abuse our good nature. If a bin is full, do not throw your rubbish on the ground. Seek out an empty bin. If there are none available ask one of our staff. You must comply with social distancing during this process. Please ensure you do not leave any rubbish on the fishery other than in the bin. Our staff will have to clean this away and we also do not want to catch a virus. In the past, many of you thought a fishery was a way to dispose of your old tackle. Broken umbrellas, seats, and other equipment you no longer want. We are not a disposal business so do not abuse our good nature and dispose of your unwanted items in your own home.

FOOD: (POST 8)

The café must remain closed until such time as the government allow it to reopen. In the meantime, it will be possible to order food as a takeaway. A menu will be placed on show somewhere, but you must comply with social distancing during viewing. There will be set times for the food and these will be determined later. It may be possible to arrange seating outside to consume meals and we will endeavour to achieve this. There will however be limited seating at any one time. You must maintain social distancing.

WEIGHING FISH: (POST 9)

A purpose-built weigh sling support as made for holding the sling will be used. The weigh master will set this up and retreat 2m away. The match angler will then tip his catch from one net, unless informed otherwise and then he also will retreat. The weigh master will then come forward and lift the sling from the base and weigh the catch. This procedure will continue until all nets are weighed for that angler. No one else will touch the weigh equipment other than the weigh master. His decision is final. If, however after the weight has been called you disagree, you can ask for a photograph by phone and this can be sent to your phone. Do not take liberties with this procedure as the weigh master will have enough to do on the day. The weigh master will then put the fish back into the water. He will then move onto the next angler and so on till all participants have been weighed.

PRIZE AWARD: (POST 10)

The Prize/pool money will be taken from the initial payment after it has been disinfected in Hydrogen Peroxide at a solution of 1%. It will be placed in envelopes and pegged up by string. When the name is called out the person will walk forward on his own and take the envelope without touching anything else.

PP. Personal protection. PPE. Personal protection Equipment. (Post 11)

To fish at Pondwood you will be required to bring with you, an adequate face mask. This is not to protect you as it is not adequate for this process, it is to protect others should you have the virus or even cold/flu type symptoms. This can be worn at times when you are in close contact with others and when you use the toilet. You will also require 2 pairs of nitrile or other material, gloves. This is to protect you and anyone else should you have the virus. I would yet again reiterate; you may have the virus and not yet be aware. If you find any of the rules and or compliance too much for you, then

please do not fish at Pondwood. If you have no respect for your own safety, we do not share this and have our own families to consider.

Just one last point I would make, 99% of what you need to know, regarding requirements, has been written and displayed on Facebook. If you are unaware of its contents, then you need to read all prior to attending Pondwood. It will be as shame to arrive here and be turned away. If you think it is a load of nonsense, the pandemic could have been lessened if the government had in place procedures at an earlier stage, rather than to lose 30,000 lives and rising.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DAY ANGLERS:

DISTANCING:

As contained in the various sections, day and night anglers must always also comply with the required distancing. You may be tempted to get close to another angler but resist, or you will be asked to leave. There will be no refund for this.

PEGS:

You will only be allowed to fish from the pegs as placed. Do not fish between pegs. One person to each peg unless you are related and live in the same household. You must also have arrived in the same car for peg sharing.

SPECTATORS:

Under the present circumstances no spectators are allowed at Pondwood whatsoever.

CHILDREN:

Children under the age of 12 years of age are not allowed without a fishing adult. You must take responsibility for your child regardless of his or her age. You must share a swim with no more than 2 persons to a swim. If they visit the toilet, ensure they are accompanied and have the necessary PPE with them.

If your child is 12 or over and they are left alone, you can expect a phone call to come and collect them should they breach any of these rules. They will be waiting at the gate by car park one. If you are not confident that they will comply and behave, keep them at home.

If they are related, they can share a swim, again they must have arrived in the same car. If they choose to have a swim each, they must not wonder to the next swim to associate with a friend, regardless as to if they arrived in the same car. Ensure they have the required PPE.

LANDING NETS:

Each swim/angler must have a landing net applicable to the lake they are fishing. Sharing can only be achieved by a 2-person swim. The above criteria will apply.

NIGHT FISHING:

No spectators allowed unless specifically authorised by Pondwood. All other rules apply as contained in this paper and in conjunction with Pondwood Rules generally. Please ensure you have adequate PPE for the duration. Any food waste, beer cans and other must be taken away with you when you leave. As it accumulates, put it in your car. We do not want it laying around and we do not want to clear it away when you go. BBQ by express permission, and before you arrive. You may not congregate during a BBQ.

NOTE:

There may well be other rules and requirements added as we progress and in accordance with government and other legislation. These rules and requirements will be adhered to or you will not be able to fish at Pondwood. They must be read in conjunction with all contained in this paper and general Pondwood Fisheries Rules. (As displayed on the website)