

Norfolk Trout Club, Inc.
Board of Governor's Regulations

Norfolk Trout Club, Inc. By-Laws, Article II:

OBJECT

The object of this corporation is the propagation of fish, the encouragement of outdoor recreation, and the promotion of conservation of our natural resources.

The following Regulations are issued by the Board of Governors to assist us implement and maintain the Norfolk Trout Club, Inc. By-Laws. All officers of the club will strictly enforce these regulations. We encourage members to discuss these Regulations or other Club issues with the respective committee chairman. If you are not satisfied you may inform the committee chairman you are sending a note to the Board of Governors describing the issue and the steps you have taken in order for the Board my review the issue.

We ask all members to recognize and respect the fact we are an organization of volunteers and depend on everyone to do their share in supporting our activities and maintaining our facilities. Please refer questions to the appropriate committee or Board member for direction.

I. General Regulations

1. **Register**, at all visits upon entering the premises, before fishing. This also applies to members who do not fish. (This is for your protection.)
2. **Non-family guests**--each member is allowed a maximum of 2 fishing guests at any one time with a two-rod limit for member and guest(s). No individual, except members of the immediate family may be a guest more than once, in every 15 days.
3. **Family guests** – The 2 fishing guests limit will be waived for the member's immediate family, provided that the two rod limit is observed and guest fees paid as described below.
4. The **guest fee** for fishing guests per day will be \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 16 and under who fish, to a maximum of \$50 per day.
5. Dogs will be allowed, but must be controlled, at all times, by owner.
6. All children under 16 years of age shall be, at all times, under the supervision of parents and hosting members.
7. There will be **no guests** on spring and fall opening days.

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8. **Club activities include: Spring Opening Day (mid-March); Club Clean-up Day (4th Saturday in April); the Father's Day Outing; Fall Opening Day (mid-October) and our Annual Meeting (in November).**

II. Fishing Regulations:

1. **Bag Limit (fish taken home): a total of 4 fish per day per member or per member and guest combined. This applies regardless of the number of guests. No more than 40 fish for the year.**
2. **Only fly-fishing permitted in ponds.**
3. **Only barbless hooks will be used.**
4. **No fishing is allowed during the period between stocking and opening days. Signs will be posted on the grounds alerting you to this restriction. This rule will be strictly enforced.**
5. **Exercise care when releasing fish. Avoid squeezing and tearing, or manhandling fish. Wet your hands first if possible. All large fish (over 14 inches) should be released.**
6. **The use of holding nets is strictly forbidden.**
7. **Fish that are not to be kept will be released immediately.**
8. **No live bait shall be used at any time, in any pond. No member will have live bait in his possession on club property.**

III. Membership Regulations:

- 1) **Membership in the Norfolk Trout Club is a privilege. The personal conduct of each member is a requirement of membership, as explained in the By-Laws, Article III, MEMBERSHIP, paragraph 7; and in Article X, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, paragraph 1.**
- 2) **Membership and initiation fees are as follows:
Initiation fee (new member) - \$1,500
Membership dues - \$825
Family Membership dues - \$925**

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- 3) **Definition of family for purposes of family membership: member, spouse and children under 16. Family members are considered guests, and are not included in any 'member only' activities, such as spring and fall opening days. Family members are permitted on the Club premises only when accompanied by a regular or associate member.**
- 4) **The Treasurer must receive all dues by February 15. Any member who has not paid his dues by February 15 shall be suspended from all club activities as of that date and his membership shall be automatically canceled. If such a member seeks reinstatement, he must apply for membership in the same manner as any other prospective member and be subject to the \$1,500 initiation fee. It is suggested that all members pay their dues upon receipt of the annual dues invoice to avoid any misunderstanding or disappointment.**
- 5) **Each candidate for membership must be proposed by a regular member and seconded by two other regular members. The completed, signed and dated application and proposing members letter of recommendation must be submitted, by mail, to the Secretary of the Club, at the Post Office Box of the Club, before it will be reviewed by the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee will then log in all submissions by the date it is processed by the post office and will then consider proposals and make its recommendations to the Board of Governors. The board will then vote by written ballot to accept or deny application. Please mail all completed application packages to Norfolk Trout Club, P. O. Box 71, Norfolk, MA 02056.**
 - a) **Any proponent of a new member must have the prospective member to the club as a guest twice, and introduce the applicant to at least two regular members before the application can be submitted to the Membership Committee**
 - b) **Applications will be processed in the order of receipt**
 - c) **No prospective member will fish until accepted as a member, unless he fishes as a guest of a member, and that member pays the regular guest fee. There will be no refunds on any kind of guest fees.**
 - d) **An associate member who has been such for a period of two years or longer, if he so desires, may submit a written request to the Board of Governors for regular membership. This is not compulsory and is strictly on a voluntary basis. The Board of Governors will determine the number of regular members.**
 - e) **New Associate and new Regular members, approved by the Board and accepted into membership, will be notified in writing by the Secretary.**

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IV. Grounds and House Regulations:

1. **When smoking in the Clubhouse, members and guests are required to activate the exhaust fan system. No smoking is permitted in the clubhouse when non-smokers are present.**
2. **All cars shall be parked to allow easy access and exit. No cars are allowed beyond the parking area. Exceptions are for the handicapped and when making deliveries.**
3. **The access road to the Club is maintained as "safe and passable", on a schedule managed by the Ground and House Committee and approved by the Board of Governors.**
4. **Pond levels are maintained at appropriate levels for the fish, facilities and member's safety. No one is authorized to alter pond levels without consent from the Ground and House Committee.**
5. **You may need to bail out your boat, prior to using. Equipment is available for this, on each pond. All boats shall be properly secured and left clean after use.**
6. **All children under 16 years of age shall be at all times under the supervision of parents and hosting members.**
7. **All children under 16 years are not allowed in boats, unless accompanied by an adult. Our insurance and Federal law requires life-preserving equipment on all children.**
8. **Dogs will be allowed, but must be controlled at all times by owner.**
9. **Oars and cushions shall be returned to the racks after use.**
10. **No discarding paper or other rubbish in ponds or on grounds. Use containers provided for same.**
11. **Do not clean fish in the kitchen or in boats.**
12. **Beer, soft drinks, etc. In the refrigerator belong to individual members and are not to be taken. This is private property.**
13. **When the outside grills, kitchen utensils, silverware or dishes are used, they should be cleaned and returned to their location.**

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- 14. Rubbish and garbage should be disposed of properly and moved to the trash dumpster, located in the parking lot, when needed.**

- 15. The fly tying area is available for everyone. The Club does not provide tools and materials. If you care to tie flies please bring your own materials and if left, these materials will be considered a donation. The area should be cleaned, materials put away and the area left in good condition.**

These rules and regulations were approved by the Board of Governors on February 13, 1960: amended on May 18, 1967; September 17, 1970; March 4, 1973; March 18, 1974, June 3, 1979, March 12, 1988, February 21, 1990, May 20, 1997, and May 9, 2000, December 10, 2002, December 5, 2006, September 8, 2009, March 2, 2010, October 7, 2011, December 6, 2011, December 18, 2014