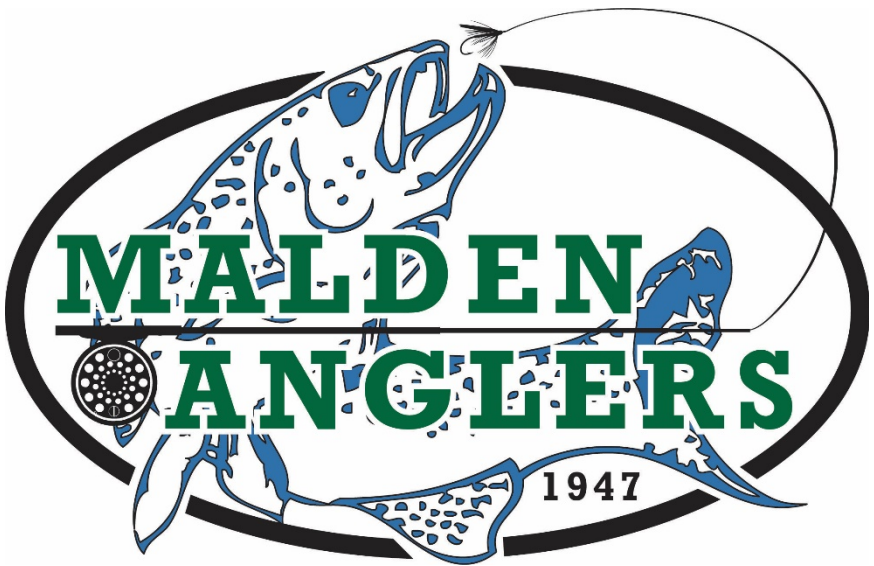


MALDEN ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION  
RULES and POLICIES  
EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2021



## PART 1 - POND RULES

The following Pond Rules have been provided by the Fish Committee and approved by the Board of Directors to assure the best and safest sport fishing for all members. We need the cooperation of all members and guests to achieve our goals.

### Section 1: Who Can Fish

1. Any member who is currently in good standing (including payment of all dues and fees).
2. A guest (not including junior guests) sponsored by a member in good standing.
  - a. The guest is allowed to fish the pond no more than three (3) times in a calendar year (regardless of sponsor or sponsors).
  - b. Guests have no membership rights or privileges.
  - c. The guest fee is \$5.00 per visit and must be paid prior to the start of fishing. It is the member's responsibility to place the guest fee and top half of the guest card in office mail slot.
  - d. The guest should carry his/her portion of the guest card while fishing at the club.
  - e. Guests are not allowed to fish at the pond for a two-week period beginning with Opening Day in the Spring and Fall fishing seasons. NOTE: Unless otherwise designated by the Board of Directors, any supplemental stockings are not considered "Opening Days".
  - f. Fish caught by a guest are to be marked on the member's fish card.
3. A junior guest between the ages of ten (10) and eighteen (18) years are subject to the following:
  - a. Must complete a Junior Guest Application accompanied by a Hold Harmless Agreement.
  - g. There are no membership or guest fees for juniors.
  - h. Junior guests have no membership rights or privileges.
  - i. Must be accompanied by their parent or guardian who must be a member in good standing. The parent or guardian is solely responsible for the junior guest and must remain on club grounds at all times while the junior guest is present.
  - j. The junior guest must be familiar with and conform to all club rules and regulations.
  - k. Junior guest privileges can be revoked at any time for any reason by the Board of Directors.
  - l. Junior guests under the age of sixteen (16) are prohibited from using watercraft (e.g., boats, float tubes, pontoon boats, etc.)

- m. Junior guests between the ages of fifteen (15) and eighteen (18) : Only one junior guest in this age group may be on a fishing dock at a time.
  - n. Junior guests between the ages of ten (10) and fourteen (14): Must be accompanied by their parent or guardian at all times. These junior guests may only fish from the shoreline. Only one total fishing rod may be used per parent or guardian and the Junior guest in this age group.
  - o. The Hold Harmless Agreement is a legal document that specifically limits the responsibility and liability of Malden Anglers' Association and its members against damages or injuries resulting from the negligence, carelessness or recklessness of the applicant.
  - p. Junior guests are not allowed to fish at the pond for a two-week period beginning Opening Day in both the Spring and Fall fishing seasons.
  - q. Fish caught by a Junior guest are to be marked on the member's fish card. The exception to this is Kid's Day when fish caught by Juniors need not be marked on any card.
4. Guests under the age of ten (10) are only allowed to fish on designated Kid's Days and are subject to the rules defined in the Special Events section under Kid's Day Special Rules.

## Section 2: When to Fish

1. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset all year except when closed by the Fish Committee for stocking, ice conditions or emergencies. Ice fishing is not allowed but fishing in naturally occurring openings only is permissible. Generally, from the day of stocking to the next announced Opening Day the pond is closed to all fishing.

## Section 3: How to Fish

1. Fly fishing only by casting and retrieving (without trolling) in open water with no more than two hooks (one main hook and one dropper hook – neither of which is to have multiple points). The hooks are to be dressed with thread, hair, tinsel, fur or similar materials to which no spoon, spinner or similar device is attached. The use of attractants (e.g., Powerbait, scented or flavored eggs, etc.) are prohibited during the fly fishing season. Any weight affixed to the leader must be lead-free. Hooks shall be barbless or the barb on each hook point must be flattened or removed before fishing. Hooks larger than size 4 are prohibited.
5. Wading is prohibited in the pond.
6. The use of a net with a rubber bag is permitted. No other type of net is allowed.

7. Spinning, bait casting and spin bubbles are prohibited except that the Fish Committee can authorize use of such equipment only during summer season (following Kid's Day in June), and only until the closing time to use such equipment as designated by the Fish Committee. This summer season is reserved for bass fishing. Spinning, spin bubbles etc. are also allowed for children fishing on Kid's Day.
8. All fish caught must be released unharmed immediately. Exceptions to this include any period of time announced by the Fish Committee as open to keeping a fish (at present there are no times other than Kid's Day to keep fish). If an open time is announced, any fish caught must be killed immediately and kept in plain sight.
9. All trout to be released should have the hook removed while the fish is still in the water or, if this is not possible, handle as little and as gently as possible.
10. No fish of any kind, living or dead, shall be brought onto the property for any reason without the approval of the Chairman of the Fish Committee who is the only person authorized to stock the Pond or appoint a representative to do so. If the Chairman of the Fish Committee is unable to fulfill his/her duties with regard to stocking, the President shall appoint a member in good standing to do so.
11. If, during an approved time to keep fish, all fish taken by a guest shall be counted as taken by the sponsoring member.

#### Section 4: General Rules

1. All new members must attend one general meeting or attend an orientation meeting with a member of Board (or designee) for the purpose of familiarizing the new member with these Rules and Policies, the Constitution and By-Laws, and general operations of the Club. The member must acknowledge completion of the orientation on the attached acknowledgement.
12. Pull your fish card and record your catch (only record trout caught -do not list bass on the fish card).
13. No state license is required to fish the pond. However, if a fish is kept during an approved time to keep fish by a person without a valid license, it must be tagged or otherwise identified as having been caught at the club pond and kept in open sight.

14. Any member(s) who violates the By-Laws or any approved Rules and Policies of the Malden Anglers' Association, or who conducts himself/herself contrary to the best interests of this organization is liable to suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors. Such member(s) may elect to appear before the Board of Directors to answer charges brought against him/her. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final (See By-Laws, Article VI, Section 4).
15. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the property.

#### Section 5: Use of Boats, Canoes, Kayaks, Float Tubes, Pontoon Boats etc.

1. Trolling is never allowed from any type of watercraft.
16. Motors of any type (e.g., gas or electric) are prohibited, except while engaged in Pond or Grounds maintenance with prior permission by a member of the Board of Directors.
17. Boats in excess of 16 ft., sailfish, sailboats and paddle boards are not allowed.
18. Prams, rowboats, pontoon boats, canoes, kayaks and float tubes are permissible (these are deemed to be allowable "watercraft" for usage at the Club pond).
19. Anyone using any of the above approved watercraft must have a wearable personal floatation device (PFD) on the craft while fishing. Further, from September 15<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> all persons using canoes, kayaks, prams, rowboats, pontoon boats or float tubes must wear a PFD. If there are two or more individuals in an approved watercraft, each person must have a PFD.
20. Floating seat cushions are not suitable for PFDs.

#### Section 6: Special Events

1. Kid's Day Special Rules
  - a. The Fish Committee may designate a "Kids Day" annually for the purpose of education, community, and promotion of the Club.
  - b. Any family members of a member (defined as niece, nephew, child, and grandchild) may participate.
  - c. Age restrictions, as noted shall be lifted for Kids Day.
  - d. No one under 16 shall be allowed on a boat or other watercraft.
  - e. No one under 10 is allowed on the docks and any child over 10 shall be accompanied by an adult while using a dock. Only one child and adult may be on a dock at the same time.
  - f. Any fish caught may be kept.

## 21. Special Events

- a. The Fish Committee may designate other such special events as approved in advance by the Board and announced at a General Meeting at least two months in advance.

## PART 2 - GROUND RULES

The following Ground Rules have been provided by the Property and House Committees and approved by the Board of Directors to assure the best and safest use of our facilities for all members. We need the cooperation of all members and guests to achieve our goals.

### Section 1: General

1. All members must be in possession of a Membership Card while on club property. The Officers and Directors are empowered to request positive identification of any individual on the premises.
2. A member's spouse, when accompanied by the member, is to enjoy the same privileges as the member, and shall be bound by the same conditions as a Guest with regard to Pond Rules. NOTE: The guest fee and annual fishing day limit do not apply to member spouses. Any member wishing to fish with a spouse at any time when guest privileges are restricted may do so but only with the permission of the Chairman of the Fish Committee.
3. Any child under the age of 14 must remain under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.

### Section 2: Behavior

1. Alcoholic beverages of any type is not to be possessed or consumed on the premises.
2. Bathing, swimming, or wading is not permitted except when launching a boat, a float tube or while engaged in Pond or Grounds maintenance.
3. No activity is allowed on the pond if the pond is frozen (i.e. no ice skating, sledding, etc.) unless otherwise expressly sanctioned by the Board of Directors
4. Extreme care must be taken to prevent damage by fire; cigar, cigarette and pipe ashes must be thoroughly extinguished. No outdoor fire may be kindled without the permission of the Chairman of the Property Committee.

5. The cutting of trees or bushes or the use of chemicals or sprays shall not be carried out without the permission of the Chairman of the Property Committee. No branches may be broken for the retrieval of flies. If the fly cannot be retrieved by carefully bending the branch until the fly can be easily reached, the leader is to be broken and the fly left in the tree.
6. No pets are allowed on Malden Anglers' club property; service animals are allowed.
7. Discharge of any Firearm, Explosive Device, Pellet Gun, Bow, Crossbow, slingshot or any similar device on Club Property except as designated by the Chairman of the Fish or Property Committee for the purposes of predator control in a manner consistent with State and Local law is not permitted.

### Section 3: Maintenance and Cleaning

1. All members shall endeavor to maintain the clubhouse and ground in a clean and presentable manner. Any groups or individuals are responsible for cleaning the facilities after use (dishes, fly-tying materials, etc.). Cleaning supplies are available in the clubhouse.
22. Because of the danger they present to any fish, which may ingest them, CIGARETTE BUTTS are not to be disposed of on the premises other than in the designated receptacles. This includes the grounds around the Pond as well as in the water itself.
23. Club work (see By-Laws, Article VI, Section 11) can include participation in announced work days or operations and maintenance tasks as approved by the Board.

### SECTION 3- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT [see attached]

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the Malden Anglers' Constitution and By-Laws and the Malden Anglers' Rules and Policies and that I agree to abide by said documents.

Furthermore, I agree that I have attended at least one General Meeting or an orientation meeting with a member of the Board (or Designee) for the purpose of familiarizing myself with these Rules and Policies, the Constitution and By-Laws, and general operations of the Club, and that I have had to opportunity to ask any questions that I may have regarding same.

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Member Signature and date

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Member Name [print]

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Board Member (or Designee) Signature and date

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