

WELLSFIELD TROUT FISHERY

CATCH & RELEASE RULES

When your Fish Limit is reached you **MUST** weigh in your fish, then get your permit marked by staff before commencing Catch & Release.

All anglers should report number of fish caught and released to staff before leaving the fishery. C&R is available on both Fly Ponds only.

To Minimise STRESS and WOUNDING of FISH:

- 1) **Barbless Hooks or De-Barbed Flies MUST be used.**
- 2) **Anybody caught using barbed hooks will be asked to leave the fishery.**
- 3) **Single hooks only, no trebles or doubles or tandem/trailing hooks.**
- 4) **Fish should be unhooked as quickly as possible.**
- 5) **All anglers MUST possess Forceps or Pliers for De-Barbing flies.**
- 6) **No Forceps = No C&R.**
- 7) **No Handling of Fish. Forceps should be used to remove hooks.**
- 8) **All anglers MUST wet their hands before unhooking fish with forceps.**
- 9) **All fish should be played as quickly as possible. Min. 6lb breaking strain should be used.**
- 10) **Fish should remain in water at all times when un-hooking, and be un-hooked in a wet net, or unhooked in the water.**
- 11) **Knotless nets should be used to avoid fish being damaged.**
- 12) **No dragging of fish up the bank or tailing of fish.**
- 13) **No weighing, measuring or photographs of fish out of water.**
- 14) **Any deep hooked fish in throat, gut or gills – hook must be left in fish and line cut.**
- 15) **Fish should NEVER be held up vertically by the tail or held up vertically by the gills.**
- 16) **Bleeding or injured fish must be dispatched and paid for.**
- 17) **Any angler who breaches these rules will be asked to leave the fishery without refund.**

Caution: When water temperatures exceed 17-18°C take extra care as oxygen levels will be lower and fish will get stressed much more easily.

**WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHECK ANGLERS PERMITS,
FLY BARBS AND BAGS AT ANY TIME.**