

# Lake Chanteboeuf Rules



These rules are in place to ensure the safety of the fish. We want them returned to the lake in as good a condition as you caught them so that everyone can enjoy the chance to catch these wonderful fish for many years to come, so please read the following carefully.

All carp are to be photographed in the water only - if this rule is broken, you will be asked to leave immediately, with no refund and not invited back

Chest Waders - We have a pair available at Chanteboeuf, but because of sizing, we advise you to bring your own.

Landing nets, weigh slings, tripods and unhooking mats/cradles are provided on site for all Anglers and their use is compulsory. DO NOT bring your own on site, as this may spread disease

Maximum two rods per Angler and only two Anglers allowed to fish on the lake. Rods must not be left unattended at any time.

Minimum 15lb breaking strain mainline must be used. No braided mainline, braid may be used on a marker or spod rod.

No sacking or retaining of fish at any time. If this rule is broken you will be asked to leave immediately, with no refund and not invited back.

No bait is to be brought on site. Only our bait is to be used. Anyone caught bringing bait to Chanteboeuf will be asked to leave immediately, with no refund and not invited back.

No sleeping in the house if your rods are in the water. If you wish to fish nights, there is room under the canopy of the house for bed chairs or plenty of room on the grass for a bivvy.

Barbless hooks only to be used at Chanteboeuf. This will make the unhooking of the fish in the net much easier

There is no boat at Chanteboeuf so if you bring your own you will need to also bring your own life jacket as these are not supplied. Boats are used at your own risk.

Bait boats are allowed to be used

Children must be supervised around the lake by an adult at all times. Your personal safety around the lake is your responsibility.

No smoking in the house or lodge.

## PROCEDURE AFTER NETTING A CARP FROM THE HOUSE SWIM USING THE WINCH

If you go stalking or catch a fish in any other swim, please follow the original lake rules which are on the wall inside the house.

We have now installed a new winch in the house swim at Chanteboeuf to weigh the fish and its use is compulsory. This is to reduce the stress on these big fish, so that they remain in the water at all times.

When you have landed your fish, leave it in the landing net in deep water to recover. Whilst the fish is recovering, get everything to hand. i.e. floatation cradle, weigh sling, scales, bucket of water, carp care kit, camera, and anything else you may need. At this stage, please remove any watches and jewellery as these may cause damage to the fish. Then put on your chest waders.

With your chest waders on enter the water with your zeroed scales and clip them on to the bottom of the cord hanging from the winch. The water in the house swim is only waist deep (approx. 3ft) so this will be easy to do.

At this point unhook the Carp in the landing net. This should be easy as the barbless hook will slide straight out. 90% of mouth damage is caused by the hook getting caught in the net, so by unhooking the carp immediately this alleviates mouth damage.

Once the fish is unhooked, break the landing net down and gently slide the weigh sling underneath the carp and zip up both ends, avoiding catching the fish's tail in the zip. Making sure all fins are flat against the fish's body, tilt the net downwards at the head end and gently slide the net from under the carp from head to tail (**NEVER FROM TAIL TO HEAD** as this may get caught on the fins or in the gills of the carp)

Once the net is removed make sure the carp is facing forwards towards the winch and with the carp close to your side, slowly walk toward the winch until you are positioned underneath it. **NEVER WALK WITH THE FISH FACING BACKWARDS**, as this will starve the gills of oxygen. Once underneath the winch, clip the weigh sling onto your zeroed scales.

At this point place the floatation cradle in the water beside you.

Make sure the fish is as central as possible in the weigh sling; the sling is parallel to the bank and the fins are flat against the fish's body. Then your angling partner can start to wind the winch up slowly, while you steady the sling with both hands. Only wind the winch up until the sling is just clear of the water enough to get an accurate weight of the fish and to be able to slide the floatation cradle underneath it.

At this point, pull the floatation cradle underneath the sling and lower the fish down into it.

Unzip both ends of the weigh sling, making sure the fish's tail does not get caught in the zip. This will make it easier to lift the fish up for a photo.

Push the arms of the weigh sling inside the floatation cradle and using your hands push the mesh of the weigh sling as low as it will go inside the cradle. This will allow the fish to sit upright in the floatation cradle and be completely submerged in water to aid recovery. If

you don't push the arms inside and the mesh down into the cradle the fish will lie on its side and it won't be completely covered in water putting stress on the fish .

When you are ready to take the photo, lift the fish, keeping it close to your body and only ever lift the carp a few inches above the water.

Once you've taken your photo of the carp, give it a few moments to recover in the floatation cradle.

At this point, please check for any damage to the fish and use the FREE OF CHARGE carp care kit that we provide for this purpose. It is safe to use on any damage to the body, lifted scales or mouth hook holds but avoid areas such as the fish's eyes and gill rakers, as these are incredibly sensitive areas.

Make sure the fish is in an upright position, fully recovered and strong enough to swim off by itself. If the fish is not ready to be released or is listing to one side, keep the fish upright in the sling and gently waft water towards the fish's mouth to decrease recovery time. NEVER push the fish backwards and forwards in the water as this does not aid recovery. The backward motion will starve the gills of oxygen.

When the fish is fully recovered and ready to go, gently lift the fish from the floatation cradle back into the water ready to be released.

If you notice any fish in distress or have a problem with a fish that you have caught, please contact either, Graham or Carl immediately. Tel No: Graham 07711898696. Carl: Tel No: 07802438509

**Thank you for your cooperation for following these rules.**