

RHINE AREA GAME ANGLING CLUB
CLUB CHARTER

GENERAL

1. Club Name. The name of the club will be:

THE RHINE AREA GAME ANGLING CLUB. (RAGAC).

2. Club Address. All correspondence should be addressed to the Club Secretary.

CLUB OBJECTIVES

3. The club's objectives are:

- a. The continuance of fly fishing as an Army sport.
- b. To encourage the development of fly fishing amongst members of the British Armed Forces, their dependants and entitled MOD Civilians based in the Rheindahlen and Elmpt area.
- c. Promote and support the core aims of the Army Angling Federation (Germany).
- d. Organise familiarisation, training and open days to promote the sport and the Club.
- e. Foster and promote closer ties with the Members of the Local Community and Members of other Nations.
- f. Foster and promote closer ties with all service fishing clubs in Germany.

CLUB COMMITTEE

4. The RAGAC Committee will consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Rep, Lake Manager and Property Member.

5. A member of the club will be asked to volunteer to fill the position of Club Chairman and will be appointed by a majority vote at the AGM.

6. Club members will be asked to fill all vacant RAGAC Committee positions and will be appointed by a majority vote during the AGM.

7. The committee may, from time to time, co-opt Members of the Club onto the Committee when it is deemed necessary.

8. Vacancies for positions on the RAGAC Committee may be filled at the discretion of the Club committee.

POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

9. The Committee may direct that any member be suspended, or removed from the roll of members if their conduct is deemed objectionable, they are found to have brought the club into disrepute or they fail to comply with key club rules.

10. Any person who has their membership revoked shall have the right to appeal to the Committee, however, the committee's decision to remove an individual's membership shall be final.

11. Any person who has their membership revoked shall have no claim for the reimbursement of any membership fees.

CLUB RULES

12. Club members, associate members, and guests shall at all times, whilst at the Elmpt Lake, be bound by the club rules shown at Annex A.

YOUTH POLICY

13. In addition to allowing Junior membership to entitled persons, the RAGAC should where possible throughout the year promote fly fishing to children of all ages through open days.

INSURANCE

14. The RAGAC must maintain a valid insurance policy that provides Public Liability cover for all members, associate members and visitors, as well as equipment and loss of cash cover. Amendments to the policy may be required for Open days or other venues that involve non club member participation.

FULL MEMBERSHIP

13. Eligibility. Full Membership is open to all members of the British Armed Forces, MOD Civilians, and their dependants over the age of 18 years, irrespective of their place of employment; also all non-British members of ARRC and their dependents over the age of 18 years; and all civilians employed within the Rheindahlen Military Complex or Elmpt Station.

14. Junior Membership. Junior Membership will only be granted where an adult Full Member of the club acts as sponsor. Junior Members of the Club aged from 12 to 18 years will only be allowed to fish the lake under the supervision of an adult member.

15. Deutschen Fishereischein. All full and junior members of the club must have an up to date German Fishing Licence.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

16. Applications for Membership to the RAGAC shall be made to the Secretary, in a format as laid down by the RAGAC Committee. Prospective members, shall, by their application for Membership of the RAGAC, be deemed to support the objectives of the club. The RAGAC Committee have the right to refuse Full Membership to any person, but must be in a position to give reasons.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.

17. The annual membership fee for Adult Members will be € 60.00; the charge for Junior Members will be €30.00. Alterations to the fees will be agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting. Full Members can sponsor and host guests for an additional E10 per visit to the lake. A safe box and ticket system will be available at the Lake Club House. Membership fees are to be paid to the RAGAC Treasurer who is responsible for the correct accounting procedures.

19. Membership to the RAGAC will be valid for one calendar year from the date of purchase. Individuals who have previously been full members and wish to purchase Membership to the RAGAC

for less than a year (i.e. due to Posting) may do so by purchasing monthly membership at €5 per month for Adult Membership and €2.50 per month for Junior Membership, for a minimum period of 2 months.

ASSOCIATE/GUEST MEMBERSHIP

20. Associate Membership is available to all members of the British Armed Forces, MOD Civilians, non-British members of ARRC and civilians employed within the Rheindahlen Military Complex or Elmpt Station for a payment of €10.00 per day. Associate Members are required to sign the Associate/Guest Member Register; by signing associate members agree to abide by the Club Rules. Signing also acknowledges receipt of payment.

21. Guest Membership is also available for a payment of €10.00 per day. A Club Member must accompany guests. Guests are required to sign the Associate/Guest Member Register; by signing guests agree to abide by the Club Rules. Signing also acknowledges receipt of payment.

22. No member is allowed to bring more than one guest without the prior permission of the RAGAC Chairman or Secretary. Junior members are also allowed to bring a guest, as long as the condition under para 14 is met.

ACCOUNTS

23. The RAGAC Funds will be held and administered by the Central Accounts Office, Javelin Barracks. A Specific Purpose Fund Account has been established in the Club name within the Elmpt Station Welfare Fund.

24. The Club Secretary and Treasurer are authorised to make payments on behalf of the club from the Club Account up to €400. All committee members must agree amounts above this.

25. The Club Treasurer is responsible for providing an accurate financial statement to the Club at the AGM, and to maintain vision of the account on a monthly basis.

26. In the event of the RAGAC being dissolved, a meeting will be held in order to decide upon the disposal of the Club assets.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27. The Annual General Meeting will be held on a date, at a time and place agreed between the Club Chairman and Secretary. Associate and Junior Members will not have a deciding vote, but are to be invited to attend the meeting.

DECLARATION

28. The above Charter was agreed at the Annual General Meeting held at (location)
on (date)

RAGAC
CHAIRMAN

RAGAC
SECRETARY

Whilst the above charter has been drafted and agreed internally to the Club it is recognised that the RAGAC must come under the control of the Director British Forces (Germany) Sports Board.