

# Internal regulations Federal lake of the “Caurois”

## Presentation

The Caurois lake is located in the town of Viry-Noureuil, about 3 km east of Chauny city. It is accessible by the RD 429 road linking Condren to Viry Noureuil. It is owned by the Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment (FAPPMA 02).

This lake, created artificially, is classified as “2nd category” for fishing and as such, the corresponding regulations apply to it. **It is subject to a mandatory CATCH AND RELEASE policy for all the fish species it harbours. Therefore, all fish must be released alive.**

It extends over an area of approximately 10 hectares, where pike, perch, carp, tench and various other species of white fish live side by side.

**Anyone present on this lake is required to know  
the internal regulations and users are obliged to comply with them,  
to accept it in its whole and to refrain from any complaint.**

## Article 1: General fishing conditions

- With the exception of the articles below, the practice of fishing follows the general regulations for fishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> category waters.
- Only members of an Approved Association for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment (AAPPMA) of the Aisne department, ***as well as anglers owning a reciprocal fishing card***, are allowed to fish.

## Article 2: Authorized types of fishing and opening periods

- The legal opening periods are identical to those of 2<sup>nd</sup> category waters (refer to the annual prefectural decree).
- A mandatory catch-and-release decree regulates the fishing of all species in the lake. As such, all fish caught must be systematically returned to the water alive immediately after their capture. It is recommended to fish with a barbless or crushed barb hook.
- Fishing is prohibited anytime sooner than ½ hour before sunrise or later than ½ hour after sunset (refer to the legal hours of sunrise/sunset).
- All legal fishing techniques are allowed with the exception of fishing with live or dead fish bait.

## Article 3: General rules

- A maximum of 4 rods per angler is allowed, among which **a maximum of two rods can be used for predator fishing.**
- **Any craft or boat is prohibited, with the exception of bait boats and float-tubes without an electric motor. Wearing a life jacket is compulsory when using a float-tube.**
- The maximum width of a fishing spot is 4 meters.

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- No fishing spots can be allocated or reserved.
- The rods must be permanently under the supervision of the angler and at a maximum distance of 20 meters from them.
- **The rods must be stretched perpendicular to the shore**, at the location of the fishing station, and **must not exceed an angle of 30 degrees nor be stretched at a distance greater than half of the lake width** in order to satisfy all site users.
- **Baiting amounts must be reasonable.**
- The use of drones is prohibited.
- Landing fishing is prohibited at the west car park post. This place is reserved for launching Float-tubes, and is indicated by information panels.

### Article 4 : Règles pour la pêche de la Carpe

- **Night fishing is authorized on the “eastern” half of the body of water (refer to the signs present on site).**
- At night, only fishing with vegetable baits or recomposed flour is allowed, animal baits and lures are prohibited. (Imitations of vegetable baits such as plastic corn are prohibited in accordance with the environmental code).
- Single hooks are compulsory. It is preferable to crush the barbs.
- **Backleads are recommended** on all lines so as not to disturb other users.
- **The use of benchmarks is mandatory.**
- **At night, the immediate release of fish of any species is mandatory**, without marking or mutilation. It is mandatory to install a light system to signal someone's presence.
- The use of a storage bag is prohibited **at all times**.
- A landing mat and a large landing net are mandatory to extract the fish from the water.
- Only green/camouflage biwies or similar equipment are authorized, **camping is prohibited**.
- **The use of tigernuts should be limited. In general, the use of raw seeds is to be avoided.**
- **The use of a boilie gun is prohibited.**

### Article 5 : Rules for predator fishing

- All legal predator fishing techniques are allowed with the exception of fishing with live or dead fish bait.
- **The fast release of fish in good conditions, regardless of their size, is mandatory (catch-and-release).**
- A maximum of **one rod per angler** is allowed.
- It is strongly recommended to crush the barbs or to use barbless hooks.
- **Wearing a lifejacket on float tubes is mandatory.**
- Anglers on float-tube are required to respect the spots occupied by the anglers on the shores. As such, they are prohibited from fishing above the stretched lines or on the fishing spot.

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### Article 6 : Miscellaneous

- Camping and caravanning are prohibited.
- Campfires on the ground are prohibited: **the use of a barbecue is compulsory.**
- The degradation of shores and vegetation is also prohibited.
- Bathing, littering, as well as washing and/or draining vehicles are prohibited.
- The use of drones is strictly prohibited.
- Fishing in a state of obvious intoxication is prohibited and will be the subject of a report by the gendarmerie.
- Vehicles may travel on authorized paths only, and must be parked in the spots provided for this purpose. Vehicles must drive slowly on the roads.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash (animals must not roam freely).
- **Human and animal waste must not be left on site; they must be buried far from fishing stations or anglers are required use a chemical toilet. The cleanliness of the site and the respect of our maintenance agents are at stake.**

### Article 7 : Obligations

- Fishermen must comply with any demand from the Federation's control officers.
- **Degrading** the site or failing to respect of the environment will be the subject of an **exclusion from all the federal lake of the Aisne department** without condition from the angler, and will lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings.
- **The Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment shall have no liability for any criminal acts that would be committed by users of the lake or any accident in which they would be the perpetrators or victims, as well as any civil, criminal and/or administrative consequences.**
- It is specified that the Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment has no security obligation, subject to its duty to inform (distribution of the present regulations and posting on its website). Its responsibility cannot be engaged in the event of damage resulting from frequentation of the body of water.
- The Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment reserves the right to **temporarily suspend any fishing activity on the lakes it manages**, and, if necessary, will inform users by information boards, via its website ([www.peche02.fr/](http://www.peche02.fr/)) or its facebook page ([www.facebook.com/peche02](https://www.facebook.com/peche02)).

### Article 8: Controls and penalties

- **Fishing card must be carried at all time and ready to be shown during controls.**
- Controls are likely to be carried out either by sworn private fishing wardens on federal lakes, or by sworn fisheries development officers, rural wardens, the French Office for Biodiversity, the gendarmerie or any other service holding the powers to control.
- Failure to comply with the prefectural decree or the environmental code will result in the establishment of a **report** by the control agent.
- Failure to comply with these rules may lead to a ban on access to all the federal lakes of the Aisne department for a maximum of two calendar years in addition to the possible penalty.

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### **Article 9: Modifications to these regulations**

These regulations have been validated by the Board of Directors of the Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 for an indefinite period.

A modification of these rules of procedure took place and was validated by vote during the Federal Board of Directors on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**Any suggestion to improve the management of our lakes will be studied with the greatest attention.**

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**Good fishing to all**