

## RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

**The following rules shall be strictly observed by all members of the Association when fishing:**

- (a) A member upon request shall produce his membership card and licence for inspection by another member who produces his own card, or to a bailiff, riparian owner or duly authorised person when fishing Association waters.
- (b) Membership cards are not transferable under any circumstances.
- (c) No person shall be permitted to fish club waters until such time as his subscription has been paid, or a day ticket purchased, and he is in possession of a membership card together with the appropriate National Rivers Authority licence.
- (d) A member shall produce his bag or fish receptacle to any of the persons referred to in rule (a) above upon request when fishing Association waters.
- (e) A member shall observe all restrictions and regulations governing the Association waters.
- (f) No more than one rod may be used for fishing at any one time and no type of hand-line or night-line shall be allowed.
- (g) Each member shall take great care not to damage any walls or fences over which he might climb. If he finds any wall or fence so damaged he shall repair it to the best of his ability on the spot and inform the secretary of the damage.
- (h) Each member shall take great care to close each gate, which he opens.
- (i) No member shall walk through any ploughed field or a field containing growing crops or hay but shall keep strictly to the fisherman's path running along the bank.
- (j) A member shall not fish longer than 20 minutes at any one spot when another member wishes to fish over it. Members are asked to note that **spinning takes preference over bait and fly takes preference over spinning.**
- (k) No member shall be accompanied by a dog.
- (l) No member shall sell for profit any salmon, sea trout or trout caught in waters where the Association shall have had fishing rights or licence to fish granted to it.
- (m) No member, unless he holds a salmon licence, shall use a bait or lure (other than worms) exceeding 1¼ (one and one quarter) inches (32mm) in length. In the case of a spinning bait the hook shall not be counted in these measurements, but neither should the hooks be out of proportion to the bait or lure.
- (n) No member shall be allowed to take more than two brace of migratory fish or trout in any one day from any of the waters owned or leased by the Association.
- (o) Members must strictly observe the rule “*no wading*” on Association waters where this is objected to by the owners.

- (p) No member shall remove trout measuring less than 9 inches (23mm) from snout to fork of tail.
- (q) Every member shall endeavour to do everything he/she can to enhance the reputation of the Association and to maintain the good opinion of riparian owners and farmers.
- (r) No ground or feeder bait may be used.
- (s) No maggots or other non-aquatic larvae or pupae may be used.
- (t) No lead shot may be used at any time; only non-toxic substitute may be used in accordance with the River Authority bylaws.
- (u) Members must at all times observe Environment Agency Bylaws as to seasons and restrictions on fishing.
- (v) There is to be no spinning or bait fishing between sunset and sunrise.
- (w) Catch returns must be made at the end of each season. These will be requested of those renewing in the February of the following season. Those resigning should send their return with their letter of resignation.
- (x) The membership fee must be paid annually on or before the 1st March. Members will be deemed to have resigned if they do not renew their membership before the 14th March in any year.
- (y) Members are permitted a maximum of two guests in any one year on non-bookable waters only and shall be responsible for their conduct while on Association waters.

**Non-observance of these rules shall be grounds for the expulsion or suspension of an offending member from membership of the Association.**

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