

## **FISHING RULES (2009 REVISED)**

### ***Preamble***

These rules are laid down so that all members may enjoy angling on RADAC waters. They assume a common interest in fish welfare and the care of the waterside environments.

Remember that a potentially awkward situation can nearly always be defused by using common sense and courtesy. If these fail it becomes the responsibility of your committee to intervene and you should raise the matter with them.

All of our waters are rented or leased from their owners and our continued access depends to a great extent on the behaviour of our members. Accordingly members are requested to comply with the spirit of the Rules as well as the 'letter'. By its members acting in a considerate and responsible way RADAC will maintain its good reputation and thus maintain its present fishing and secure new opportunities.

### ***General***

1. Members fishing on Club waters must be in possession of a current Environment Agency (EA) licence, a current RADAC membership booklet, a Club tag and, as appropriate, a parking 'disc'. The Club tag must be prominently displayed on the person and the parking disc clearly displayed in the member's car.
2. Member's guests parking cars must display a note indicating that they are a RADAC guest and giving the name of their host.
3. Loss of a RADAC membership booklet should be reported to the Membership Secretary immediately and £5 will be charged for a duplicate
4. Membership booklets, tags and parking discs are non-transferable and rod sharing is not allowed.
5. Members shall, immediately upon receipt of their RADAC membership booklet, permanently affix a passport sized photograph of themselves in the indicated place.
6. Members shall comply with all byelaws and EA regulations.
7. Compliance with any EA tagging requirement will be mandatory when fishing RADAC waters.
8. Any member must produce his membership booklet, duly signed, when requested to do so by a RADAC bailiff or another member. Members are asked to help the bailiff by checking, politely, unknown fishermen's credentials.
9. Returns of all salmon, sea trout and brown trout (river caught) must, at the end of the season, be made on the form provided in the membership booklet.
10. Members may fish using no more than two rods at any one time.
11. In order to ensure that the maximum number of members can gain access to fishing no member shall occupy a 'peg' or swim for more than 24 hours. At the expiration of that 24 hour period the member shall leave the water completely and not return for eight hours.
12. Unaccompanied junior members, under the age of 14, wishing to fish for salmon, sea trout and brown trout may do so only from the bank and only during daylight hours.
13. Juniors may only wade if adequately supervised by a senior member.

14. The welfare of fish must be the first concern of every angler and the Committee expects members to act in such a way as to conform to and promote best practice in this area. As there are differing views on what constitutes best practice the Committee expects members to carefully consider the welfare of the species that they fish for and to obtain the best guidance they can. Any member considered by the Committee to have wilfully or negligently disregarded fish welfare shall be in contravention of the Club's rules.
15. The use of shrimp and prawn as bait is prohibited.
16. The use of 'lead core' leaders is prohibited.
17. Barbel or carp shall not be held in keep nets.
18. No coarse fish may be killed or otherwise taken away from any RADAC water.

***Rules relating to behaviour on land associated with RADAC waters.***

19. Members shall not:
  - a) deliberately damage any fence, bank etc;
  - b) leave litter or discard line or bait;
  - c) light fires;
  - d) make or cause to be made any nuisance calculated to, or having the effect of, causing upset or disturbing or offending the riparian owners, other members or other anglers;
  - e) take onto any land associated with a RADAC water any non-member other than as a guest (in accordance with the Club Constitution). An exception to this rule shall be made where a member suffers from a medical condition that requires that they are accompanied for their safety.
  - f) take onto any land associated with a RADAC water any animal;
  - g) camp on any land associated with a RADAC water;
  - h) behave in a way that could bring the Club into disrepute.
20. In order to avoid the risk to livestock from discarded tins all bait must be transferred to plastic containers prior to going onto any RADAC water.
21. Members shall park in accord with directions given and shall obey all signage restricting or governing vehicle access.

***Application***

22. These rules shall apply to:
  - a) all members.
  - b) all guests fishing with members. It is the responsibility of the RADAC host to ensure that this is the case and any sanction imposed for failure to do so shall fall on the host.
  - c) any angler fishing a 'day ticket' on a RADAC water.
23. Where a RADAC member is fishing an exchange ticket they shall obey the rules of the club on whose water they are fishing.
24. These rules are made subject to the RADAC Constitution and are subject to the sanctions set out therein.