

## **WADAA Ltd. - General rules and Code of Conduct for anglers fishing waters controlled by WADAA Ltd.**

Anglers must be familiar with, and abide by the rules governing angling on the individual WADAA Ltd. waters that they fish. [See 'Fisheries' tab.](#)

Anglers should familiarise themselves with and abide by the club's Health and Safety rules. [See Health & Safety page.](#)

For all rules regarding membership then please visit the [membership page.](#)

Anglers must carry their membership card whilst fishing and must show it to the club bailiff, or to other authorised individuals carrying the appropriate identification, if requested. Anglers who have purchased a day permit, must similarly show it to the club bailiff, or to other authorised individuals carrying the appropriate identification, if requested. Anglers may be asked to provide additional corroborating identification. Anglers should also be prepared to produce a valid EA rod license if requested to do so by the club bailiff, to establish that they are fishing legally.

On production of a valid membership card, any member of WADAA Ltd. can request to see the membership card or day ticket of another angler.

Membership permits are non-transferable. Rules governing payment of membership fees can be found under the 'Membership' tab.

Anglers must possess a valid and appropriate Environment Agency national rod licence, familiarise themselves with the Agency byelaws, and abide by them.

Anglers must understand that activities undertaken whilst engaged in angling on the club's waters are undertaken at the individual's own risk. If you stumble over a rock, or you slip whilst climbing a gate, it isn't the Club's fault, or its responsibility.

Anglers must show consideration towards other anglers whilst fishing. Not everyone chooses to fish in the same way, so please consider the impact of your chosen style of fishing on others.

Anglers who have a presence on social media (including forums) must not use their chosen platform(s) to denigrate, defame, abuse, criticise or misrepresent WADAA Ltd., its policies, fisheries, directors, employees or fellow members. The board of WADAA Ltd. will always listen to grievances, preferably backed up with records and/or evidence.

Anglers must not post information onto any public platform that may be considered in any way privileged or confidential or which is not already in the public domain. Members may not incorporate the name WADAA Ltd. on any unauthorised site.

Anglers wishing to contact local, regional, national or specialist media on matters concerning WADAA Ltd. must have the consent of the board. Please contact our administrative officer in the first instance.

Anglers are asked to consider the impact on other anglers of publicising specific swims that have produced catches. Not everyone is keen to return to a favourite swim and find themselves crowded out.

Anglers are expected to behave in a way that is helpful to the reputation of WADAA Ltd., and the relationships the club enjoys with the landowners, land managers and the Lake District National Park, on whom we rely for our fishing. The public matter, too, and a popular National Park can sometimes throw up difficult situations. We appreciate it if you can keep your frustration under control.

All litter - especially fishing line - must be taken home. Any angler found leaving litter on WADAA Ltd. waters may be subject to an immediate suspension of membership.

Dogs are not permitted to accompany anglers or their guests on any of WADAA Ltd.'s fisheries.

Anglers are forbidden from engaging in noisy, abusive and/or unruly behaviour at the waterside.

Anglers are asked to avoid causing unnecessary disturbance to livestock, wildlife or nesting birds, and to avoid damaging walls, fences, gates, trees or crops adjacent to our waters.

Anglers and non-fishing guests accompanying them must keep to the permitted rights of way when on, or accessing, WADAA waters. Non-fishing guests of members are bound by this too, and it is understood that members accept responsibility for the behaviour of, and safety of their guests.

The possession and/or consumption of alcohol or illegal recreational drugs by anglers, on land controlled by WADAA is strictly forbidden.

The lighting of fires and the use of portable barbecues on land controlled by WADAA is forbidden. The use of small camping gas stoves is permitted.

Anglers are asked to contact the club directly if they witness behaviour that significantly breaches club or fishery rules.

Members are forbidden from approaching the owners of existing WADAA fisheries in a bid to take over control of those waters.

No competitions shall be held on WADAA waters without the prior knowledge and consent of the Directors. Please contact our administrative officer in the first instance.

Anglers offering professional guiding services and/or fishing tuition on WADAA waters must obtain the permission of the club. This may involve conditions. Please contact our administrative officer in the first instance.

Anglers' vehicles must not be parked so as to obstruct any access or other vehicle. Anglers park their vehicles at WADAA waters at their own risk. Neither WADAA nor the owner(s) of the land on which vehicles are parked, can accept responsibility for vehicles and/or their contents.

The Directors of WADAA Ltd. shall have the right to close, without notice and for whatever reason, any of the Association's waters. They also have the right to amend the status of a water/s in regard to whether it is for the use of WADAA Ltd. members only, or is available to day ticket holders.

The Directors of WADAA Ltd. shall have the right to amend, remove or add new rules.

Breaches of WADAA's general rules, and those specific to individual fisheries will be dealt with by the Directors in accordance with our Disciplinary Policy.