

## **Addingham Angling Association Membership Rulebook**

**Rule 1** The club shall be called Addingham Angling Association.

**Rule 2** The membership shall consist of a maximum of 65 adult members and 20 youth / intermediate members.

**Rule 3** The entrance fee and membership fee to be set by the Executive Committee. Membership to be renewed by the twenty eighth of February each year. Cheques (and postal orders) to be made payable to Addingham Angling Association and crossed & co. Payment may be made by bank transfer. Annual membership commences on 25th March and is for 12 months.

**Rule 4** The Committee shall consist of the following officers, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Welfare Officer plus five Committee members totalling 10 in all, one of which can be a youth member

**Rule 5 Life Trustees.** The Association shall appoint four Trustees. Trustees are in post for life. A Trustee may resign. Replacement Trustees are elected by the AGM. Trustees are responsible for ensuring the Association acts in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and that finances are managed responsibly.

**Rule 6** The AGM to be held the second Thursday in March each year. Three weeks' notice to be given to members prior to the AGM. (The Committee can constitute a quorum.)

The officers and Committee to be elected annually by the AGM.

The AGM shall consist of the following agenda;

Reports of officers

Election of officers and Committee

Any other business.

**Rule 7** The Committee have the powers of co-option in the case of a vacancy occurring.

**Rule 8** A minimum of four Committee meetings per year shall be held; at the discretion of the Committee more meetings can be called.

Any member wishing to change a rule must give 21 days' notice before the AGM to the Executive Committee and 28 days' notice to the Club Secretary, before the AGM.

Any member wishing to stand for election as an officer or Committee duties must give notice 21 days before the AGM to the Executive Committee and 28 days to Club Secretary.

**Rule 9 Penalties and expulsions.** Any member or members reported to the Committee for an angling offence or other matter detrimental to the interests of the club shall be called to hear the charge and state their case. Shall they fail to appear and offer no reasonable explanation for their offence, the Committee can suspend them from membership until they do appear.

In the event that the Committee decide that the explanation is unreasonable, the member may be suspended or expelled. A vote of two thirds at the Committee is required to suspend or expel a member.

Any day ticket holder reported to the Committee for an angling offence or other matter detrimental to the interests of the club may be banned from club waters by a majority vote at the Committee meeting.

The Committee decision is final with no right to appeal.

**Rule 10** An auditor shall examine all accounts so that all payments and receipts are recorded and vouched for their correctness at the AGM or as requested by the Committee.

**Rule 11** Wilful damage to the banks and hedges, fences etc, leaving of litter of any sort, or any action that will bring disgrace to the club will be dealt with severely, as in Rule 9. No fires, stoves, primus stoves of any type, radios or dogs are allowed. No loose nylon or hooks to be left.

It must be stressed that loose pieces of nylon and loose hooks are killers of our wildlife which it is our duty to protect.

**Rule 12** All members must carry proof of their current membership.

All members have the right to ask any other angler for their proof of right to fish on the club waters. Upon the request by the other angler they must show proof of their right to fish.

**Rule 13** All Executive Committee members to be bailiffs. Club bailiffs to be named by the Committee. The club bailiffs have the right to examine the creel, fishing bag or box of any angler.

**Rule 14** Access to be by public footpath only or by the gate on Bolton Road (opposite Farfield Hall ie Field No 337 as on the Title Deeds of Agreement with Addingham Parish Council) together with other access points as indicated on the Club map.

**Rule 15** Size limit – trout 12 inches (30 cm.) Only 2 trout to be taken each day. All other fish to be returned alive.

**Rule 16** Landing nets to be as per Environment Agency rules.

All anglers must be holders of a current Environment Agency rod licence.

No keep nets allowed.

No cereal ground bait to be used.

Only barbless or debarbed hooks are allowed.

Spinning is allowed for members only, using single barbless or de-barbed hooks. Double or treble hooks are not allowed.

Fishing seasons are as specified by the Environment Agency.

**Rule 17** One rod only to be fished at any one time. Rods must be attended at all times.

**Rule 18** Any member found abusing fish shall be expelled.

**Rule 19** Night fishing to be permitted for members and their guests only. Day ticket holders to stop fishing no later than one hour after sunset.

**Rule 20** Seventy percent of the Committee to reside in Addingham.

**Rule 21** All legitimate forms of fishing with rod and line to be allowed. For all types of fish, ie bait and fly.

**Rule 22** All members must have a set of the rules.

**Rule 23** Rules number eight, twenty and twenty one cannot be changed as per Deed of Perpetuity as entrusted to the Life Trustees, all other rules can only be changed with a two thirds majority at the AGM. Notice of rule changes to be given twenty eight days prior to the AGM to the Club Secretary.

**Rule 24 Life Members** Life members on having paid an agreed fee to Addingham Angling Association, set by the Executive Committee, are entitled to a lifetime fishing on the waters of Addingham Angling Association.

**Rule 25** Applications for membership must be submitted using the application form. The Committee reserve the right to decline an application.

**Rule 26** No member, guest or day ticket holder may charge for instruction on AAA waters without written permission from the Committee, which if granted, must be shown on request.

Exception: A member may engage the services of a Fishing Instructor with the permission of the Secretary.

**Rule 27** Guest tickets may also be purchased individually using the website. Members may purchase a maximum of 5 guest tickets each year. The price of guest tickets is determined by the Committee. Guests must be accompanied by the sponsoring member.

Youth members reaching the age of 18 continue their youth membership for that season and are then eligible for intermediate membership.

**Rule 28 Youth Members.** Youth Membership is available to anglers under the age of 18 and is free. Youth members under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Youth members aged 14 and over may fish unaccompanied only if their parent/ guardian has given the Association written authority and assurance that they accept all responsibility.

**Rule 29 Intermediate Membership.** Intermediate Membership is available to anglers between the ages of 18 and 21 at a reduced fee as decided by the Committee. Intermediate Members have the same rights as Full Members.

Intermediate Members reaching the age of 21 continue their intermediate membership for that season and are then eligible for full membership.