

# RULES

Club Constitution can be found at:  
[www.winsford-anglers.org.uk](http://www.winsford-anglers.org.uk)

## 1. Annual Fees and Subscriptions.

Affiliated Club Joining Fee - £40

Affiliated Club Fee - £15 annually

Affiliated Club Adult Members - £40

Individual Adult Members - £45

Juniors or Spectators - £5 Veterans - £20

Night Tickets - £25 (for all night fishing waters)

Closed season working party waiver - £40

*Veterans, Juniors and disabled anglers are exempt from the working party requirement and the above charge.*

Other waters - £5

All permits are to be available by 1st May

## 2. General

*(a)* All members shall observe the proper closed season on rivers Weaver and Dane and Top Flash. See individual waters rules pages 14 to 47 for closed season fishing on these waters.

*(b)* No person shall be admitted to membership or his membership continued if he shall be found guilty of poaching.

*(c)* Fishing in the Association waters with a line not connected to a rod is prohibited.

*(d)* Unless mutually agreed anglers must allow at least 15 yards space on the river bank or pool side between themselves and the next adjoining angler. Where permanent pegs are in position on waters these are to be used. No angling is allowed between pegs. The creating of new pegs is strictly forbidden, as is the cutting of branches and damaging of trees.

**(e)** Members are requested to co-operate with the water bailiffs, keepers and officials and to comply with their reasonable requests and if so requested to produce for inspection a membership permit. Any member on production of his own membership permit may request members to produce theirs for inspection

**(f)** Dogs must not accompany anglers fishing in the Association waters.

**(g)** All fish caught in the Association waters whether in match fishing or otherwise must be returned to the water at the end of the angling session. Specimen fish may be weighed in if they are above the following weights, but these must be returned to the water from which they were caught immediately after weighing.

Roach	2 lbs	Tench	4 lb 8 oz
Rudd	1 lb 8 oz	Bream	8 lb 8 oz
Chub	4 lbs	Crucian Carp	2 lb 4 oz
Gudgeon	1.5 oz	Eel	2 lbs
Perch	2 lbs	Common Carp	20 lbs
Dace	8 oz	Grayling	1lb
Barbel	7 lbs	Trout	10 oz
Pike	18 lbs		

**(h)** The use of gorge tackle on Association waters is prohibited.

**(i)** Camping on the land adjoining the Association's waters is prohibited except with the express consent of the riparian owner.

**(j)** Portable radios are banned on all Association waters unless used with personal earphones.

**(k)** No club match will be allowed on the same day as any Association match.

*(l)* Times of fishing are as shown on the inside front cover of this permit unless special times apply to individual waters.

*(m)* All carp caught in Association waters to be returned to the water immediately after weighing and not kept in a keepnet.

*(n)* No barbel are to be retained in keepnets, except for in bona fide matches.

*(o)* Members fishing for carp, pike or barbel must use an adequate net and unhooking mat.

*(p)* The use of lead core line and tungsten leaders is now banned on all Association Waters.

*(q)* No bait boats allowed on Association waters.

*(r)* No peanuts or tiger nuts allowed on Association waters.

*(s)* Barbless or micro-barbed hooks only allowed.

**3.** The Winsford and District Anglers Association members card is the property of the Association and the right is reserved to refuse issue or to confiscate. Persons ceasing to be members of the Association must return their membership card to the Secretary. Anyone refusing to comply with the rule may be proceeded against for the recovery of such card. Any card not marked with the name and address and photograph of the member shall be invalid.

**4.** All clubs affiliated to the Association must attend working parties. Failure to comply with this means the club will pay full fees for the following year. Any affiliated club not attending a working party as requested by the Fishery Manager will lose its right to free matches in the following season.

## **5. Match Fishing**

*(a)* Applicants must give notice to the Association Match Secretary, stating the date of the contest, the length of water

required, the time of the match and estimated number of competitors.

**(b)** Nails or pins shall not be used for marking out purposes.

**(c)** The match must not exceed more than 5 hours duration.

**(d)** Keepnets must be at least 2 metres long by 45cm wide. Keepnets and landing nets must conform to EA bylaws and shall be of a knotless construction.

**(e)** All fish must be returned to the water after weighing.

**(f)** At least 7 days notice must be given to the Match Secretary for cancellation of any booked match.

**(g)** Booked matches have priority of water and any member not engaged in the match must remove to 30 yards from the match length if requested so to do by the captain or referee engaged in the match.

**(h)** In respect of matches of non-affiliated bodies or open matches run by affiliated bodies, the fee charged shall be £3.00 per peg and shall be paid at the time of booking. A minimum of 10 pegs to be paid for.

**(i)** Affiliated club bookings can be made after October 1st in any year for the following season. Outside match bookings can be made after January 1st in the year of booking.

**(j)** All Affiliated Clubs are limited to eight free matches per year. Any extra matches to be paid for.

**(k)** No match fishing will be allowed on any water between 14th March and 15th June each year.

**(l)** At all Trophy and Winter League matches the team captains will be held responsible for their team members to be in possession of an Environment Agency Rod Licence. Any individual who is found not to be in possession of the relevant licence will be disqualified.



## **6. Association Cups and Trophies (Special Matches)**

### **(a) John Blackburn, Hallmark, Ledwards & Jack Swift Trophies**

Teams to consist of 5 Association members.

### **(b) Specimen Awards**

The Association will award a £10 prize for the heaviest fish caught in each of the species listed in Rule 2g. Specimens may be weighed by club or Association weighers. Photographic evidence to be submitted wherever possible.

## **7. Match Rules**

**(a)** Anglers are allowed to plumb the depth of the water before the start of the match.

**(b)** No recognised bait should be banned with the exception of lures, live bait and dopes.

**(c)** Up to two hooks may be used.

**(d)** Peg placing in minimum of 15 yards apart.

**(e)** Any number of rods may be set up, only one to be baited and used at any one time.

**(f)** Association permits must be shown when making the draw for Association matches.

**(g)** Any angler may leave his/her peg provided they do not interfere with or annoy any other angler. All lines must be removed from the water if the angler leaves his/her peg.

**(h)** Catapults and throwing sticks to be allowed.

**(i)** Team or club to be nominated by the angler at the draw, any angler failing to do so will fish as an individual.

**(j)** Pools must be entered before the draw.

**(k)** If the Match Secretary or his stipulated deputy considers a peg to be unfishable, the angler may draw another peg.

**(l)** Any complaint must be referred to the steward immediately. No action can be taken if left until after the match.

*(m)* Any angler reported as breaking a rule, shall be automatically disqualified from the match except if ruled otherwise by the Match Secretary or his stipulated deputy at that match. The angler to be given the right of appeal to the Committee.

*(n)* Fish will only be weighed in if kept in keepnets (No buckets or plastic bags or carp sacks allowed).

*(o)* Any angler with litter on his/her peg will not be weighed in.

### **8. Night Fishing**

Adult members (Age 18 & over) may take a junior member (age 12-16) night fishing with them, but the junior must fish in the same peg as the adult, and only 1 rod is allowed for each adult and junior. Juniors may fish there own peg, but must purchase a night sticker, and must be booked on by the accompanying adult as per current rules. Juniors under 12 are not permitted to night fish any waters without explicit written consent from the committee.

**Night fishing must be booked online at:**

***[www.wdaa-permits.com](http://www.wdaa-permits.com)***

**SPECIAL RULES FOR NIGHT FISHING ON TOP FLASH, NEWPOOL, NEWBRIDGE POOL BOTTOM FLASH, MARTON HOLE, NATIONAL POOL ROOKERY POOL, AND RIVER WEAVER**

*(i)* Bookings can be made up to two days in advance of the date required.

*(ii)* Members must be in possession of their WDAA permit with a valid night permit glued inside.

*(iii)* No members are allowed on the waters before 12 noon and must vacate the water by 12 noon the next day (24hrs).

**That is packed up and in the car park by 12 noon.**

- (iv)* No alcohol is permitted on any WDAA waters. Anglers caught breaking this rule could face a lifetime ban.
- (v)* No spectators allowed on the water at any time, unless they in possession of a Junior/Spectator licence.
- (vi)* No fish to be retained for any reason.
- (vii)* No bright lights, although head-torches may be used for baiting etc.
- (viii)* No fires on any WDAA waters.
- (ix)* Designated night pegs may be moved from time to time.
- (x)* Night fishing should only be carried out using a shelter designed for fishing.
- (xi)* All other WDAA rules still apply.

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR NIGHT FISHING ON TOP FLASH AS PER NIGHT RULES PLUS:**

- (i)* Members must not vacate the water between the hours of 10pm and 6.30am, unless in the event of a serious emergency.
- (ii)* The landowner has requested that night anglers leave their vehicles in the current top car park. Although it is permitted to drive down to the flash to drop off and pick up fishing tackle.
- (iii)* All other WDAA rules still apply.
- (iv)* Three rods may be used all season.

**NOTE: If you intend fishing with three rods you must by law also purchase an adequate Environment Agency rod licence.**