

## **KESWICK ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION RULES(2015)**

### **1.Subscriptions and applications for membership.**

**1.1** Members annual subscriptions shall be paid prior to 1<sup>st</sup> March. Any subscriptions received later than 1<sup>st</sup> March but prior to 1<sup>st</sup> June will incur a surcharge as decided at an A.G.M . Any member who has not renewed their membership by paying in full all the relevant sums due by 1<sup>st</sup> June will cease to be a member and will have to re-apply for membership.

**1.2** Applications for new membership must be received by 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**1.3** That the joining fee be set by the committee and shall apply to new adults members. A new member is anyone who did not have membership the previous season.

**1.4** That youth members do not pay any joining fee when first joining or when attaining the age of 21 providing a permit was held whilst a youth.

### **2. Permits and Licences**

**2.1** Members must carry their Association permit and appropriate Environment Agency Licence when fishing and must at all times produce same on application from any officer or bailiff of the Environment Agency (EA) or police or of this Association or at the request of any angler who produces their own permit and EA licence. Failure to do so will result in the angler being required to cease fishing until they are able to produce same.

**2.2** Any person fishing shall permit Police Officers, Water Bailiffs, officers or officials of the Association or EA or anyone holding valid permission to fish or a valid licence, to inspect the fish, baits and tackle in their possession.

**3. For all river trout & coarse fishing in the rivers – all fishing shall be catch & release only, while K.A.A promote catch and release, only 2 trout between 10 inches and 12 inches may be killed per day:** fishing method shall be restricted to Fly only with Barbless or Debarbed Hooks at all times.

**4. For lake trout & lake coarse fish - all fishing shall be catch & release only, while K.A.A promote catch and release, only 2 trout between 10 inches and 12 inches may be killed per day;** any legal method may be used. (Live baiting is expressly prohibited.)

### **5.Salmon Fishing**

**5.1** For salmon any legal method may be used at any time. (Live baiting is expressly prohibited.)The use of all spinning baits and lures for Salmon on the rivers is allowed only when the river is at a suitable height or colour. If in doubt contact the Bailiff.

**5.2** No member of any category shall kill more than two salmon (which for this purpose shall include grilse) per season on KAA waters

**5.3** No visitor to KAA waters fishing on a day, weekly or exchange or any other permit shall kill more than one salmon (which for this purpose shall include grilse) per season on KAA waters.

**6.** The use of prawn, shrimp, salmon roe, cheese, offal and bread as bait or any form of ground baiting is strictly forbidden for all species at all locations at all times.

## **7. Coarse Fishing.**

**7.1** All Coarse Fish are to be returned to the water with careful handling.

**7.2** For all Coarse Fishing on Keswick Anglers Association lakes (Derwentwater) the use of Barbless or Debarbed Hooks and landing mats is preferred.

**8.** The use or carrying of a gaff is prohibited on all Association water at all times.

**9.** Dogs must be kept strictly under control, and members must avoid damaging fences and crops and disturbing animals, and anglers must approach the river by recognised paths.

### **10. Access and fishing**

**10.1** When fishing in fenced off areas of river bank anglers shall note that all cutting of vegetation on these areas is governed by a management agreement with Natural England. Anglers shall proceed within the fenced off areas by the most direct route from the access stiles and gates direct to the river. Where cut or marked paths exist these must be used as the only route to the river.

**10.2** Anglers shall leave all gates - open or closed - just as they find them. If in doubt (e.g. if farm stock look likely to escape from a field) then close the gate.

**10.3** Anglers, when fishing downstream, must commence fishing from the head of a pool and must move down the pool if other anglers are waiting to move in behind.

**11.** Members must attend at least three working parties in a year if called upon to do so, or permit may be forfeit.

**12.** That only a full member of the association can participate in the exchange system with other associations. Country Members will not be allowed to participate.

**13.** That any fishing upstream of Threlkeld Bridge to be fly only for trout – strictly no deliberate salmon fishing at any time and any salmon caught to be returned but notified in annual catch returns.

**14.** That any person fishing worm in September and October is obliged to carry a disgorging.

**15.** Failure to return any exchange permit by the specified time may result in the suspension of the offending anglers K.A.A membership.

### **16. Monetary Gains.**

**16.1** The use of Association waters in return for payment shall only be permitted by written agreement of the committee. The number of approvals will be strictly limited and will be subject to conditions of operation & use.

**16.2** No more than two individuals at any one time shall be allowed to be tutored on the Association waters and each must hold a valid permit.