

AAC FISHING RULES

A) GENERAL RULES

1. No coarse fish, dead or alive may be stocked or removed from club waters or between waters without the written consent of the committee. Any person who unlawfully takes/ destroys or attempts to take / destroy any fish on private property WILL BE PROSECUTED under the THEFT ACT 1968.
2. Anglers are only allowed to fish with a maximum of 2 rods on rivers and 4 rods on lakes and only when in possession of the relevant, current angling licence(s).
3. Unhooking mats must be used whenever a fish is to be laid on the ground, even if it is in a landing net or keep net.
4. No keep nets to be used on still waters at any time, no specimen fish to be kept in keep nets when used on Rivers.
5. All keep nets (where allowed), landing nets, sacks, weigh slings, retaining slings, fish tubes, unhooking mats, etc. must be completely dry (in sunlight) before being placed in the water or a fish comes into contact with them. This is to protect our waters from KHV.
6. Specimen fish may be retained for a **maximum** of 30 minutes in a sack, retaining sling or a large landing net for weighing and photography.
7. Return the fish as soon as possible to the water, supporting the fish in the water until it has recovered sufficiently to swim off on its own. Treat all fish with care.
8. No lighting of fires allowed on club waters. Cooking apparatus must be raised off the floor and not leave scorch marks.
9. No member shall use or be in possession of a firearm, without the written permission of the committee, on or around any club waters.
10. No boats will be launched from club waters except where listed in the Specific Venue Rules section.
11. Members must not damage any bank, trees, and fences; flatten any waterside vegetation, reeds, water lilies and any other fixtures on club waters. Removal of newly planted trees and vegetation will not be tolerated. Pruning of trees will only be done by the bailiffs or members officially sanctioned to carry out such work.
12. All dogs must be kept under proper control and faecal waste removed from the peg and venue.
13. A member can fish the same peg, on club waters that allow night fishing, up to a maximum of 4 days (96hours) in any one session. They must not return for at least 2 days (48 hours) to the same peg.
14. Members cannot reserve or save swims for themselves or other anglers.
15. Members contributing to any form of social or news media must not disclose the venue by name apart from on the official Ashfield Angling Club Facebook group.
16. Members must use angling specific fishing bivvys or umbrellas, not tents.
17. The following vehicles are not permitted on any Ashfield venue: Motor homes, Vans over a Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of 3.5 Tonne, Caravans and Trailer Tents. The use of items such as pop-top roofs, awnings, and wind breaks are strictly prohibited, canopies without sides are allowed. Vehicles must not block tracks and access routes.
18. Members can only fish one peg at a time.
19. No peanuts to be used on any venue.
20. If particle baits are used, ensure that they have been pre-soaked and thoroughly cooked for the required time. If unsure how to prepare particles safely then only use commercially prepared baits.
21. Members must not use fixed lead set-ups (semi fixed is ok), leads must be able to separate from the line if snapped. Spiked sea fishing style break away leads are not allowed.

22. Members must allow bailiffs to check their vehicles for fish transportation equipment, any member who refuses will be reported to the committee.

23. All gates must be closed and locked behind you when entering or exiting the venue.

24. Park considerately, in designated areas where appropriate, do not block access routes, do not park too close to the water edge or in a place that could damage the peg.

25. There is a maximum 10mph speed limit on venue tracks unless indicated otherwise.

26. No litter of any kind is to be left on any venue, if there is litter in your swim when you arrive then you must remove it.

27. Refer to the Venue Interactive Map on the website for details of allowed fishing areas on each venue.

28. Members must not use the Club car parks and venues to access adjacent non-Club fisheries.

B) PREDATOR ANGLING

1. Always carry wire cutters and suitable long forceps if predator fishing.

2. Live bait can only be used from the water being fished, use commercially frozen dead bait only.

3. Minimum line breaking strain when predator fishing - Mono 15lb, braid 45lb.

4. Wire traces must be used that are a minimum of 20lb.

5. If unsure on how to handle Pike refer to the PAC guidelines found here: <https://pacgb.com/fishing-for-pike/>

Between April 1st and September 30th inclusive:

1. Strictly NO treble hooks.

2. Only use coarse fish baits, maximum size 4".

3. Single hook only maximum size 2/0.

4. A wire trace must be used with a minimum breaking strain of 20lbs unless "drop shotting".

5. Lure fishing and "drop shot methods" are allowed but the bait must be max 4" and only have 1 single hook size 2/0 max.

Drop Shotting – At all times

1. Max lure size 3" or it will be classed as "Lure fishing" rules above apply

2. 6lb mono or 15lb Braid to be used as a minimum

3. Strictly single hooks Only max 2/0 or weighted jig heads

4. 10lb wire trace or 15lb fluoro carbon to be used as a minimum

C) VENUE SPECIFIC RULES

Cromwell Lock and Weir

1) No parking on the lane leading to the lock or the lock area beyond the conifer hedge.

2) During wet weather it is necessary to limit access to the track directly behind pegs 2, 3 and 4, this will be done by a locked chain arrangement. Members are not allowed to drive vehicles across the grassed area to circumnavigate this arrangement. When the track is locked off Anglers should use the main car park.

3) Only two rods are to be used per swim/peg, if anglers wish to share a peg, the peg is still limited to two rods only, i.e. one rod per angler. The only exception to this is the outfall peg which is a double peg

Stoke Bardolph Estate Lock and Weir

- 1) Members are forbidden to fish into the lock or from the high lock walls.
- 2) Members can fish from the floating boat moorings above and below the lock from November to March each year. No fishing is allowed from the moorings at any other time. Boats always have priority on moorings.

Thrumpton Estate

- 1) Members can only enter the estate after dawn and must be off the estate by dusk unless night fishing above the bridge. Access times are clearly stated at the entrance to the estate.
- 2) Night fishing is only allowed above the railway bridge on the Soar/Trent section.
- 3) Strictly no travelling through the estate during the hours of darkness.

Gunthorpe Lakes and River Trent

- 1) Strictly no fishing from the high bank between FP Lake and Duffers Lake.
- 2) Kingfisher Lake is for our affiliated Kingfisher Angling Club members only and not to be fished by the standard Ashfield Club membership.
- 3) Rowing boat may be used on Gunthorpe lakes. The boat will be used at the angler's own risk. Life jackets must be worn.
- 4) The finger island on FP is a nesting area for birds and no access is permitted unless attending to a tethered bird or fish.

Bingham Pond

- 1) No parking at Lowdhams Caravans.

Fillingham Lake

- 1) Fishing to the Left of the Bridge only, no members to the right of the bridge even if not fishing.
- 2) Night fishing is allowed but no traffic movement after 1 hour into dark, or 1 hour before light.
- 3) No Dogs Allowed

Westwoodside

- 1) 2 rods maximum

Cauldwell Dam

- 1) 2 rods maximum
- 2) No wire traces required due to no Pike in the venue.

Carr Vale Pond

- 1) 2 Rods Maximum
- 2) No wire traces required due to no Pike in the venue.