

## **Glossop Amalgamated Angling Society**

### **Rules as from July 2026**

- 1 These Rules supersede all previous Rules.
- 2 The Society shall be called Glossop Amalgamated Angling Society (GAAS).
- 3 GAAS does NOT accept responsibility for personal loss or injury or damage to tackle whilst on any Society water.
- 4 Any member found to be infringing any of these Rules will be reported to the Committee, sent a warning letter and may be required to appear before the Committee. Failure to attend such a meeting may result in suspension or a permanent loss of membership.

#### **Members and Non-members**

- 5 Permits to fish on any GAAS waters are NOT TRANSFERABLE
- 6 All members must have the appropriate valid Environmental Agency licence.
- 7 Membership cards must be carried at all times when fishing Society waters, and must be produced on demand along with their key, if requested by any GAAS member, who must show his card and key to the member if requested.
- 8 Young persons below Junior Membership age are eligible to join as Junior Members but must ALWAYS be accompanied by a responsible adult when fishing.
- 9 A maximum of two children under the age of 13 may fish for free at any one time on any GAAS water if accompanied by, and if properly supervised by, a Senior/OAP/Senior Disabled GAAS member.
- 10 A group which comprises a Junior Member must include, or be properly supervised by, a person aged 17 years or over.
- 11 Any person present on a Society water is there at their own risk.
  - 11.1 Members are reminded that entering the water at any of the society reservoirs is unsafe and should not be undertaken for any reason. The only exception being when authorised at a supervised working party.
- 12 The only persons normally permitted to be present on Society Waters are fully paid-up Members. However: -
  - 12.1 A member fishing on a Water may receive a visitor, for personal reasons, for a short time (eg 5 – 10 minutes).
  - 12.2 In the interest of safety, a Junior Member may be accompanied by an adult non-member who must not fish. In the interest of safety, a Disabled Member may be accompanied by a none member who must not fish.
  - 12.3 A Member who is fishing may be accompanied by one non-member non-fishing companion. This may be permitted to continue or not at the discretion of any Bailiff who encounters such a situation.
- 13 Non-members accompanying an existing Member (in accordance with Rule 11) must not be present on Society Waters between 30 minutes before sunset and 30 minutes after sunrise.

#### **Bailiffing and Illegal Fishing**

- 14 Bailiffs have the authority to remove the Membership Card and access key from any Member who is found to be infringing any Rules or Standing Orders.
- 15 Committee members, appointed Bailiffs and any other GAAS member have the authority to take the details of any member committing an offence on any GAAS water.
- 16 Bailiffs have the right to inspect the fishing equipment, luggage etc. of any person present on a Society Water.
- 17 A member found fishing on a Society water together with an unauthorised non-member, who is also fishing, will be asked to pack up and leave the water immediately. Any such incident will be reported to the Committee.
- 18 Any Member and any accompanying person(s) infringing any Rules or Stading Orders can be asked by a Bailiff to vacate the Water immediately and may not be present on any other Society water on that same day.

## **Police Intervention**

- 19 Situations when the police should be a consideration to be called - Non-Member fishing our water, anyone removing fish from our waters.
  - 19.1 Never ever compromise your own safety, DO NOT attempt a citizen's arrest - leave it to the authorities.
  - 19.2 At the individuals Discretion, report the incident via 999 State that this is an OFFENCE IS IN PROGRESS as Fishing without permission (including attempts) is a 'theft of fishing rights' Schedule 1, section 32 Theft Act 1968... it is a 999 as it is a crime in progress!
  - 19.3 Insist on receiving a CRIME NUMBER and a CALLBACK and that this is a MUST ATTEND incident
- 20 If you decide not to call 999, then report the incident using the 101, If reporting this after the event call 101. Also inform GAAS using the contact details on the website [www.glossopanglingsociety.co.uk](http://www.glossopanglingsociety.co.uk)

## **Fishing Equipment**

- 21 Only BARBLESS hooks no larger than size 10 are permitted on any GAAS Waters.
- 22 The MAXIMUM permitted line strength on any GAAS Waters is 10lb monofilament.
- 23 The maximum pole fishing set up is as follows:
  - 23.1 Elastic maximum size :- 12 to 14 solid or 16 to 18 hollow/hydro
  - 23.2 Main line maximum size :- 0.16mm to 0.21mm or 6lbs to 8lbs, whichever is smaller
  - 23.3 Hook length maximum size :- 0.15mm to 0.18mm or 5.5lbs to 7lbs, whichever is smaller
- 24 NO braid to be used under any circumstances on any GAAS Waters
- 25 Ledgering or feeder fishing is NOT permitted on Top and Bottom Lodges, North Road.
- 26 All ledger, method, feeder, helicopter etc rigs must be free running or auto-eject on line breakage.
- 27 No artificial baits of any type to be used
- 28 When fishing any of the Society waters, a landing net and an unhooking mat must be available to each individual angler and kept with that person at all times.
- 29 The use of a keepnet or Carp sack or similar article are not permitted on any GAAS Water except when approved by the Committee.
- 30 All members must use a fish safe disgorger and carry a carp care kit.
- 31 Members should only take one photo and fish must be returned safely to the water as quickly as possible.
- 32 To minimise the risk of the spread of diseases, landing nets, unhooking mats, weighing slings etc. must be clean and dry a line with the E.A. recommendations when taken onto a Society Water.
- 33 A temporary restriction limiting members to one rod may be imposed by the Committee on any water if considered necessary.
- 34 Fishing is usually permitted with a maximum of two rods or one rod and one pole provided the rod not being held is fitted with a free running line and free spool reel. When using one rod, it must be either hand held or set to free spool running or free line running if in rod rests. When two rods are being used they must be located at the same peg and no active rods must be left unattended and reels set to free spool running or free line running.
- 35 Members must only fish from designated pegs and must only fish in the area half way between pegs either side or half way across the water.
- 36 Any baited hook must NOT be left unattended.
- 37 Ground bait must only be used in moderation.
- 38 The use of a bait boat or similar device is not permitted on any GAAS waters.

## **When to fish**

- 39 Night fishing (between 40 minutes after sunset and 40 minutes before sunrise) is permitted on Padfield and Dinting Waters only. Juniors MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult (see Rule 12.2).

- 40 Members must not be present inside the perimeter fence of any non-night fishing Water between the times of 40 minutes after sunset and 40 minutes before sunrise unless sanctioned by the G.A.A.S. Committee.
- 41 On the day of a working party no fishing is permitted on that Society water until after 12 noon.
- 42 The committee can decide to close any water for the protection of the fish.

#### **Litter and Prohibited Items**

- 43 No litter is to be left on any GAAS waters or adjacent land. Members are to leave their peg clean and litter free even if the litter is not of their making.
- 44 No cans or tins or glass containers of any kind to be taken onto any GAAS waters.
- 45 The lighting of any fires, the use of barbeques and the consumption of alcohol are prohibited on all GAAS waters.

#### **Fobs, Locks and Keys**

- 46 Members purchasing a fob for use on the JPC car park must display their Parking Permit and adhere to the maximum parking allowance of 5 GAAS members at any one time.
- 47 Any member lapsing their GAAS membership has until the 31<sup>st</sup> March to claim a 50% refund of the JPC car park Fob original purchase cost, provided it is still working.
- 48 Keys may only be shared between Father or Grandfather and Junior members.
- 49 Any member found to be passing on any gate key to any other person, unless authorised to do so, will forfeit their key and will be reported to the committee. This Rule applies to all parties involved.
- 50 Any member lapsing their GAAS membership has until the 31<sup>st</sup> March to claim a refund of the key deposit from that date. If any member lapses his membership and keeps his key, the key is voided from exchange at the end of the lapsed season, or on the next lock change and full price of key is then required
- 51 The access key to the Society waters remains the property of GAAS at all times and members can loan a key for a returnable deposit of £20, if paid. When a member does not renew their membership for GAAS, they must return the key immediately and their deposit will be repaid. Also on request by GAAS, the key must be returned and the deposit will be refunded