

## **Glossop Amalgamated Angling Society Rules as from Jun EGM 2023**

- 1 These Rules supersede all previous Rules.
- 2 The Society shall be called Glossop Amalgamated Angling Society (GAAS).
- 3 The Society Year and Annual Membership shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year, both dates inclusive.

### **Members, Guests and Non-members**

- 4 Permits to fish on any GAAS waters are NOT TRANSFERABLE
- 5 Membership cards must be carried at all times when fishing Society waters, and be produced on demand if requested by any GAAS member.
- 6 Young persons below Junior Membership age are eligible to join as Junior Members but must ALWAYS be accompanied by a responsible adult when fishing.
- 7 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.
- 8 A group which comprises a Junior Member and any paying Guest(s) must include, or be properly supervised by, a person aged 17 years or over.
- 9 Two guest tickets, per member, per day, will be available from appointed Bailiffs and appointed Agents on proof of valid membership. Tickets must be obtained before commencing to fish. This Rule can be suspended, with Committee approval, for an official Match which includes non-Members. The presence of at least one Committee Member throughout the match proceedings will validate the Guest Ticket of any participating non-Member.
- 10 A Guest Ticket is valid for a 24 hour period and is not Water specific. The applying Member may state the date and time when a Guest Ticket will become active. This date and time must be adhered to strictly.
- 11 The holder of a Guest Ticket must be accompanied by a GAAS Member when present on a GAAS Water and be in accord with Rule 8.
- 12 GAAS DOES NOT ACCEPT responsibility for personal loss or injury or damage to tackle whilst on any Society water.
- 13 Any person present on a Society water is there at their own risk.
- 14 The only persons normally permitted to be present on Society Waters are fully paid-up Members and persons holding a valid guest ticket. However: -
  - 14.1 A member fishing on a Water may receive a visitor, for personal reasons, for a short time (eg 5 – 10 minutes).
  - 14.2 In the interests of safety, a Junior Member or disabled Member may be accompanied by one adult non-member, who must not fish unless in possession of a valid guest ticket.
  - 14.3 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.
- 15 Non-members accompanying an existing Member (in accordance with Rule 14) must not be present on Society Waters between 30 minutes before sunset and 30 minutes after sunrise unless in possession of a valid Guest Ticket.

### **Bailiffing**

- 16 The Bailiffs are within their rights to remove the Membership Card and access key from any Member who grossly infringes the Rules.
- 17 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.
- 18 G.A.A.S. Bailiffs have the right to inspect the fishing equipment, luggage etc. of any person present on a Society Water.

- 19 A member found fishing on a Society water together with an unauthorised non-member, who is also fishing, will be given 20 minutes from the moment of discovery to pack up and leave the water. A report of any such incident shall be made to the Committee as soon as possible.
- 20 A Member and any accompanying person(s) must vacate a Water within 20 minutes when asked to do so by a Bailiff because of a Rule infringement by the member and may not be present on any other Society water on that same day.

### **Tackle and Equipment**

- 21 Barbless hooks to be used at all times.
- 22 The use of hooks larger than size 10 is not permitted on any GAAS Waters.
- 23 The use of braid as a hook length is not permitted on any GAAS Waters.
- 24 Top Lodge, North Road, may be fished by using float or free line methods only. No form of ledgering (including float ledgering) or feeder fishing is allowed on this Water.
- 25 Bottom Lodge, North Road, may be fished by using float or free line methods only. No form of ledgering (including float ledgering) or feeder fishing is allowed on this Water.
- 26 All ledger, method, feeder, helicopter etc rigs must not be fixed between two stops or knots on a line or in a loop and must be able to auto-eject on line breakage.
- 27 When fishing for Carp, an unhooking mat must be used.
- 28 The use of a Carp sack is not permitted on any Society Water.
- 29 The use of a keepnet or similar article is not permitted on any GAAS Water except when used in a Match officially approved by the Committee.
- 30 To minimise the risk of the spread of diseases, keepnets, landing nets, unhooking mats, weighing slings etc. must be clean and dry as per E.A. recommendations when taken onto a Society Water.
- 31 Keepnets must conform to EA standards.
- 32 No fish to be kept in keepnets if over 2lbs and no Carp to be placed in the same net as any other species, a separate keepnet must be used as per EA recommendations.
- 33 Fishing is 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 sited no more than two metres apart and no active rods must be left unattended and reels set to free spool running or free line running.
- 34 The use of a bait boat or similar device is permitted on the Heath and Back Lodge Dinting only. Such use is conditional upon gaining the agreement of any other Member fishing there.
- 35 Ground baiting is left to the discretion of the members.

### **Conduct**

- 36 Members will not interfere with banks of the Society's waters, nor trespass on adjoining farm property, nor interfere with any farm implements or livestock.
- 37 Members will respect and protect farm property and the interests of the Society and will conduct themselves in a proper manner when fishing GAAS waters.
- 38 Any member found cutting/removing the anti-cormorant ropes on any Lodge faces instant loss of membership unless previous permission to do so has been obtained from the Committee.
- 39 Any member cutting back trees/shrubbery, or causing damage to these, faces instant loss of membership unless permission to do so has been obtained from the Committee.
- 40 No fish or plants are to be added to or taken away from any Society waters unless approved by the GAAS Committee.
- 41 The lighting of open fires, the use of barbeques and the consumption of alcohol are prohibited on all GAAS waters unless authorised by the Committee.
- 42 Any animal taken onto a Society Water must be under control at all times and must not disturb the water or the surrounding environment.
- 43 Any member found using the wrong access to a GAAS water is liable to be expelled from the Society.
- 44 Fishing from the headland on Back Lodge Dinting in the general direction of the Pump House is not permitted.

- 45 An angler may only fish from one peg into, or across another whilst ever the latter peg is not required for use by another angler.
- 46 Pegs/platforms must not be modified in any way without prior Committee approval

**When to fish**

- 47 Night fishing (between 40 minutes after sunset and 40 minutes before sunrise) is permitted on Padfield and Dinting Waters only.
- 48 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.
- 49 On the day of a working party no fishing is permitted on that Society water until after 12 noon.
- 50 No pleasure fishing will be allowed on the day of a match, or during a match on the nominated Society waters.

**Litter and Prohibited Items**

- 51 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.
- 52 No cans or tins or glass containers of any kind to be taken on any GAAS waters.
- 53 Members are requested to remove any litter found on GAAS waters although this may not be of their own making.
- 54 Any member found leaving litter on any GAAS water is liable to be expelled from the Society.