

Ilkley Angling Association – club fishing rules (for use from 16th March 2022 onwards)

1. Association's waters:

River Wharfe: from Ilkley old bridge (packhorse) on the left bank and the right bank downstream to the stepping stones at Ben Rhydding.

Roadside Lagoon - situated on land between the A65 trunk road and the River Wharfe, 1km east of Ben Rhydding road bridge (to the right on entering the access gate off A65 road).

Members Lagoon - situated on land between the A65 trunk road and the River Wharfe, 1km east of Ben Rhydding road bridge (to the left on entering the access gate off A65 road).

Fishing rules applying to all waters

2. Members must be in possession of a current membership card when fishing, and must produce it at the request of the Bailiff or any Adult Member. Fishing must cease immediately on failure to produce the card.
3. All Adult and Junior members must be in possession of a current Environment Agency rod licence. All members must conform to fisheries regulations and byelaws which will be assumed to take precedence over club rules (as national/EU regulations are revised, etc).
4. One rod and line only is allowed to be used per person fishing. An additional rod may be set-up, but not used other than on the Members Lagoon and Roadside Lagoon, where the use of two rods is permitted. Both rods must be positioned within one meter of the angler.
5. No fish taken from the Association's waters may be sold or bartered. Any person breaking this rule will be barred.
6. All coarse fish and grayling are to be returned alive to the water.
7. No excuse will be accepted if a member is found in possession of undersized or oversized fish, and he or she may be expelled from membership without appeal.
8. Adult members have the right to request inspection of creels or baskets, etc. to ensure the above rule is not violated.
9. No member should leave litter: no excuse will be accepted for this and it is expected that all existing litter, if any, should be cleared before fishing. Members leaving litter may be expelled from the club.
10. It is the duty of the Bailiff, or any member, to report any violation of the rules to the Secretary, who will place the matter before the Committee for their observations, their decision on the matter being final.
11. The sale of day tickets will be at the discretion of the Committee.
12. Members and their guests, day/weekly and privilege ticket holders and children under 12 fish at their own risk and are responsible for their own personal property and safety. The Association shall not be held to be liable for any injury or damage to property, nor the negligence of any angler.

13. Barbless, micro-barbed or debarbed hooks only may be used.
14. Arranged, publicised angling competitions have pegging priority over individual members and their guests, day/weekly and privilege ticket holders and children under 12.

Rules for River Wharfe Preserves

15. No keep nets may be used apart from during official Association matches.
16. No more than one hook may be used except when fly fishing.
17. The river is closed to all fishing between 15th and 24th March (inclusive). The statutory coarse fish close season applies between 15th March and 15th June (inclusive). Between 25th March and 15th June (inclusive) members and visitors may only fish fly and worm. During the river coarse fish open season (16th June to 14th March) all forms of legal bait are allowed. The close season for trout is from 1st October to 24th March (inclusive).
18. Spinning is not allowed on the river.
19. No person is allowed to fish from the stepping stones.
20. No trout to be taken under 25 cms (10 inches) and none over 35.5 cms (14 inches), to be measured from the nose to the fork of the tail.
21. The basket of takeable trout is limited to two fish per day.
22. No grayling to be taken from the Association's waters. Only trout may be taken from the river, in season and within the conditions of the above rules.

Additional rules for both lagoons

23. Entry to the lagoons should be via the main gate only.
24. Vehicles should be parked in the designated areas only. No cars on the river bank without special permission.
25. Members' dogs should be kept under close control at all times.
26. There will be no close season for the lagoons.
27. No carp to be held in keepnets, except in bona fide angling matches.

Roadside Lagoon rules

28. Spinning, fishing with sea dead bait and the use of multiple hooks is allowed on the Roadside Lagoon for pike.