

Ilkley Angling Association – Fishing rules for use from 25th March 2018 onwards.

1. 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.
2. All members must be in possession of a current Environment Agency (EA) fishing rod licence. All members must conform to EA fisheries regulations and byelaws.
3. 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 metre of the angler.
4. No fish taken from the Association's waters may be sold or bartered. Any person breaking this rule will be barred.
5. All coarse fish and Grayling are to be returned alive to the water.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Members 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.
9. Barbless, microbarbed or debarbed hooks only may be used.
10. Arranged, publicised angling competitions have pegging priority over individual members.

Rules for the River Wharfe

11. No keep nets may be used apart from during official Association matches.
12. No more than one hook may be used except when fly fishing.
13. The river is closed to all fishing between 15th and 24th March (inclusive). Between 25th March and 15th June (inclusive) members and visitors may only fish fly and worm. The close season for trout is from 1st October to 24th March (inclusive).
14. Spinning is not allowed on the river.
15. No trout to be taken under 25 cms (10 inches) and none over 35.5 cms (14 inches), to be measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail.
16. The basket of takeable trout is limited to two fish per day.
17. 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 ponds

18. Entry to the ponds should be via the main gate only.
19. Vehicles should be parked on the designated areas only. No cars on the pond or river banks.
20. There is no close season for the lagoons.

Roadside pond rules

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