

# ADAA Rules for 2024

## 1 ABERDEEN and DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION

### Covid-19

Please adhere to the current advice and guidelines from the Scottish Government and National Angling Bodies.

### General

- Members may only fish Association waters if they have in their possession their membership identity card, **photo proof of ID**, and valid season permit, which must be produced on request by any water bailiff, warden, authorised watcher or fellow member.
- Members must comply with any reasonable request from bailiffs, wardens or authorised watchers.
- Current rules should be carried.
- Any adult member of the Association may be accompanied by up to 2 children under 12 years of age who may fish within the rules without requiring a separate permit for the children concerned. On reaching 12 years of age if the child wishes to continue with the sport of angling they can immediately join the Association as a Junior Member on payment of the appropriate fee.
- Fly Fishing only between one hour after sunset and sunrise (times as advertised in Local Press) except at: River Dee, Garthdee, & Banchory Devenick, where no fishing at all is permitted before sunrise or 1 hour after sunset from 1 September onwards.
- Hook gape must not exceed 1cm
- It is recommended only one hook per lure (treble, double or single), but if an angler wishes to employ two hooks, for example, on a Rapala, both hooks **must** be barbless.
- Worming, where worming is allowed, barbless or de-barbed hook(s) only (Pennel tackle permitted).
- All salmon and grilse, kelts, coloured fish, ripe fish, salmon parr, smolts, finnock, and any fish under 10 inches must be returned forthwith to the water with the least possible injury.
- Fish hooked behind the head must be returned to the water.
- It is hoped that members will fly fish when water conditions are low. Spinning by those members who are elderly or infirm excepted.
- Brown trout season 15<sup>th</sup> March- 6 October.  
**Brown trout fishing by fly only (Juniors excepted Monday to Saturday).**

#### 1.1 Bag Limits (Fish killed)

- **It is emphasised bag limits are not targets & anglers should only retain fish they will use.**
- Members must return all brown trout over 14 inches.
- Members must return all sea trout after 30 September.

The annual bag limit for Sea Trout shall be an overall total of not more than 3 fish across all Association waters, no more than 1 from the Dee/Feugh, 1 from the Ythan, and 1 from the Don. It is however recommended that all are returned subject to evidence that stocks are replenishing.

- The annual bag limit for Brown Trout shall be an overall total of not more than 6 across all Association waters.
- The daily bag limit will be an overall total of 6 fish. This figure may include not more than 2 Sea Trout, 2 Brown Trout and 2 Rainbow Trout.
- A weekly limit of 4 fish also applies at the Loch of Loirston.

## 1.2 The following are not permitted

- Fixed rod or set line, boat fishing (except where permitted), ground bait, live or dead natural minnow, prawn, shrimp, maggot, sniggering, bubble floats (except at loch), shooting, gaffs, tailers, knotted nets, trailing/flying hooks (for example, Snake flies).
- Sunday fishing except where permitted for brown and rainbow trout. It is illegal in Scotland to fish for salmon and sea trout on a Sunday.

## 1.3 Closure of waters

- On competition days the beat on which a competition is being held will be closed from 00.01hrs until after the finishing time of the competition except to competitors during competition.

## 1.4 Etiquette/Behaviour

- **Anglers must behave in a sportsman-like manner and be considerate to fellow anglers and landowners at all times.**

## 1.5 Litter

- No litter, discarded line or tape to be left on the banks or surrounding areas. Please take your litter home.

## 1.6 Return of catches

Notification of catch information is obligatory on all members and should take place within 48 hours of all catches being made. It is important that all members adhere to the catch reporting rule. This must be done by the online catch return system via the ADAA website. It will be a disciplinary offence not to do so.

- You are required to enter the species, the river/beat you fished, the method you fished (that is, fly, worm, or spin) and the weight to the nearest pound (rounded up to the nearest number, for example, a 10 inch brown trout would be 1).
- There is no requirement to report kelts or any fish under the catch size limit.

## 1.7 Salmon Fishing Effort

- The Association is legally obliged to disclose the total salmon fishing effort on our waters. Therefore, when fishing for salmon and grilse on Association waters, even for just a short period, you must record if you have not caught anything. The existing catch return system is to be used to do this. You are required to enter the species (enter Blanked, Salmon Wild) the river/beat you fished without success, the method you fished (that is, fly, worm, or spin) and the weight as 0 (zero).

## 1.8 Sale of fish

- It is illegal in Scotland to sell rod caught Salmon or Sea Trout. No fish caught on Association waters can be sold. Any member in breach of this rule will be expelled from membership.

## 1.9 Discipline

- Disciplinary action, which may result in expulsion, will be taken against any member breaching the rules.

## 1.10 General

- If predators are in evidence notify the Secretary.
  - All complaints suggested improvements etc by members should be put in writing to the Secretary.
  - Details of any additional fishings which may become available during the season will be notified on the ADAA Website [www.adaa.org.uk](http://www.adaa.org.uk)
  - The combination lock code for various locations is 1411.
  - All non- native fish caught in Association rivers, for example, pink salmon, must be retained and reported asap to the relevant River Board, telephone number 01467 642121 (for all rivers). Members should be aware of the Conservation codes for the River Dee (including the river Feugh), River Don, & River Ythan. These are posted on the ADAA website: [Rules, Guidance and FAQs - Aberdeen & District Angling Association \(adaa.org.uk\)](#)
- Sign up a new adult member today & receive a **£50 Somers Fishing Tackle Voucher!** When they receive the letter accepting their application just ask them to provide your details (name & membership number) confirming that it was you that raised their interest in joining the Association. Once they have paid all fees &/or set up their DD we will then arrange for your voucher to be issued!

## 1.11 Booking arrangements and conditions

- All bookings are online.
- Just click on the adaa shop link and navigate to booking from there:  
<http://www.adaasales.co.uk/welcome.asp>
- You need to click on a date and you will see the rods available. Click on the rod and enter your email address, surname, and pin number (membership number as per your ID card) to book.
- The system requires your surname, pin number (membership number as per your ID card), and a valid email address as an email will automatically be sent with details of any booking made, i.e., this is your permit that must be produced upon request
- For any member who has not already advised us of their email address, if they advise a valid email address, the system will harvest that address for the Association's records and future reference.
- Booking conditions:
- Members must fish a pre-booked session before they may pre-book another session for the same beat.
- Members must submit a catch return or unsuccessful salmon outing return within 48 hours of fishing a booked session. If this is not done, you will be unable to book any further sessions.
- If you unable to fish a pre-booked session please go online to cancel the booking to give other members the opportunity to book the session.

- If you finish a session early please go online to cancel the booking to give other members the opportunity to book the remainder of the session.
- No sharing of the session. Only the member who booked it can fish it.

## FISHINGS

### 2 RIVER DEE

- Season - 1st February - 15th October for Salmon and Sea trout.
- No fishing at all permitted on Sundays.
- No worming at any time
- Fly only during October

#### 2.1 Pots and Fords

- From Ruthrieston burn downstream to 110yds. above Wellington Suspension Bridge. Both banks.

Permit required. Limited to 10 per day. (permits available online at the ADAA shop or from Somers).

#### 2.2 Garthdee

- North bank from metal fence 200yds above the Bridge of Dee upstream for 1320yds to a fence at RGU.  
Between 1 July & 30 September spinning is allowed downstream of the Pump House Pool only when the river is above the spinning mark.

#### 2.3 Banchory Devenick

- South bank from a point 60yds downstream of the East-most pump house upstream to a point 100yds West of Banchory Devenick Church, South Deeside Road.
- North bank from a point 500yds above the uppermost boundary of ADAA Garthdee fishings to a point 440yds further upstream.
- Car parking: for South bank - Lay-by at Leggart Terrace opposite the pump house; Waterside Farm car park; the roadside verge west of Banchory Devenick Church.

#### 2.4 Garthdee & Banchory Devenick

- No fishing before sunrise or 1 hour after sunset from 1 September onwards, the times as given in the local press.
- Anglers must commence fishing upstream of any other anglers on a pool and fish progressively downstream. An angler landing a salmon must recommence fishing upstream of any other anglers fishing the pool and take his turn if others are waiting.
- An angler must move downstream at least 3ft per cast irrespective of method of fishing.
- No wading beyond the centre of the river.
- No upstream spinning.
- Maximum weight of lure plus weights not to exceed 25gms.

##### 2.4.1 Definition of The Pump House Pool

Between markers A and B as per maps.

#### 2.4.2 Additional rules for the Pump House Pool

- Fly fishing only
- Low level - fly fishing only, with a floating line (permissible poly leader tips: floating, hover, & intermediate only), maximum fly size 10, no weighted flies (e.g. Brass/copper/aluminium tubes, metal cone heads & beads)
- No wading across from the North to the South bank or vice versa.  
It may be necessary at times of extremely low water levels to reduce angling effort at the Pump House Pool and downstream.

#### 2.4.3 Garthdee side

- 3 rods only- no booking required.

#### 2.4.4 Banchory Devenick side

- 3 rods only
- From 1<sup>st</sup> June onwards booking is required
- Booking arrangements and conditions- please see general rules
- Session times are from 7am to 12noon, 12 noon to 5pm and 5pm to sunset (one hour after sunset from 1st September onwards).
- No pre-booking is required for night fishing, sunset to 7am.

#### 2.5 Kingcausie

- See map for beat limits and parking arrangements.
- Spinning allowed between 1 February and 15 April and 1 August to 30 September. It is recommended that fly fishing should always be given a fair try in preference to spinning.
- 6 Rods only, south or north side.
- Session times are:
  - February, March, October
  - Morning session 12am to 12pm
  - Afternoon session 12pm to 12am
  - April, May, June, July, August, September
  - Morning session 12am to 12pm
  - Afternoon session 12pm to 5pm
  - Evening session 5pm to 12am

#### 2.6 Middle Drum

- See map for beat limits and parking arrangements.
- Spinning is permitted 1 February to 15 April. It is recommended that fly fishing should always be given a fair try in preference to spinning.
- Fly only from 16 April.
- 4 Rods only.  
Maximum of 3 Rods out of the 4 on the Lawson Pool at any one time.  
Maximum of 2 Rods out of the 4 on the Cairnton Pool at any one time.
- Session times are:
  - February, March, October
  - Morning session 12am to 12pm
  - Afternoon session 12pm to 12am
  - April, May, June, July, August, September

- Morning session 12am to 12pm
- Afternoon session 12pm to 5pm
- Evening session 5pm to 12am

## 2.6 RIVER FEUGH

- Season - 1st March - 15th October for Salmon and Sea trout.
- Fly only during October
- No fishing at all permitted on Sundays.
- North Bank from marker beside roadside opposite Feughside Inn to marker 2980 yds downstream.

## 3 RIVER YTHAN

- Season – 11th February – 31st October for Salmon and Sea trout.
- No fishing at all permitted on Sundays.

### 3.1 Machar pool

- From Logie Buchan Bridge downstream to the Machar Ford. Both banks.
- Worming confined to upriver on North and South banks from marker.
- Kayaking allowed (confined to upriver on North and South banks from marker).

### 3.2 Ardlethen

- North (left) Bank: - From the mouth of the Ebrie Burn, adjacent to the Ebrie bridge on the B9005, upstream 2750 yards to a point 200 yards below the Ythan Auchedly bridge, on the B9005 at Ythanbank. (Drumwhindle Road end car park-combination lock code 1411).
- South (right) Bank: - From the mouth of the Bronie Burn, 135 yards below the Ardlethen Bridge on the Ellon - Tarves road, upstream 3300 yards to the mouth of the Braik's Burn, 250 yards above Waterside Croft.
- At the bottom of the beat, do not park east of the bridge on the south verge, or west of the bridge on the north verge.

### 3.3 Methlick

- From approx. 480yds above Methlick Road Bridge upstream for 3800 yds to edge of Badiebath Wood. North bank only.
- No dogs allowed at any time.

### 3.4 Schivas

Tangland to Ythanbank. North bank only.

## 4 RIVER DON

- Season 11th. Feb - 31st. October for salmon and Sea trout.
- Fly fishing for Brown trout permitted on Sundays.
- No worming before 1st May.  
After 1<sup>st</sup> May worming is permitted on the following beats: Upper Fintray, Lower Fintray - (Manse Pool - May, Sept, Oct only), Upper Parkhill, Cruives (excluding Snuffies & Benzies pools) and Netherdon.

#### **4.1 Nether Don (Seaton)**

- Both banks from Coffin Stone (below island) downstream to river mouth.
- No parking on private road to Kettock's Mill.

#### **4.2 Lower Parkhill**

- North bank from Parkhill Road Bridge downstream to the marker post. Strictly no dogs allowed.
- Access from Parkhill Road Bridge only to north bank fishings.
- South bank from Parkhill Road Bridge downstream to the Farburn.
- Car-parking: - near Asda and lay-by at Parkhill Bridge.

#### **4.3 Upper Parkhill**

- North bank from Parkhill Bridge upstream to Head of Cockers pool.
- South bank from Parkhill Road Bridge upstream to the weir above cemetery car park.
- Car-parking: - Lay-by at Road Bridge, Cockers and Cemetery car parks.
- Members vehicles must not be parked anywhere on the road to Mill O'Dyce farm.

#### **4.4 Lower Fintray**

- North bank from Logie Farm downstream to the walled garden halfway down Glebe pool.
- Car-parking: Manse Pool Car park off Cothal Lane.

##### **4.4.1 Rules for the Manse Pool**

- Only 8 rods on Manse pool are allowed. Pool is marked off in sections. Anglers must commence fishing at a marker and then proceed downstream to the bottom section of the pool taking a full 3ft step per cast.
- New arrivals can commence fishing at any vacant section but if taking a section below one already being fished must start at a point equivalent to that reached by the angler on the upstream section.
- No doubling back to an upstream section until the pool has been fished down to the end of the bottom section unless the pool is being lightly fished and all anglers fishing agree to an alternative arrangement.
- Only one angler per section. No angler to proceed into next section until it is vacant.

#### **4.5 Upper Fintray**

- North bank from Newmill Burn downstream for 2900 yds to marker post.
- Pedestrian access at Hatton of Fintray Road Bridge. Car parking behind Boat of Hatton farm as signposted.
- No dogs allowed at any time.

#### **4.6 Kemnay**

- South bank from Kemnay Bridge downstream for approximately 1.5 miles.
- Consideration to be given to those fishing the other bank.

#### **4.7 Cruives fishings**

- South bank from 150 yards below Persley Bridge downstream to the boundary with the Nether Don beat at Seaton Park.
- North bank from Downiehill downstream to the Nether Don beat.

#### 4.7.1 Additional rules for the Snuffies & Benzies Pools

- Only 3 rods at Snuffies downstream from marker stone at head of pool to the weir and 2 rods at Benzies from weir to the tail of the pool.
- Sections are marked by black and yellow poles but if missing, anglers should be equally spaced apart, only 1 angler per section.
- Fly only after 1st June at Snuffies, unless water is above the official marker situated on stone at head of Snuffies Pool.
- Anglers must keep moving a full 3ft step per cast irrespective of method of fishing.

#### 4.8 Upper Stoneywood

- South bank, from the bottom mark of the Lower Parkhill South beat at the Farburn, for ¾ mile, ending at the upstream side of Stoneywood Mill Dyke
- Maximum of 2 rods per pool permitted.

#### 4.9 Lower Stoneywood

- South bank from pipe that crosses river above Persley Bridge downstream to start of Cruives beat. Access from Persley Walled Garden Car Park.

#### 4.10 Pitcaple

- North bank from Kemnay Bridge upstream to marker.
- Consideration to be given to those fishing the other bank.

### 5 Loch of Loirston

- Season - Rainbow Trout - all year
- No brown trout to be retained at any time.
- Maximum of 2 fish per day with an overall limit of 4 fish per week excluding fish caught during competitions.
- Any or all of the first 2 fish caught can be kept, thereafter mandatory catch and release using barbless or de-barbed hooks.
- Fly only except for juniors, Minors and Disabled Members who may worm. Disabled members must have written authorisation from the Secretary to fish with the worm (barbless or de-barbed hook (s) only (pennel tackle permitted).
- For the period 1st Nov. to 1st March, worming permitted for all anglers (barbless or de-barbed hook (s) only (pennel tackle permitted).
- Sunday fishing permitted.
- Car-parking - Lay-by at roadside (but consider parking on old section of road on east side of main road) and at Lochinch Farm.

#### 5.1.1 Float Tubing and Kayaks

- Float tubing and kayaks are allowed at the loch.
- The Loch Convenor has the authority to stop their use at any time.
- Float tube anglers must supply and wear an approved life jacket.
- Any anglers using float tubes or kayaks do so at their own risk.
- Float tube and kayak anglers must keep themselves a minimum of 60 yards from any bank.
- Float tube and kayak anglers should be mindful of bank anglers when entering and leaving the water.



- No more than six float tube and kayak anglers allowed on the loch at any one time.
- No float tubes or kayaks allowed during competitions.

## 6 Millpond Trout Fishery

- Season - Rainbow Trout - all year
- No brown trout to be retained at any time.
- Pre- booking a session is necessary via the online booking system. Booking conditions as detailed in the general rules on-line and in the diary.
- Maximum of up to 10 anglers in any one session. The fishery is marked into 13 sections each 16 metres apart.
- The fishery will be marked off in numbered sections. Anglers can start fishing from any vacant marker but must rotate by 4 numbers in a clockwise direction every half hour, on the stroke of the hour or half hour. This is to give everyone an equal chance to fish different areas of the fishery (there are hot spots). Only one member per section unless fishing with a junior member who requires assistance.
- Anglers can fish up to the half way points of the adjoining sections but no conflict with adjacent anglers. The angler to your right has priority.
- Catch and Release only unless a separate permit is purchased allowing a fish to be kept at an additional charge. The permit can be purchased via the adaa online shop at [www.adaa.org.uk](http://www.adaa.org.uk).
- Any fish over 2lb must be returned (Some larger fish are stocked for sport only).
- If keeping a fish is allowed, only the first fish caught may be kept unless it is over 2lb when it should be returned. No selecting of the fish to be kept. (reason there will be a mix of sizes so no selecting the bigger fish)
- Catch and release is encouraged.
- Fly fishing only. No spinning rods.
- No worming or bait fishing at any time for all anglers.
- Barbless or de-barbed hooks only.
- Minimum breaking strain of 6lb to be used.
- No wading (for safety reasons).
- No litter or used fishing line to be left lying around.
- Handle fish with care and return them to the water as quickly as possible. Preferably keep fish in net in water until released. Wet hands before handling fish.
- There is a hut available with an adjoining kitchen and toilet facilities (you need to provide your own toilet paper). If using the kitchen facilities, please provide your own supplies.
- When entering or leaving the site please keep speed down to 15mph or less.
- Park with care in the designated area. There may be some congestion at changeover between sessions so take care.
- No dogs allowed.
- All catches must in accordance with ADAA rules be reported on the online booking system. This is necessary to enable a check on stock levels so they can be maintained to allow for any fish killed.
- All fish caught and released must also be reported.

## 7 Exchange Permits

Exchange permits (no charge) for Inverness Angling Club, Loch Achonachie Angling club, and Beaully Angling Club waters are available (details on ADAA website [www.adaa.org.uk](http://www.adaa.org.uk)) via emailing [exchange@adaasales.co.uk](mailto:exchange@adaasales.co.uk) Members must provide details of their membership number and the Club waters and dates they are requesting to fish.