

Hampton Angling Association

Association Rules

1. Fish. No fish may be killed or taken away all fish including eels must be returned to the water alive after they have had sufficient time to recover
2. Hooks. Barbless hooks only are to be used with a maximum size 10 (treble hooks larger than a 10 maybe used but must be barbless) only One hook per rod maybe used unless pike fishing
3. Live bait. The use of live freshwater fish as bait is not allowed on any association water only pre-packed shop bought dead baits are allowed
4. Night fishing. Night Fishing is only permitted for HAA Bailiffs only and under specific instruction of the HAA committee in case of any Fishing competitions or additional events
5. All members aged 16 or over must complete 6 (six) hours of lake or canal working party cleaning or maintenance per membership year. Failure to do so will result in the non-renewal of membership for the following year.
6. Gaffs. The use of gaffs, gags and fish up grippers are not permitted
7. Fishing is only allowed from the bank side there is no fishing allowed whatsoever over the railings of the channels. Fishing is from open swims only there is no removing any trees or vegetation to make swims
8. Feeders. No elasticated feeders are allowed on any association water pole elastic may only be used in the pole itself and cannot be used as part of your rig.
9. Keepnets these must be fish friendly and a minimum of 3m long they must be secured correctly so not to cause any damage, distress or fatality to the fish. To use

a keepnet it must be covered completely by water no pike are to be retained in keepnets or tubes or carp sacks. Tench are not to be kept in the same keepnet as silvers and a maximum of 50 lb of fish is allowed per keepnet.

10. Landing Nets. These must be a minimum of 30 inch for all specimen predator fishing unhooking mats must always be used this is for the wellbeing and protection of fish
11. Fishing Rods. No more than two rods may be used at one time all anglers must be in possession of an EA licence.
12. Bailiffs. The function of a bailiff is to check that all anglers who use the association waters have the appropriate documentation and equipment to meet the conditions laid out in the rules. Any abuse or obstruction to a bailiff is not acceptable and will lead to loss of membership from the association and a ban on fishing any association waters.
13. Dogs. Anglers may take their dogs with them when fishing but must keep their dogs under control at all times. They are also responsible for clearing up any dog waste.
14. Guests. Members may be joined whilst angling by a guest (provided that they are not fishing). Members are responsible for their guests conduct and behaviour and any guest that breaches any of the rules listed, the book holder will be held responsible.
15. Litter. Anglers are expected to remove all litter from bank side vegetation even though they may not be responsible for it being there. Remember discarded fishing tackle is a danger to wildlife
16. Parking. Anglers must not block any driveway or entrance when parking and not park on any grassed areas in Hampton
17. Campfires and barbecues are not allowed at any time
18. Bait. Bloodworm and joker are not allowed on any association water. Bait boats are not allowed on any association water.
19. If membership is cancelled by either the committee or the Parish Council, no refunds on the remaining membership will be given.
20. Children. Are not allowed to fish Serpentine lake without an adult supervising sitting next to someone already fishing does not count this is for the safety of the child.

21. Pike Fishing. Is permitted from 1st September until 31st March ONLY

THE ASSOCIATION REMINDS ITS MEMBERS THAT THE FISHING RIGHTS ARE GRANTED BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR LAND OWNER, SO DAMAGE CAUSED TO GRASS AREAS FENCES, PROPERTY OR VEGETATION COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF THESE RIGHTS. MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO REPORT ANY DAMAGE OR VANDALISM TO A BAILIFF OR ANY OF THE ASSOCIATIONS OFFICERS. ALL ANGLERS ARE REMINDED THAT AS THE LOCATION OF OUR WATERS ARE LOCATED IN VERY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HOUSES AND SCHOOL ROUTES ANGLERS MUST FISH WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR HAMPTONS RESIDENTS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANY CONTRAVENTION OF THE ABOVE RULES COULD LEAD TO A BAN ON FISHING ANY ASSOCIATION WATER.