

Kelvedon and District Angling Association Rules

CONSTITUTION

1. **Title.** Kelvedon and District Angling Association, hereafter to be referred to as the "KDAА".
2. **Objects.** That for the purpose of cultivating social feeling, promoting the principles of fair angling and to protect angling waters in this district.
3. **Membership.** Membership of the KDAА shall be limited to a maximum number of fee paying members. The membership limit to be that which provides the financial income level set by the Committee. The paying membership categories shall be Adult, Husband/Wife, Parent/Junior, Intermediate, Junior, Senior Citizen and Disabled (Proof of disabled status to be provided). The Junior half of a Parent/Junior membership is only permitted to fish with the Parent. Adult and Senior Citizen members may take one non member child under twelve years old fishing with no charge. Night fishing permits will be required to fish waters where night fishing is allowed. The fee for the permit is in addition to the normal subscription. Night fishing is between 10pm and 5am. Juniors and Intermediates must state their date of birth when paying their subscriptions. Membership Fees (including Night Permit and Guest Tickets) to be set at each AGM. All previous years members shall be guaranteed membership if their subscriptions are paid by the end of April. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or terminate membership. All members shall be issued with a membership card that remains the property of the KDAА.
4. **Subscriptions.** MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS BECOME DUE ON THE 14th March. The coarse fishing season on the Association's still waters, except where specified in the handbook, commences on the 15th March and closes on the 14th March in the following year. The coarse fishing season on the Association's rivers, commences on the 16th June and closes on the 14th March.
5. **Expulsion/Suspension of Members.** Members of the KDAА who make themselves a nuisance to other anglers or riparian owners or decline to abide by KDAА rules may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed by the Committee. The Member may appeal to be heard by the Committee by writing to the Secretary within fourteen days of the date of the expulsion/suspension letter. Subscriptions of dismissed members are forfeit.
6. **Executive Officers.** The Executive Officers of the KDAА shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Match Secretary, Fishery Manager, Publicity Officer and Head Bailiff.. Non-Executive Officers are President and Vice Presidents.
7. **Election of Officers.** All Officers and Vice Presidents to be elected annually by members of the KDAА at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), only the President to be elected every third year. All members elected must be over 17 years of age. Officers may be re-elected to the same office the following year.
8. **General Committee Composition.** The affairs of the KDAА shall be controlled by a General Committee comprising the Executive Officers of the KDAА and nine other Members elected from and by the Members in groups of three serving three years. Three having served three years automatically resign each year at the AGM and may offer themselves for re-election. The General Committee shall meet twelve times per year on agreed dates. A committee member who misses more than three meetings without apologies is deemed to have resigned. Eight members of the General Committee are required to form a quorum. No member who is an official or committee member of another club may serve as an official or committee member of the KDAА.
9. **General Committee Duties.** The duties of the General Committee shall be:-
 - To control the affairs of the KDAА on behalf of the Members.
 - To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the KDAА through the Treasurer. A Responsible Individual (not a member) shall be appointed yearly to examine all accounts and certify to their accuracy. These accounts shall be presented to the AGM.
 - To co-opt members to the General Committee if vacancies arise between AGMs.
 - To create, amend or delete KDAА rules at any time provided a notice is posted on any relevant waters and subjected to ratification at the next AGM
 - To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairman shall be entitled to an additional casting vote. In the event of the abstentions exceeding or equalling the votes for, the proposal will be carried forward to the next meeting for further discussion and voting
10. **General Meetings.** The Annual General Meeting of the KDAА shall be held during January each year. 14 clear days notice of the AGM including the agenda shall be given in writing to members. Notice of motion for discussion at the AGM from non-committee members must reach the Secretary by the 20th November. An extraordinary General Meeting may be called at the discretion of the Committee or by 20% of the members, giving notice to the Secretary or Chairman in writing. The business of the AGM shall be to:-
 - Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM and any General meetings held since the last AGM.
 - Receive the audited accounts for the year from the Treasurer.
 - Receive the annual reports from Secretary, Membership Secretary, Match Secretary, Publicity Officer, Fishery Manager and Head Bailiff.
 - Review the KDAА subscription rates and agree them for the following year.
 - Elect the Officers of the KDAА.
 - Elect the Committee members to fill the three automatic vacancies and any other vacancies.
 - Consider and vote on any proposed changes to the Constitution or Rules
 - Discuss "Any other Business"
 - Make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairman shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.
11. **Dissolution** On the dissolution of the Association, its property, including rights, equipment and all other assets shall be applied in payment of debts and the rest shall pass to the Angling Trust. Trophies as directed by the donors.
12. **Trustees:** The property of the Association and Agreements and Documents affecting it shall as far as possible be entered into in the name of the Association. Where this is not possible the Committee shall appoint three members to act for the Association and take such steps as necessary to safeguard the interests of the Association

GENERAL RULES

Conduct

1. **Any member caught fishing with litter in their swim or caught leaving litter on a club water will be liable for suspension..**
2. All members must carry their membership cards at all times, failure to do so will result in the member being asked to leave the water.
3. Any member has the right of challenging any other person for their membership card. Membership cards are not transferable
4. When on Association waters, Members are forbidden to carry guns, snares or rabbit nets. Members must not take dogs on Association waters at any time other than Seabrooks Reservoir. For a trial year members wishing to take a dog on Seabrooks must obtain a dog permit from the Membership Secretary and must keep the dog on a lead at all times and tethered in the member's swim while fishing. All gates must be closed and no litter left. Fires must not be lit. Banks must not be dug into except as action of an official working party. Members must not climb or damage trees.
5. No personal audio device to be used without headphones.
6. **Members must not use more than two rods at any time.** With the exception of night permit holders who may fish with three rods on Silver End Back Pit between 1st November and 31st March providing they have two EA rod licences and fish in a manner so as not to interfere with any members already fishing or wishing to fish.
7. Any member, including juniors, may purchase guest tickets to cover the period 5am to 10pm. Guest tickets must be purchased in advance of the fishing date. The guest must be accompanied by the member applying who is responsible for the behaviour of that guest. No more than three guest tickets to be available to any member at any one time. The guest ticket must be retained by the member and be presented to a Bailiff, if requested to do so, in the form of a printed ticket or if purchased online in the form of printed or saved emails for both the ticket application and the PayPal receipt. Night fishing is not allowed on a guest ticket and, therefore, guests must not be on Association waters, between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am. Guest tickets cannot be used on the River Chelmer. Adult members may take one non-fishing guest when at the Club waters, at the discretion of the bailiff
8. No cars, motorcycles are allowed down the entrance to any of the Association waters, except where parking is provided. Cars, motorcycles or cycles must not be parked obstructing the entrances or tracks.
9. Members shall not reserve swims. Any angler leaving a swim must remove all their tackle and sundry items. Bailiffs decision to be final."
10. Competitors only may fish the waters where a competition is arranged and no member or competitor shall fish on that water during the five hours preceding the start of the match (see Fixture List).
11. No matches are to be fished on Association waters unless organised by the club or written permission is granted by the Committee.
12. All watercraft, including model boats and drones are banned from all club waters unless on official club business.
13. No member shall leave visible human excrement on any of the Association's waters or adjacent land.
14. Members are forbidden to wade into the water to bait swims.
15. Night fishing Juniors must be accompanied by a responsible Adult member, parent or guardian.
16. Illegal drugs and alcohol are banned from all club waters.
17. Members must not stay on a club water for more than 72 hours between 1st May and 30th September after which they must vacate the water for at least 24 hours.
18. Anglers must not fish over half way across a water if another angler is fishing opposite.

Fish Welfare

1. a) All fish to be returned alive to the water. b) Fish deaths must be reported to a KDAА official. c) No fish should be taken away alive or dead without the express permission of the KDAА Secretary; to do so may give rise to a civil prosecution or criminal prosecution under Schedule 1 Section 2 of the Theft Act. d) Fish caught in KDAА waters may be used for live and dead baiting but only in the water caught and on the day of capture.
2. Baited rods must not be left unattended
3. All unused bait and groundbait to be taken away from the water.
4. The use of ALL NUTS is banned on all Association waters.
5. Fish may be kept in carp sacks no longer than 30 minutes or less at the discretion of a Bailiff.
6. No carp longer than 30cm (12 inches) may be held in a keepnet except in authorised matches.
7. Members must carry a suitably sized, assembled, landing net when fishing Association waters.
8. All members fishing Association waters must be in possession of a suitable unhooking mat. In the case of carp fishing if a cradle is not used then the mat must be cushioned and of a minimum size of 18 inches x 24 inches x 2 inches deep.
9. Members must not have in their possession on the bank or put into the water more than a total of 4kg of boilies and 2kg of dry groundbait and/or particles in any 24 hour period. No pre-baiting is allowed. There may be limits to the amount of feed allowed on individual waters and be changed in year if they are found to be detrimental to any individual water. See fishery rules and notices on waters
10. All members fishing Association still waters must be in possession of a disgorging or unhooking device appropriate to the fish being sought.

Bailiffs and Licences

1. The Committee shall appoint a number of honorary bailiffs, who need not be Association members, who shall be issued with a warrant card and be vested with the powers to act on behalf of the KDAА including the power of discretion for minor offences.
2. All Members and Guests must be in possession of a current EA Rod Licence when fishing Association waters.
3. Every member or person fishing in the waters of the Association shall show the contents of his/her tackle if requested to do so by one of the Association's bailiffs or other authorised person.