



# Arran Angling

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## **CONSTITUTION**

(As amended at the AGM - December 2011)

1. NAME:

The name of the Association shall be "THE ARRAN ANGLING ASSOCIATION", hereinafter called A.A.A.

2. OBJECTS:

The objects of A.A.A. shall be the advancement of the art of angling, with rod and line only, the prevention of illegal fishing, and the acquisition, by lease or other arrangement, of fishing waters available to Members and Permit Holders.

3. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

The affairs of the A.A.A. shall be managed by an Executive Committee, hereinafter called the Committee. The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, together with Representatives from the various districts from the Isle of Arran. This Committee shall number not less than six, and not more than 10 members, all of whom shall hold office for one year, and be eligible for re-election, subject to limitation below; five to form a quorum. The method of voting shall be a show of hands, or by ballot, at the discretion of the Chairman. Office bearers may serve on the Committee indefinitely - always subject to annual re-election by the membership. However, to ensure fresh and original approaches to the Committee's deliberations, at least three Committee vacancies will be created at each AGM by the resignation of the three longest serving Committee members. In the event of more than three members qualifying on identical service, their selection for resignation shall be determined by lot. The members who resign may stand for re-election at the next AGM.

Furthermore, the Committee, at their discretion, shall have powers to co-opt members to a Committee post during the season.

4. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Committee shall meet a minimum of three times a year, or at the call of the Chairman or any Office Bearer, it shall be the duty of the Chairman to call a special meeting within 14 days of his receiving a written request to do so, signed by at least four Committee Members and stating the business to be discussed.

5. COMMITTEE DUTIES:

In addition to the general management of the affairs of the A.A.A., the Committee shall have powers to arrange the watching, stocking and improving of the A.A.A. Waters.

The Committee shall also have the powers to introduce and amend Bye-Laws as it sees fit during the season, but such introduction or amendment will be subject to ratification by the members at the next AGM. In all legal and financial matters, the Chairman and the Secretary shall be the legal signatories for the A.A.A. 's activities.



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6. MEMBERSHIP:

- a) Full Membership of the A.A.A. is open to all persons in permanent residence on Arran. Full Membership is also open to all persons born on Arran, or whose permanent address was in Arran at the time of their birth.
- b) Associate Membership is also open to non-Arran residents. Non-Arran residents may also fish the A.A.A.'s waters on a daily permit.
- c) Yearly subscriptions for membership will be decided at the AGM.
- d) Members wishing to resign from the A.A.A. must give notice of their intent by post to the Secretary, prior to 15th March or be held liable for the ensuing year's subscription.
- e) On being admitted to the A.A.A. members shall be held to accept the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the A.A.A., and to bind themselves to their strict observance.

7. HONORARY OFFICE:

The A.A.A. shall have the power, by a majority vote, to appoint an Honorary President, and up to two Honorary Vice-Presidents.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM will be held in Nov/Dec, at least 14 days notice being given by advertisement, or personal communication from the Secretary. The AGM will cover the following business:

- a) Report from the Chairman.
- b) Report from the Secretary.
- c) Statements of Accounts from the Treasurer.
- d) Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year.
- e) Election of Members of the Executive Committee.
- f) Decision on Annual Subscriptions for the coming year.
- g) Appointment of Auditors.
- h) Consideration of Honoraria
- i) Consideration of any business for which due and proper notice has been given.
- j) Consideration of any other business.

9. EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:

An Extra-ordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time, due notice having been given by advertisement or personal communication from the Secretary, stating the business to be discussed.

The Committee shall also call an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting on receipt, by the Secretary, of a written request to do so, signed by at least four A.A.A. members, and Stating the business to be discussed.



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10. UNETHICAL CONDUCT:

The Committee shall have power, on a vote by ballot and by a two thirds majority of those voting at any meeting to suspend any member whose conduct is considered to conflict with the objectives, interests and good order of the A.A.A., or who acts in defiance of the Constitution and Bye-Laws; and at a General or Extra-Ordinary Meeting for which due notice has been given, the A.A.A. shall further have power, on a vote by ballot, and a simple majority of those voting, to expel any such member. At least 7 days notice before calling such a meeting, the Committee shall communicate with the said member in order that he or she be given the opportunity to resign from the Association.

11. ASSETS:

The property, effects and funds of the Association whensoever derived, shall be applied Solely towards the promotion of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the A.A.A.

12. DISSOLUTION:

If, upon the winding up or dissolution of A.A.A., there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations objects similar to the objects of A.A.A., such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of this Association by a resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of the Dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.