



Arran Angling

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BYE-LAWS

As amended at AGM - Dec 2010)

1. Members of the A.A.A. and all permit holders undertake to observe the following A.A.A. bye-laws:
2. These by-laws apply to all A.A.A. waters. These are the Salmon, Sea-trout and Trout fishing rights - so far as belonging to the landlords - in those stretches of the Chalmadale, North Sannox, Cloy, Benlister, Monamore, Ashdale, Kilmory and Slidery - also to Loch Garbad.
3. The Fishing Season shall be:- Rainbow Trout; all year. Brown Trout; 15th March - 6th October. Salmon and Sea Trout; 3rd May - 31st October.
4. There shall be no fishing other than by rod and line, and there will be no Sunday fishing, except on Loch Garbad and Ivy Cottage.
5. No Salmon at all or Sea Trout under nine inches (230mm) in length shall be retained, and all such fish, parr, smolts or fry inadvertently caught shall be returned both carefully and immediately to the water from which they were taken. All kelts must be returned carefully to the water. Any eels caught must be killed and disposed of by the angler.
6. It will be an offence for any Member or Permit Holder to sell, or knowingly buy, any fish caught on Association waters.
7. It will also be an offence - liable to expulsion from the A.A.A. - for any Member to indulge in, condone or profit from any act of illegal fishing or poaching on the A.A.A. waters.
8. Members bind themselves to obey the Country Code while fishing on any waters and particularly to approach river banks only by the recognised paths, to refrain from injuring trees, gates, fences or crops, or to interfere with, in any way, both livestock or game. In particular it is prohibited to park cars, motor vehicles or caravans on any part of the lands adjoining or giving access to the fishings. The lighting of fires or camping on the river banks or adjoining land is strictly prohibited and fishers should not leave litter nor be accompanied by a dog. Any Member or visitor causing damage or injury through a breach of this rule shall be held personally responsible to the person aggrieved. Members shall be bound to report to the Committee any transgressions of this rule which may come to their knowledge.
9. Members must carry their Membership Cards, and visitors their Permits at all times while fishing and show same to any Member or authorised person on request.
10. There shall be a bag limit of two fish (brown trout and rainbow trout) per rod per day on all waters. Fish over 3lb to be returned.
11. Details of fish caught each year shall be recorded on the approved Return Forms and returned to the Secretary not later than fourteen days before the AGM. Failure to comply with this Bye-law may result in suspension from Membership of this Association.
12. For bait fishing, only single hooks will be used. Prawn, shrimp or spawn are not allowed.
13. Lead cored lines will not be used on Association waters.
14. At the discretion of nominated members of the Committee, the A.A.A.'s waters may be closed to visitors if water levels are considered to be too low.
15. Juniors under twelve years of age will fish the A.A.A. only when accompanied by an adult.



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HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES - LOCH GARBAD

1. Access to the loch shall only be by the path from the Eas Mor carpark to the waterfall, thence the forestry path to the loch.
2. Always carry a mobile phone but note that phone coverage is poor. You are advised to check signal availability on the way up to the loch.
3. Persons are advised that reasonable fitness is required for the approx 35 min walk via the signed footpath.
4. During stormy weather persons should be aware of falling trees over the footpath and if the footpath is blocked by trees it must be reported to the local Forestry Commission office.
5. In the event of a thunderstorm dismantle fishing rods - do not shelter under trees.
6. Fishing is from the bank only. The loch deepens **very** suddenly after the approx 1m wide shallows. Waders are unnecessary - wellington boots will suffice.
7. Always check for other people within range of your backcast. For your own safety wear suitable eye protection
8. Do not drink the loch water or allow dogs to drink or swim especially at times of algae formation on the loch surface.
9. Weil's disease is transmitted in animal urine. Wash your hands or use antiseptic wipes before eating and cover any cuts or abrasions with waterproof plasters.
10. No fires are permitted.
11. Do not endanger wildlife by leaving fishing line, hooks or flies around the loch.
12. Tuck long trousers into socks to avoid danger from ticks.
13. Do not walk on ice or allow a dog to do so.