

Carmarthen Amateur Angling Association



MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

2019 Fishing Season

***Rules and Byelaws
Maps and General Information***

Attachment A : Bye Laws of C.A.A.A.

All Anglers to behave in a courteous manner in accordance with the founding principles of the Association to enjoy the art of game angling.

To aid conservation of game fishing members are encouraged to practice catch and release [see website].

1] Currently the game fishing season starts on the 1st of April and finishes on the 17th October as per EAW. In addition hatchery broodstock fishing for designated members may continue for a period set by EAW following the season close.

2] Fishing by one rod and one line. [As per EAW Licence]

3] No Salmon may be kept before 16th June [EAW] and no more than 5 salmon may be killed by individual members per season [CAAA.]

4] All Sewin over 6lbs in weight/60cms/24ins to be returned and no Sewin should be kept after 31st August. [C.A.A.A.] See length / weight table on following pages.

5] a] That only barbless hooks to be used before the 16th June and are recommended for all anglers who practice Catch and Release. *

5] b] That only large circular hooks be used when bait fishing.

6] No member is allowed to fish off the sill of the weir or from a boat.

7] No member is allowed to sell or otherwise trade fish caught. [EAW].

8] No member is to fish non-Association waters without the appropriate permission. **

9] When more than one member is fishing a particular pool/run on the River Towy, he/she will move downstream one pace after each cast. No other angler may enter the pool/run in front of the leading angler.

10] When fishing pools on other waters of the Association a time limit of 30 minutes is allowed.

11] At Gilberts Pool no more than 3 anglers may fish it at any one time. Each angler must sign, date and time the register and take a card to the bank. Each angler must spend no more than 40 minutes at each peg and no more than 2 hours overall on the beat, with no return during that day.

When a member has caught a fish at this beat he/she must vacate the beat.

12] All members must comply with C.A.A.A. beat access rules. Members must use designated car parks where appropriate and display appropriate car park permits in their vehicle. Members must use designated access paths [gates, styles, bridges, etc] and not deviate across fields of standing hay, etc.

Members accessing the River Gwili are required to wear a high visibility vest when travelling through the Gwili Railway.

13] All members must carry their Association permit and display their Association ID badge. Association bailiffs, committee members or members may ask for these as per the rules. Failure to provide such will lead to the member being asked to leave the beat, and desistance will lead to expulsion from the Association.

14] All members are required to follow the Countryside Code i.e. leave your footprints only; no litter; no dogs whilst fishing; no trespassing; no damage or theft ; no fires and no naked lights in angling huts.

15] All members entering C.A.A.A. beats in land areas designated SSSI/SAC must not cut trees, hedges, banks, remove gravels, or install non-native items until appropriate approval for consent has been gained by the Committee. Such may cause members to be fined by CCW +/-or EAW. or be sued by our riparian owners for criminal damage. Such behaviour may also lead to expulsion from the Association. [NB. Cutting of invasive Non – native weeds are not included, but please report to the committee].

16] Any members found to be acting irresponsibly, damaging or stealing Association property, hogging beats, abusing other members or acting against the principles of the Association, will be disciplined/expelled and if merited reported to the police.

17] The above bye laws are for the protection of the fishery and its members, most of whom are to be commended for their exemplary behaviour. C.A.A.A. commends behaviour that helps to protect and ensure the future of game angling and our fishery. Members who assist in this aim e.g. practice catch and release, donate to the hatchery, undertake habitat work and routine maintenance will be eligible for merit awards.

*** Rule 5] a] is intended to apply to bait fishing only, i.e. not spinning and fly fishing.**

**** Rule 8] This is intended to mean that no member is to fish non-Association waters without the permission of the relevant riparian owner or club which controls that particular fishing.**

A motion for clarification and amendment will be placed before members at the next A.G.M.