

# GRANTHAM ANGLING ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL RULES

1. The Association waters be closed on March 15<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>, both days inclusive, this is for the coarse fishing stretches of the River Witham Only. All other coarse fishing waters are open all year. GAAFFS waters will be closed from November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, both days inclusive. There are no day tickets on GAA waters, members only.
2. No match, sweepstake or competition whatever to take place On Association waters, except by sanction of the Committee. No Pike Fishing (any method including spinning, whether for pike or perch) until October 1<sup>st</sup>, ending 14<sup>th</sup> March on Denton Reservoir.
3. (a) A parent or legal guardian may take all his or her children providing they ALL have the appropriate GAA books  
(b) Due to Health & Safety concerns, and under guidance from our insurers, the minimum age at which a person can join GAA as a junior member is to be set at 5 years of age, and that any angler under the age of 10 years must be accompanied at all times by an adult person over the age of 18 years old, and who is totally responsible for the junior angler in their care. Any junior angler between the ages of 5 and 8 years old (inc) must submit an application through their parent or legal guardian for membership of the GAA. The parent or legal guardian must sign a declaration that they are responsible for the safety and welfare of their charge whilst on GAA waters and land.  
(c) The age at which adult membership commences is now set at 17 years of age on day of purchasing a membership book.
4. The Committee reserve the right to place any GAA waters or stretch of water out of bounds at any time if found desirable.
5. Not more than two rods to be used on any GAA waters at any one time, and distance between rods not more than two metres, except for Denton reservoir were 3 are permitted, and QE park which is limited to 1 rod,
6. Any member suspecting any person or persons of illegally netting or fishing the Association waters are required to report the same to the Water Bailiffs, or any Committee member.
7. Camping on the banks of any GAA waters is strictly forbidden. No fires to be lighted on the banks, fishing or not fishing. No boats of any kind. No swimming.
8. No member (fishing or non-fishing) to carry firearms of any description, (excluding nominated environmental control officers). Failure to comply, the member will be expelled for life.  
Access shall only be gained by official access points, close all gates and use all stiles where provided.
9. Strictly no damage to the banks and bankside vegetation, (i.e., digging the banks and pruning trees).
10. No fish of any species to be taken away from GAA waters this excludes officially sanctioned GAA/EA Nettings or stockings, and members of GAAFFS whilst on officially recognised GAAFFS waters. No gaffs to be used.
11. No tins (i.e.) sweetcorn or luncheon meat) to be taken to GAA waters. No Dogs. No bad language. No Braided line.
12. No member to leave litter, of any description. Any angler caught leaving litter will be dealt with under Rule 27.
13. All fish caught must not be held in cloths wet or dry. An adequately sized unhooking mat must be used for the unhooking and safe return of all Carp and Pike. All Grayling, Carp and Barbel to be returned to the water and not retained in keep nets or carp sacks,  
**EXCEPT IN MATCHES**
14. If you must take a radio or music player, see that only you can hear it.
15. Juniors may only fish the River Witham if accompanied by an adult member.
16. Juniors are not allowed to fish live bait in any Grantham Waters unless accompanied by an adult member of the Association and are being taught this form of angling.
17. No angler must walk away and leave baited tackle in the water.
18. No fish shall be brought to GAA waters. This does not include official netting parties.
19. The taking in any one day fish not exceeding ten in number (excluding minnows and bleak) of which no fish shall exceed 10cm in length (measured from the tip of the mouth to the fork of the tail) or minnows and bleak for his own use for live or dead bait  
**FISHING IN THE WATERS FROM WHICH THE FISH WERE TAKEN.**
20. Bailiffs have the authority to order any angler pike fishing without suitable equipment to cease fishing for pike forthwith.
21. **ANY FISHERMAN WHO INTERFERES WITH THE SPORT OF OTHER MEMBERS WHO ARE FISHING BY CASTING CLOSE TO OR INTO THEIR SWIMS WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE ASSOCIATION. THIS PARTICULARLY APPLIES TO SPINNING FOR PIKE AND PERCH.**
22. The committee will not tolerate any behaviour which jeopardises any lease to any GAA waters.
23. GAA FISHING TIMES- NO member to fish in any association waters before sunrise or after sunset excluding the Fly section, which is one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset, for Denton res fishing times see Denton specific rules. Any angler (members or not) fishing before or after hours on any waters of the Association may be banned for life from being a member of GAA.
24. No line of less than 10lb breaking strain may be used when fishing for Pike.
25. Any infringement of these rules, the member can be Fined, Banned or Expelled; any failure to pay the fine will result in immediate expulsion.
26. There will be no re-instatement to membership following a life ban. Following the decision made at the AGM of 2009 a life ban is permanent.
27. As a condition of membership all members must carry a valid Environment Agency Rod Licence at all times when fishing, and this must be made available on request for inspection by an official GAA Bailiff. Failure to produce the licence may result in the angler being asked to leave the water, and they will be banned from fishing all GAA waters until proof of a licence is given to the GAA Secretary.

We cannot afford to lose the fishing on any of our waters, so please remember that **ALL Members are Bailiffs of the Association**, you are the eyes and ears of the Association please report any behaviour or actions which may put our leases in jeopardy. Please take your litter home, and tidy up your swim before leaving the water. **THE COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INTEND TO ENFORCE THE RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.**