

Downpatrick & District Anglers Association Limited

Bye-Laws of the Association 2015

1. All anglers must sign the catch return sheet displayed in the Boathouse prior to and on completion of fishing. This is a health and safety requirement.
2. Guest Tickets must be placed in the post box provided in the Boathouse **prior** to fishing.
3. The bag limit shall be 4 fish **per day** from either Loughinisland or from Magheralagan or a combination of 4 fish from both.
4. Once the bag limit has been reached, Members may practice Catch and Release; barbless hooks **must** be used in this case.
5. The size limit shall be 12 inches or 1lb for Rainbow Trout and 14 inches for Brown Trout.
6. The Open Season shall be 1 March – 31 October on Loughinisland Lake; Magheralagan Lake is a designated Rainbow Trout Fishery and remains open for fishing all year round.
7. Fly fishing is the only method of angling permitted, unless notified to the contrary. Trolling or trailing flies, lures or bait behind a boat is prohibited as is the use of bubble floats or fly spoons.
 - 7.1 A limited number of permits for pike fishing may be issued to members during the closed game season on Loughinisland Lake. Specific rules will apply
8. Sanctuary areas for trout may be employed from time to time and fishing is not permitted within their boundaries whilst the markers remain in place.
9. Eel traps may be laid from time to time. Only those members appointed by the Board of Directors are permitted to approach them.
10. There shall be a total of 28 boats (including Club boats) permitted on Loughinisland lake. Two Club boats are permitted on Magheralagan Lake. This number may be increased at the Board of Directors discretion.
11. A number of Club boats, available to all members, shall be moored in the Boathouse. These will be identified by letters marked on either bow.
12. Application for Private boat places should be made in writing to the Company Secretary.
 - 12.1 Private boat owners must provide evidence of insurance; this can be undertaken via the Club.
 - 12.2 Private boat owners are not permitted to use Club boats.
 - 12.3 Private boat places will be given to individual members only and are not transferable.
 - 12.4 A Club member with a registered private boat may surrender their private boat berth and share the boat of an existing registered private boat holder by mutual agreement. The Board of Directors will normally sanction this after signed notification is received from both parties; each member will be required to have their own individual private boat insurance and if approved, this will be recorded as a 'dual registration'. Both members will be entitled to the use of that boat either jointly or individually for the duration of their respective membership within the Club. If any dispute should arise

between the members sharing the boat, the member who surrendered their place will not automatically be entitled to a boat berth and will have to apply through the waiting list once more; he/she shall be entitled to the use of the Club boats

13. The Club provides, at its discretion, a number of boats for the general use of the membership; the following rules apply:
 - 13.1 Members must provide their own electric outboard engine, oars, rowlocks and anchors
 - 13.2 Boats must be returned to the Boathouse promptly at the time stated in each boat and surrendered to any waiting member regardless of the availability of other boats.
 - 13.3 Each boat carries an easily identifiable letter. Should two boats return at the same time, boats must be surrendered in alphabetical order.
 - 13.4 Members must ensure that boats are properly secured after use; stern to stern.
 - 13.5 It is the responsibility of every member using a Club boat to treat the boat and its equipment with due care and to leave it in a clean and tidy condition. Any damage or breakage must be reported to the Company Secretary immediately.
14. Petrol outboard motors or float tubes of any type are not permitted, except where authorised by the Board of Directors. Electric outboard motors are permitted.
15. Normal boat fishing etiquette, courtesy and good manners should be observed by members using boats.
 - 15.1 Boat anglers must not interfere with the fishing of another member and should maintain a distance of at least 30 metres from any angler fishing from the bank.
 - 15.2 Members who bank fish on surrounding farmland should respect this privilege and be vigilant of grazing livestock.
16. Personal safety when afloat is the responsibility of the individual member. Life jackets or buoyancy aids **must** be worn at all times whilst in a boat or on the pontoon. The Club cannot accept responsibility for the death or injury to members, guests or for any accident or breakage of equipment belonging to them.
17. Candidates for membership must be proposed to the Company Secretary in writing using the appropriate application form (available to download from the website) duly signed by 2 current DDAALTD adult members.
 - 17.1 Candidates for membership shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and when vacancies arise, shall be elected by majority vote.
 - 17.2 Under normal circumstances, 50% of the annual Membership intake shall reside within a 5 mile radius of Downpatrick Arts Centre.
18. Guest Tickets are available from authorised agents of the Club. No guests are allowed to fish unless accompanied by a member. Agents' names are published in the Club's website and Newsletter and are also displayed in the Boathouse at Loughinisland. No Guests may fish at Magheralagan.
19. Junior members (under 18's).

- 19.1 Junior members are not permitted to use any boat unless accompanied by an adult member.
- 19.2 Junior Members are not permitted to purchase Guest Tickets.
- 19.3 Junior Members wishing to fish from the bank unaccompanied by an Adult Member must be registered under our DDAALTD Group Membership of Countryside Alliance Ireland (similar to Private Boat Owners). Application forms are available through the website or the Club Secretary and will attract an additional cost.
- 19.4 Junior Members who bank fish, who are accompanied by and under the supervision of a DDAALTD adult member, are covered under our current Membership scheme.
- 19.5 Members who propose Junior Members into DDAALTD are reminded that they are responsible for the safety, behaviour and conduct of that Member at all times.
- 20. No shooting is permitted on or around the shores of Loughinisland or Magheralagan lakes, other than is authorised by the Board of Directors.
- 21. Members must not approach Magheralagan Lake through Russell's farmhouse at the road bridge.
- 22. The Board of Directors shall appoint Private Water Bailiffs as and when it deems necessary. Members must produce their Club Membership Card and DCAL licence when requested to do so by a Private Water Bailiff, a DCAL Bailiff or a Director of the Club. Names of Bailiffs and the Board of Directors will be announced at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall be published on the website and in the Newsletter to members. The foregoing shall also apply to Guests of members
- 23. Members must respect the property of landowners. Stiles must be used, gates must be closed and litter and discarded monofilament nylon removed from land surrounding both Lakes. When fishing at Loughinisland, members should use the Car Park provided at the Boathouse.
- 24. Three cars maximum, displaying a disabled parking badge, may park opposite the boathouse if they are unable to walk the short distance from the car park. Able drivers dropping off a disabled angler must park in the main car park.
- 25. Cars are not permitted to park opposite to or on the driveway accessing the private boat areas. Driveways must be kept clear in order to facilitate stocking, maintenance and emergency vehicles. This is a health and safety requirement.
- 26. These Bye-Laws may be altered by the Board of Directors at any time at its sole discretion.